

UPDATES

The Bishops Nympton Primary School Newsletter

Hello all.

Welcome to our summer term. I hope you all had a great Easter holiday. It was great to see so many of you involved with our HawkrIDGE Hike during the break. I am still collecting the last sponsor money but I can already say that the event was a real success. This is always a very important and exciting time in the school year with the culmination of a great deal of hard work and learning. This is the children's chance to show what fantastic progress they have made and then enjoy the end of year events. As always, I hope to see you all soon and look forward to an exciting term.

Events

Each summer term we have some fantastic events to look forward to. Some of these include: the Exmoor Challenge, (see page 3), sports fixtures and festivals, Oceanfest 19, theme days, trips (including our fantastic residential to London), Junior Lifeguard Award, Sports Day, as well as our open events, parent's consultations and our leaver's events. The year sixes will be also be preparing for their transition to South Molton. More about all of these and other events closer to the time.

Tests

This is the half term where many children take National tests or school versions of them. These tests form only one of the ways that we assess our children. We help the children to prepare themselves for them but also emphasise that children should not get stressed about them. We remind them to simply try their best and never to panic about them. If you do have concerns about the tests or how children are preparing for them, do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher or contact me at school.

Summer weather

The weather has been a little up and down and is due to be chilly for the bank holiday, but very soon generally warmer conditions will be with us (I am always optimistic). It is therefore time for me to send out my reminder about sun protection as we head into May and would also request that sun hats are sent in when appropriate. Sun cream should be sent in or single application cream applied before school please. Please could you also advise us of any special arrangements? Summer dresses or shorts will be suitable this term and sensible sandals are acceptable. Trainers are to be reserved only for PE please unless in school (black) colour. Many thanks.

Looking forward...

We are looking forward to some new initiatives this term. We are upgrading our website currently and will be aiming for a launch later this term all being well. We are also hoping to publish our new Learning Pathways folders as the term goes on. This is your child's curriculum guide and achievement record all rolled into one. One other exciting event is being planned for just after the end of term. This will be our federation Tractor Run and Fun event. We will publish lots more about this soon so do keep an eye out.

Enjoy the term

Tim Gurney



Summer Term 2019 Week Ending 3rd May

Further dates may be amended or added; please keep an eye out for any changes

May

Sat 4th	Exmoor Challenge
Mon 6th	May Day Bank Holiday
Mon 13th - Thurs 16th	KS2 SATS
Wed 15th	Full Governors' meeting, EA, 6.15pm
Fri 17th-Sat 18th	Residential at Met Office (Year 6)
Mon 20th	KS1 SATS
Mon 20th	Yr 6 Transition Day 1
Wed 22nd	Science Fair finals (details to follow)

June

Tues 4th	Yr 6 Junior Lifesaving
Wed 5th	School and class photos
Tues 11th	Class 1 Dinosaur Park trip (details to follow)
Thurs 13th	KS2 Swimming begins
Friday 21st	Oceanfest, Y5/6
Tues 25th	Big Bang Science, Juniors

July

Thurs 4th	Yr 6 London Residential
Wed 10th	Yr 6 Transition Day 2
Fri 12th	Business afternoon
Mon 15th	Open afternoon
Mon 22nd	Leavers assembly
Wed 24th	Last day of term

Summer Holidays

Monday 2nd September - non pupil day
Tuesday 3rd September - non pupil day
Wednesday 4th September - children return

committed The Bishops Nympton Team caring

Mr Gurney Mrs Forder Ms Peter Mrs Jones Mrs Hancock Mrs Lake Mrs Horrell Mrs Partridge
Mrs Baynes Mrs Loftus Miss P Alderman Mrs Cockram Mrs Howes Mr Yarney
Mrs Kennealy Miss Jennings Ms Pocock Mrs Humphreys Miss C Alderman Mrs Yates

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CLASS 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. A special welcome to Brianna who has joined us this term. It has been lovely talking to all the children about their holiday and hearing about all the fun and adventures they got up to.

The summer term is always a busy term with lots of fun activities including sports day and a trip which is currently being finalised for after half term. We also intend to make use of our fabulous school grounds with lots of our learning being outside this term (weather permitting of course!)

During the summer term our topic is homes and mystery.

This half term our work is based around fairy tales and our favourite stories, focussing on different types of homes and habitats. The children will be thinking about the types of habitats that different animals live in and how to care for animals. This week our focus is on the three little pigs.

Literacy

This week all children will be learning the story of the three little pigs. They will be sharing different versions of the story and looking at similarities and differences. The children will be role playing and acting out the story and repeating the repetitive phrases.

Reception children will be taking this learning to a deeper level and writing the repetitive phrases down and thinking of alternative phrases to add to the story. The work this week is building into changing the characters in the story of the three little pigs next week.

Last week the children were recapping the phonemes (sounds) taught so far - /s/, /a/, /t/, /p/ and /i/. Nursery children have been learning the sound that each letter makes and practising the jolly phonics action. They have also been matching objects and pictures to the correct sound. We will now start to learn to blend the sounds together in order to read simple words, such as sat, sit, pip, tip etc. Reception children have been using the phoneme of the week to practise their pre-cursive writing. This week we are focussing on the /n/ phoneme - please feel free to bring anything beginning with the letter /n/ in to school and we can add it to the sound table.

Maths

In Maths the children will be looking at addition and subtraction and using a number line to support them work out the calculation. Children will also be introduced to mark making to show their understanding of the calculation completed. All children will be practising their number formation this week and reception children will be writing simple number sentences, such as 3-1=2.

Many thanks as always for your continued support.

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

We continue to provide a healthy **tuck shop** during morning break. Items on offer are healthy snacks such as rice cakes, cheeses, fruit, healthy choice home-made tray bakes and sugar free ice lollies for the warmer days. Items cost from 30p.



We are also hoping to introduce **community lunches**. These have been popular in the past with parents and friends of the school, and we are very keen to hear if you would be interested in joining us for a full roast dinner, pudding and hot drink. We hope to initially offer one Wednesday per month, starting on 22nd May. The cost to adults for the meal and drink will be £4.20. Please let us know in the office by Friday 17th May if you would like to join us so that the kitchen will know numbers for catering. If the lunches prove popular we can extend the offer to most Wednesdays. Hope to see you there!



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feel good shopping

Just a reminder that the school is signed up for 'easy-fundraising' which helps raise funds for the school. Over 3000 retailers donate a small percentage of the retail price to our cause whenever you

shop with them online via the easy-fundraising website. The retailers are all household names such as Next, Sainsbury's, M&S, Amazon etc and registering is free and easy.

To register go to: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/eastansteyps

We would like to encourage as many people as possible to sign up and spread the word to friends and family. If you would like further details of the scheme please contact the office.

CLASS 2

A huge welcome back to our third and final term of the year; we warmly welcome Jonathan who has joined the class this term. With the summer months arriving, it will hopefully mark the return of warmer and brighter days giving us all plenty of opportunities to get outside, learn, play and immerse ourselves in special experiences, which make the children's time at school so memorable.

We have an amazing topic to look forward to called Mystery Dig. The scope for this topic is wide and so will take in learning about homes-different types, locations around the world, how they are constructed, materials used-and houses over time, as part of which we hope to solve the mystery of how the Great Fire of London began.

In the second half of the term, our interests turn to time long ago...when the dinosaurs walked the Earth. I can already feel the excitement building in anticipation. I have had great fun making plans for learning in the environment and can't wait for my explorers to get their hands on it.

As with each term, learning across the curriculum is about making connections. So, to that end, the children will put their science minds to materials: classifying, comparing, testing. Materials are very much on the agenda in terms of

construction: the children will be expected to be creative and solve problems to different scenarios that will be set.

Of course, the whole of this topic is steeped in history. The children will be using their detective skills to find out what life was like for people living in London during the Dark Ages, even build replica houses and set fire to them! We will find about local pioneering archaeologists and discover the importance of dinosaur artefacts found on location along the Jurassic Coast.

Our creative minds will be expanded through studying print-making in art this term. We will explore using different materials to create printing tiles and textured repeating patterns, inspired by those seen in homes around the world. In music we will be focusing on creating short and long sounds using a variety of percussion instruments, and building our own instruments using everyday materials that may otherwise be thrown away.

The summer brings with it testing season: a chance for our hard-working staff and wonderful children to demonstrate the fruits of the year's labour. It marks the point in the year, when progress and attainment are externally measured and provide a

picture of one aspect of the school's success. We wish all of our students the very best and know they will work their hardest to do so. Whatever the outcome, we will be proud of what they achieve in the same way that we will be proud of all of the children's personal growth and achievements from across the year.

Of course, this time of year brings with it whole school annual events too, of which there are many: Science Fair, Sport's Day, The Leaver's Assembly. Look out also for our participation in The Exmoor Challenge, the London Residential, Met Office Camp, which although aimed at the older children in our community are none-the-less a great opportunity to celebrate what our beautiful county has to offer and promote the rich and diverse experiences that our children have to look forward to as they journey through school. Keep a keen eye on the school blog for updates.

Open Afternoon and Consultations will take place later in the term, a time when in collaboration with parents we discuss and review progress. However, should you wish to ask for advice or share concerns at any point along the way before then, the door is always open; a convenient time can always be found to meet.



Rotary Club of Exmoor

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If you have been following our school blog, Facebook or Twitter feeds, you will perhaps be aware of our annual preparations for the Exmoor Challenge.

The formal event is a sixteen mile, circular walk across part of the moor starting at culminating at Dulverton Junior School. The event, once again organised by the Rotary will see around six hundred competitors and takes place across some really challenging terrain. Many of our junior children take part in the training as part of their curriculum work and our year 6 children can enter the Youth Challenge itself.

This year we have two teams entered across the federation. Anyone completing the course receives a medal but teams are also battling the clock between check-points and trying to avoid penalty points to feature well in the final rankings. The event takes place on Saturday 4th May (tomorrow) at Dulverton school with our teams getting underway around 9-9.30.

Do come along if you would like to cheer them on (great refreshments available and the moor on your doorstep) but I am sure you will also join me in wishing them the very best of luck for the challenge.

Tim Gurney

Achievers Amethyst Awards

Class 1 achiever:

Class 2 achiever:

Class 3 achiever:

Class 4 achiever:

House Points

Totals so far this term

Ruby
Amber
Sapphire
Emerald

PTA

Ferret racing - Friday 10th May. If you would like to buy a ferret for the evening, please send in forms to the office asap. Also, any raffle prizes will be appreciated.

Pop-Up Fashion Show - Friday 14th June. Tickets are £10 and are available from Kate Pincombe everyday or from the Bank in South Molton.



Hello,

Whyy!! I love the summer term as it is the height of celebration of for all the children. During this term, the children will put into practise the skills they have learnt in the last terms. As the sun will be out we will take every opportunity possible to do our learning outside in order to put it into the real world context. In Junior class, we will be cheering the Yr6 children as they are gearing up to take their SATS. They have worked tremendously hard in their preparations at school and at home with the support of their parents and loved ones, as well as, the staff at school.

Maths

This term the children will be focusing on developing their fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills across multiplication and division, fractions, decimals, money and time. Children will focus on their number facts to ensure greater fluency is built upon this year. Children will continue to deepen their conceptual understanding through a range of opportunities and access to a range of manipulatives.

English

As part of our English learning this term we will be looking at writing information texts about the Rainforests and exploring narrative through visual literacy. The children will also be able to create their own Rainforest poem inspired by '*The lost words by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris.*'

Theme (Geography)

The children will be looking at where the world's rainforests are located and why. They will develop their geographical skills by locating lines of longitude and latitude and identifying the topographical features of South America. They will also investigate various aspects of life in a rainforest and the effect of deforestation on our global climate. The key focus of our studies will be the Amazon rainforest in Brazil.

Science

In Science this term, we will be learning about all living things. We will be learning about animals and how we can classify them using branch keys. We will then learn how habitats can change in both a positive and negative way. We will learn about the functions and different parts of a flowering plant. We will explore the requirements of plants for life and the role of the flower in the life cycle of a plant.

Art & Design

In Art this term, we will be developing our skills and techniques using a range of mediums. They will focus on patterns (animal and plant) which will be used as a stimulus for their finished piece of art work, based on the work of Henri Rousseau. Over the term, skills will be developed in sketch books.

This term we will be creating our own rainforest toys using cam mechanisms. They will present designs through cross section and annotated drawings. At each stage of their designing and making process, they will be encouraged to evaluate and amend their designs.

SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development)

This term we will be learning about living in the wider world. We will be debating topics of the day and understand how laws are made. We will learn about Human Rights and the Rights of a child. We will discover how people in the rainforest live and the meaning of individual liberty.

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

- Please let us know in the school office if any of your contact details change so that we can alter them on our system. This is particularly important for mobile numbers that can change quite regularly, but we do also have a legal responsibility to ensure that all the information we hold on each family is up to date and correct.
- If you would like the school to administer medicines such as antibiotics or painkillers, please ensure a permission form is signed in the office. We are unable to give the medicine if we do not have this in place.
- Please label all uniform as it is easy to mislay items even in our small school.
- Please remember to let us know by phone or note if your child's normal after school transport arrangements will not apply. This is particularly important when after-school clubs are running.
- Children can be left in school from 8.45am onwards. If you do arrive earlier than this please stay with your children until that time.

Thank you!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS/ PUPIL PREMIUM

We continue to encourage families to sign up for free school meals and pupil premium wherever possible as it results in additional funding that is directly available for your child. This can be used to subsidise trips, clubs etc as well as providing additional support if needed in school. This is different to the Universal Free School Meals that are provided for our Infant children so, even if your child is in Year R, 1 or 2 and receiving a free meal, it is still worth applying for pupil premium.

All applications should be made via the citizen portal - full details are available on

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>

If you need any assistance with any part of the process, please call in to the school office.

TERM DATES

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: Thursday 26th July.

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Autumn 2019

Wednesday 4th September to Wednesday 18th December
 Half-term: Monday 21st to Friday 25th October
Non-pupil days: Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September

Spring 2020

Tuesday 7th January to Friday 27th March
 Half-term: Monday 17th to Friday 21st February
Non-pupil day: Monday 6th January

Summer 2020

Wednesday 15th April to Wednesday 22nd July
 May Day Holiday: Monday 4th May
 Half-term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May
Non-pupil days: Tuesday 14th April and Thursday 23rd July

SPORTS AND OUTDOOR LEARNING KIT

Please can all parents make sure that their child has the appropriate kit in school for the days on which they do PE or outdoor learning. For this half term that is Tuesday and Friday for all children.

The PE kit consists of; a yellow top, black/blue shorts and trainers. Jogging bottoms and a jumper for when the weather is cold.

Outdoor learning Kit consists of; waterproof overalls and wellington boots. Warm clothing for underneath waterproofs for when the weather is particularly cold and sun hats/screen for the (hopefully) warmer days ahead.

CLUBS

Our after-school and lunchtime clubs for this half term begin next week and are as follows. Letters have gone home - please complete and return reply slips as soon as possible. Thank you.

After school clubs: 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday :	Multi-skills	GRV Coaching
Wednesday:	Film	Ms Peter
Wednesday:	Running Club	Julie Colman (Yr 1-6)
Friday:	Climbing Club	Details to follow

Lunchtime clubs:

Monday :	Art	Mrs Horrell
Tuesday :	Multi-skills	GRV Coaching
Wednesday:	Construction	Mrs Hancock
Friday:	Wildlife	Mrs Jones
	Photography	



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Friday 14th June 2019

Bishops Nympton School PTA

Assembly Room, East Street, South Molton, Devon, EX36 3BU

Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7pm

Tickets: £10 each, Includes a glass of prosecco and cheese board

Tickets to be purchased in advance.

Raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!

Tickets available from Proper Country Co shop
or text 07790524855 or email katepincombe@btinternet.com

BISHOPS NYMPTON SCHOOL PTA

FERRET RACING

Bishops Nympton Parish Hall

Friday 10th May 2019

Doors open 7pm

First race 7.30pm

TOTE

BAR

FOOD

RAFFLE

CHARITY NUMBER:1073921

ALL CHILDREN TO BE ACCOMPANIED
BY AN ADULT

What is working and what isn't? Please use the Soundboard below, pick up the phone or come in and see us. All suggestions and issues are important to us and we will work together to resolve any problems.

Please cut this out and return it to school with any comments/suggestions/questions etc.

Soundboard