

UPDATE

The Bishops Nympton Primary School Newsletter

From the Head

Hello everyone and welcome to Autumn!

I hope that you all had a fantastic summer holiday. In typical fashion the weather turned after about the first week but I hope you managed to make the most of it. Autumn is now well and truly upon us and the year marches on. It may be a little early for talk of Christmas but actually this term always races by and this is one of the most exciting times of the school year.

It has been a great start to a school year. As always in September we welcome our new children and families. Everyone has made a super start in their classes and as always, I have enjoyed seeing the enthusiastic excitement as they all learn new routines or make some new friends.

Class news

First of all, we welcome Mrs Forder to Bishops Nympton as our Head of Teaching and Learning. It is great to have her back at Bishops Nympton and she is already settling in to life in Class 2 with Ms Alderman and Mrs Howes. We also welcome Mrs Jones to Class 3 and Ms Peter once again resumes her role in Class 4 (supported by Mrs Cockram). Our newly formed Early Years team (Class 1) comprises with Mrs Lake and Mrs Hancock assisted by Kath Humphreys, Anya Yates and Cassie Alderman. Chris Grave (GRV Coaching) is back once again and this year Mr Yarney will be delivering our Outdoor Learning. I will be taking on the sporting tournaments this year and as always our excellent catering, admin and support teams will be working to enhance school life.

Curriculum

The class topics are now well underway. Class 1 topic is "All About Me" this term, Class 2 topic is "Wonderful Me", and Class 3 and Class 4 topics include "Rocks" and then "The Indus Valley Civilisation". We have several exciting curriculum initiatives once again this year and we are looking forward to our continuing learning partnership with Exmoor National Park. In particular, we are updating our website to reflect this and all of our curriculum offer across the term so do check back to see what is on offer. We have a variety of clubs on offer this term with some brand new and exciting sessions across the week.

Autumn Weather

As the season appears to have well and truly turned, please could we ask that children are sent with suitable weather appropriate clothes. This is especially important for Outdoor Learning but also for PE sessions as we move towards the colder months.

Events

There are lots of these to look forward to once again this term. Our sporting festivals get underway again now and we look forward to the Harvest festival that is just around the corner. Later in the term we will once again be holding our excellent book fair (organised and run by our children) and other events and trips are also planned. We will have many opportunities for you to come in to school, where the children can share their learning with you and you can see what we have all been up to. Keep an eye on our regular newsletters for more on these and don't forget to check out our school blog!

Christmas

Very soon our thoughts turn towards the festive period and this term we will be producing a Christmas Play! Of course, I am unable to reveal anything just yet, but once again we will be staging a fabulous show for all to enjoy. We also look forward to our lovely Carol Service and Christmas parties to end our term.

I hope to see you all at our events very soon and don't forget to keep up with all the latest on our social media feeds. Enjoy the term
Tomorrow is the first day of the rest of your life...



Autumn Term 2018
Week Ending 14th September

Dates for the Diary:

(Dates may be amended or added)

September

Fri 28th Ogden Trust Careers Event
(postponed from last term, date tbc)

October

Mon 1st Netball Years 5/6
Wed 3rd - Wed 10th Book Fair
Wed 10th Harvest Festival
Wed 17th Open Afternoon

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October ,

Half Term

November

Thurs 1st Parent Consultations
Thu 15th Indoor Athletics, Year 3/4
Mon 15th Flu inoculations (nasal spray), details/permissions to follow
Fri 16th Children in Need
Sat 24th Wellington Maths Challenge
Tues 20th Individual School Photographs
Thu 29th Indoor Athletics, Years 5/6

December

Mon 3rd HATs Day Years 5/6
Tue 4th Play performance 1
Wed 5th Play performance 2
Wed 5th Play performance 3
Thu 13th Christmas lunch
Thu 13th Play performance 3

Star Achievers Amethyst Awards

Class 1 achiever: Summer
Class 2 achiever: Curtis
Class 3 achiever: Finley
Class 3 achiever: Lucy

committed

The Bishops Nympton Team

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Mr Gurney Mrs Partridge Mrs Forder Ms Peter Mrs Hancock Mrs Lake Mrs Jones

Mrs Baynes Mrs Loftus Miss P Alderman Mrs Cockram Mrs Howes

Miss Jennings Ms Pocock Mrs Humphreys Miss C Alderman Mrs Yates

'Part of the Exmoor Link Federation'

Class 1

Hello!

We would like to give a warm welcome to all families new and old to a new school year. It is lovely to see so many familiar faces and meet new families too. We have been busy over the summer creating an exciting and purposeful new classroom for all children in class 1 which is suitable for all children's learning and developing needs as part of their early years foundation stage years. We have received some lovely comments about our new environment and we will continue to improve our setting to meet the needs of all children in class 1.

The children have been busy meeting new staff members, learning new routines and exploring their new exciting and purposeful environment. The children have really impressed us with how well they have started class 1 with their 'can-do' attitude and willingness to learn. The children continue to consolidate learnt skills and develop new skills too, this is very promising.

Meet the class 1 team

We are so lucky to have so some many lovely hardworking, dedicated and caring staff members continue with our journey since merging preschool with the school. This year our team consists of Mrs Lake and Mrs Hancock as the class 1 teachers. Mrs Lake will teach Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Hancock will teach Wednesday to Friday. Throughout the week the children will receive teaching and learning support from our teaching assistants: Mrs Humphreys, Mrs Yates and Miss Alderman. If you haven't already, please come and meet the team! You may speak to any member of the team at any time.

Key persons

Each child in class 1 at Bishops Nympton Primary School will be allocated a Key Person. Your child will be identified with a key person while they are part of our class. The key person system is a statutory requirement as part of the early years foundation stage. The role of a key person is to ensure that your child's records are up to date and that you can directly chat to an adult about any concerns you have about your child. The key person will endeavour to meet your requirements where possible and be available to talk to you about your child's daily needs and achievements. We hope that this will ensure that your family needs and together you, your child and key person build a close and trusting relationship. Each key person is responsible for updating information for a small group of children, ensuring that your child feels happy, is progressing and is safe each day. All key persons will continue to work together as a team under the teachers, Mrs Lake and Mrs Hancock. We hope that this will continue to increase communications to support your child while they are in class 1 at Bishops Nympton Primary School. You will be informed of who your child's key person is very soon.

Our curriculum

Our topic this term is 'Wonderful Me'. This term we will explore aspects all about us such as where we live and our homes, our likes and dislikes, parts of our body, our senses, what autumn means to us and what our favourite toys, foods etc. We have busy conducting baseline and on-entry assessments and in the next week we will start teaching according to the early years foundation stage. All children will receive phonics, guided reading, literacy, numeracy, write dance, music, art, design and technology, science, physical education and religious education sessions and activities. Skills learnt in these activities will be repeated and used in the environment for children to use and consolidate as part of their learning and development. 'Write dance' is new to the school and will be used in class 1 weekly. Write dance is a programme that integrates the whole body in the development of co-ordination of hands and fingers. It teaches children how to remember letter formation from an early age and encourages imaginative drawing, music, rhyme and rhythm which supports a flowing and joined-up hand. It teaches children how to make links between body movement and small hand and finger movements. Write dance teaches children how to use the whole piece of paper and not just a small area, how to use crayon/pen movements at different speeds, and develops a feel for connections between the different letter shapes. It also teaches children how to balance the body, the eyes and the two brain-halves. This amazing early writing programme supports children to a better physical and psychological health and to a feeling of joy about learning to write and writing itself.

PE this year will continue to be delivered by Chris on a Tuesday. Nursery and reception children will both receive PE sessions on this day. To begin with, nursery and reception children will not change for PE. In time,

Class 1 Cont'd

Nursery children will also be taking part in the 'Little Readers' reading programme. The Little Readers programme provides ideas and activities that help develop speaking and listening skills through the sharing of stories and nursery rhymes. Little Readers will encourage you and your child to talk together, have fun and develop an early years approach to reading and writing at home. You and your child will discover how much fun nursery rhymes and stories can be! Throughout the term, each child will take home a Little Readers book bag based on a particular nursery rhyme. Inside the bag you will find a nursery rhyme card, puppet or toy, an activity card and a feedback sheet. We ask that you bring the bookbag back when asked on time, so all children can have an equal opportunity at exploring this amazing programme. We would love for you to bring in and share your lovely creative activities you have made, and we will display or photograph them within class 1. We also ask that you complete the feedback sheet commenting on what you did and enjoyed with you about the rhyme, what your child said or anything we can improve upon. We will be asking for consent for your child to receive and take part in this programme very soon, so please watch this space!

Other home learning tasks will be sent home in due course and we will provide details when required.

Parent help and support

Help from parents and family members is always appreciated. If you are able to dedicate any of your time during the week, even if only for an hour, it would be very much appreciated. The children can't read often enough. Please see Mrs Lake or Mrs Hancock if you can help.

Upcoming events

There are plenty of planned events between now until Christmas, when the school will be opened up and fami-

EXETER CHILDREN'S ORCHESTRA

OPEN DAY SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

FREE EVENT

Children age 7 plus; come and try playing in an orchestra! We are an inclusive charity, bringing children together in a friendly, supportive environment to make music. There is no audition.

Main Orchestra 09.45am start Grade 1-2 upwards
 Junior Orchestra 10.45am start Can read & play 1 octave

Meets every Saturday at St Leonard's Primary School
 St Leonard's Road, Exeter EX2 4NQ

Find out more: www.exeterchildrensorchestra.co.uk

North Devon Music Centre

WE NEED YOU!

Are you:
 Learning to play
 an instrument?

Interested in playing with others?

Performing? Having fun?

Making new friends?

THEN WHY NOT JOIN US?

The North Devon Music Centre is a non profit organisation that helps young people who are learning to play an instrument to enjoy making music together through ensemble playing.

We meet weekly through school term time and hold regular concerts where we showcase to family, friends and other music lovers.

We are made up of 8 different groups of players, led by experienced musicians, catering for all levels, all ages and all types of instruments!

For more information including when and where we meet, term dates and fees please contact us or visit our website!

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www.facebook.com/northdevonmusiccentre

Class 2

A very warm welcome back the beginning of another school year. No doubt, you will have already been in and noticed many of the changes that have taken place in the learning environment over the summer break. Thank you for all of you lovely comments. It makes all the hard work worthwhile.

It is a real pleasure to be at Bishops Nympton, a place with which I have had many close ties over several years. The children in Class 2 and across the school have been very attentive and made me feel at home in no time at all. I very much look forward to meeting you, as the term takes shape and getting to know you all.

The children are settling quickly in to new routines and are all beginning to show that they are up for a challenge. Even though they are some of our youngest children, they have already impressed me with their 'have-a-go' attitude and willingness to learn. This term promises to be very productive.

Joining the Cl2 team for this year, is Mrs Jones, who although is responsible for teaching Cl3 in the mornings, will be working also with Cl2 in the afternoons. Mrs Jones will be responsible for teaching many of the foundation subjects.

Our topic this term is 'Wonderful Me'. This will involve all things 'sciency', when we will take a close look at our bodies and how we and others can keep us healthy. In connection with this, the children will be asked to consider where food comes from and who in our local community plays an important role in this process. It is hoped that we will be able to visit a working farm and see for ourselves how food gets to our plates. 'Wonderful Me' will also take on a historical context with a study of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale; geography will take in a study of physical and human features in the school grounds and beyond in to the village. There will be plenty of opportunities to take advantage in art and design with work on portraits by famous artists such as Picasso and Archimboldo. We will also find out about Lowry, as part of our study of the village landscape, and use this as inspiration to create art work of our own.

Harvest will soon be upon us. At this time, the children are given the time to reflect on the labour of the year and the fruits of a lot of hard work, which will culminate in a whole school celebration in the church. In class, we will explore seasonal foods and have the chance to cook with these ingredients. As the term progresses, we will of course turn our thoughts to Christmas- yes, crazy I

know, but it will be here before we know it- when the children will take part in a whole school performance and Carol Service, as well as enjoy our annual Christmas lunch and get involved in lots of Christmas crafts.

PE this year will continue to be delivered by Chris, taking place on a Tuesday afternoon. The children will have an additional session on Friday afternoon with Mr Yarney, who is new to the team this year, and will take up Mr Scandrett's helm. Outdoor learning has already begun and from this week moving forward will be on a Tuesday afternoon too. Given that the weather has now become more changeable, please can you ensure that your child/ren come to school with a full kit to keep them warm. Suitable clothing and foot ware are essential for Outdoor Learning, so that PE kits stay as clean as possible.

Each week the children will visit the school library. Can you please help to ensure that your child/ren have their book in school on Wednesday, so that they can be returned and issued with a new one. They will be able to browse with the class, if their book isn't in school, but will not be able to borrow another, until the current one is returned. Thank you.

Home learning this term will be set on a Friday and needs to be complete by Wednesday, giving me enough time to see and appreciate what the children have achieved and prepare for the new week ahead. This will take a number of forms:

- * Daily reading with a parent, which needs to be recorded in their reading record. Please feel free to change books as regularly as is needed. We will read as regularly as possible with your child/ren in school and will change book bands when it is felt they are ready;

- * A half term spelling list, which the children will be expected to practise learning each week. The best approach is to concentrate on 'words of the week' so that this doesn't become time consuming and too overwhelming. Anything that you do at home with your child will reinforce what we are trying to achieve, as learning in school will also focus on these words.

- * A Mathletics task, which will be linked

to learning in the classroom;

- * The children will have a list of High Frequency Words in the back of their reading records that they need to practise learning to spell. A couple of minutes a few times a week will have a significant impact on their writing. This will be monitored regularly and target words changed when appropriate in school;

- * Project work will also be set once each half term. The children will be given a set number of weeks to produce something linked to different areas of the curriculum like science, geography or history and will be given choices about what they wish to produce. In my experience, children thoroughly enjoy being given the time to create something quite substantial and do so to a high standard. Pieces are often exhibited in the classroom or around school to celebrate their achievements.

Help from parents and family members is always appreciated. If you are able to dedicate any of your time during the week, even if only for an hour, it would be very much appreciated. The children can't read often enough.

I would also be very grateful if you could encourage your child/ren to bring water to school instead of juice to drink during learning time. They are of course very welcome to bring juice in also to have with their lunch should they wish. This isn't a hard-and-fast-rule and if it is a particular issue for your child, then I don't wish to add to it; I would rather that they were drinking something rather than nothing at all.

And one final request: please can I ask that once parents have dropped children off at school that they return to the main entrance/exit point at the top playground, rather than use the office door, thank you.

All that remains is for me to wish you all well for the term ahead. There are plenty of planned events between now until Christmas, when the school will be opened up and families invited to come and join us; however, I very much operate an open door policy and so should there be anything that you wish to discuss then please feel free to drop in.

Best wishes

Nic Forder and the Cl2 Team



CLASS 3

Hello families of Bishops Nympton Primary School,

It is with excitement and enthusiasm that I am proud to be joining the teaching team here at Bishops Nympton. After completing a degree in English, I began a career in adult education which fuelled my passion for teaching and emphasised the important role that primary education plays in building a lifelong love of learning. This subsequently inspired me to embark upon my teacher training with the University of Exeter and after completing my final placement at East Anstey I was lucky enough to secure a role within the federation. I am looking forward to this next chapter, working alongside a talented team of staff and getting to know the children and their families over the coming year.

I will be setting weekly Home Learning for Class 3 on Thursdays which I expect to be returned the following Wednesday morning. If you have any questions or queries about what has been set please let me know as soon as possible. Class Dojo will continue to be used so you can access information regarding your child's behaviour in class, share information and photographs of what they have been up to outside of school and message me privately. We will be following the Karate Reader program adopted by Miss Peter as a means of encouraging and celebrating regular reading so any support with this at home would be greatly appreciated. On a similar note, if anyone is interested in coming into school to listen to readers, please contact any of the class teachers or the office to put this into motion.

PE sessions (with Pro-Coaching) for Class 3 will be taking place alongside Class 4 on Tuesdays and Outdoor Learning with Mr Yarney will be taking place on Friday afternoons. Please ensure that children have the appropriate kits for these sessions, including wet-weather gear and layers as the weather gets cooler.

I operate an open-door policy for parents and carers to speak to me at the beginning or end of the school day. However, if you wish to meet more formally please do not hesitate to get in touch. I look forward to meeting you all and working together to support your children to achieve their best.

Mrs. Danielle Jones

Class 4

I hope you have had lots of fun over the summer break and are coming back ready and refreshed for the new term.

Our Topic lessons will be based on the story and growth of the Indus valley. We will be investigating to find out why these changes have happened. We will be comparing South Molton to different states in India and finding similarities and differences.

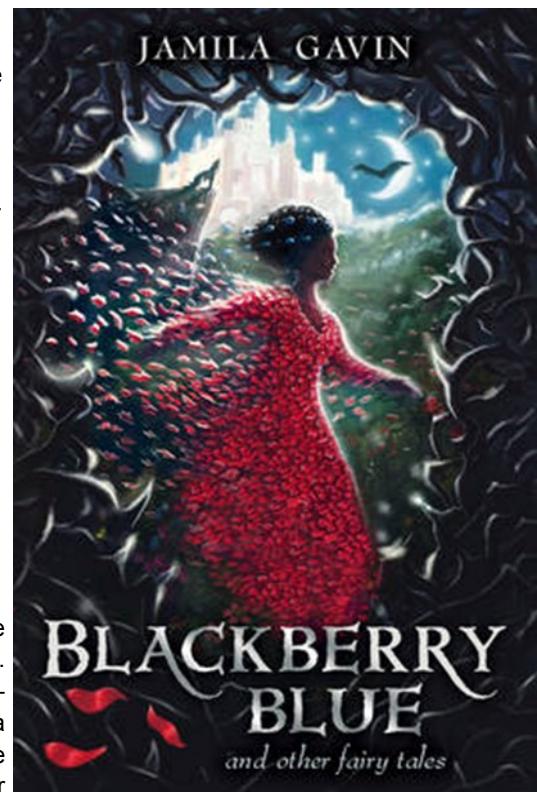
In English this term, we will be using a variety of texts and also extracts from our class book to practise our writing skills for a variety of different purposes. Our text that we will be using to guide our learning is Blackberry Blue by Jamila Gavin. Children will be given opportunities to take part in role play scenarios to immerse them in the text and give their writing purpose.

In Maths, we will be developing our skills in place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will keep using our reasoning and problem solving skills to create a deeper learning. Keep practising those times tables at home, as they will help you in your Maths lessons.

In science, this term's schemes of work will be learning all about rocks and evolution.

Homework

The children will have a homework grid in their home learning journals for the half term. All the activities are linked to the work your child is doing in school. Activities may be linked to their topic or a specific curriculum subject. Some activities may encompass a wide range of skills and involve children drawing on a number of subject specific skills to complete an activity. Some activities may be independent, whereas others may include working together to produce, make or solve something. We would like children to build up 12 points throughout the term, selecting the activities, which they are interested in and want to achieve. Please remember that tasks can be done to suit your circumstances week to week, that maybe a little each week or more one week and less another thus allowing greater flexibility to work on home learning in an ever busy world. When your child has completed a task please highlight on the sheet and date, (older children may want to take greater charge of this themselves).



Class 4 Cont'd

Spellings

The children will be given these weekly on Friday. Please make sure that your child learns these spellings over the week so we can assess for progress on the following Friday.

Mathletics

The children will be given weekly Mathletics on Friday. If you do not have a computer or have limited internet service to assess the programme do not hesitate to tell me so alternative arrangements can be made.

Reading Karate Bands

The Reading Karate system is an exciting way of encouraging the children to read at home every day - which is KS2 school reading target. Every day we check to see who has read at home or, who has shared a book with their family. Numbers of reads are totalled up and each Friday, in our Celebration Assembly, children who have achieved different numbers of reads are awarded with Reading Bands. The children loved this scheme, and it has made a huge difference to the numbers of children who read every day.

PE / OUTDOOR LEARNING

PE is every Tuesday and Outdoor learning on Tuesday & Friday. Children will need both their indoor and outdoor kit with them at all times and these are to stay in school and go home on Friday. Please ensure that your child has their kit in school for these days.

Water bottles

All children should come to school with a water bottle. These need to go home every day to be washed please.

TERM DATES

2018/19

Autumn 2018

Wednesday 5th September to Wednesday 19th December

Half-term: Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October

Non-pupil days: Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September

Spring 2019

Tuesday 8th January to Friday 5th April

Half-term: Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February

Non-pupil day: Monday 7th January

Summer 2019

Wednesday 24th April to Wednesday 24th July

May Day Holiday: Monday 6th May

Half-term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Non-pupil days: Tuesday 23rd April and Thursday 26th July

Clubs

Please note that as most school clubs are now running, please would you let the office know if your child does not need to go on the bus if they are attending a club.

Please note: Cookery Club change of day from Tuesday after school to Monday after school. KS2 cookery begins today and KS1 cookery will start after the half term.

JOHNNY KINGDOM

With great sadness, you will no doubt be aware of the sudden loss of our wonderful friend Johnny Kingdom.

Johnny has long associated with the school and we say goodbye to, both a loving family member, and a leading local. We will miss you Johnny.

Our deepest sympathies are with the family.

PTA

On Tuesday night the PTA held their annual AGM. Nicky Boundy, Tracey Ayre, Sarah Curtler and Michelle James stood down from the committee as they no longer have children at the school. I am happy to inform you that Shelley Kingdon has taken on the role of Chairman, Louise Hambridge (with the assistance of Hazel Andrews) as Treasurer, and I will continue as Secretary. We are looking at doing different Fund Raisers this year and are looking for new ideas! Also the PTA are hoping to put in a bid to the Batsworthy Wind Farm Fund this year. Bids have to be in by 15th Oct 18! So exciting times ahead!! If you would like to join the committee please email me lewis.pincombe243@btinternet.com or come along to one of our meetings:

Wednesday 19th September 2.30pm in the school hall (we will be discussing our bid with Mr Gurney and Governors), and Tuesday 25th September 7.30pm in the school hall (planning fundraisers for year ahead).

Looking forward to see and hearing your ideas.

Kate Pincombe