

# UPDATES

## The Bishops Nympton Primary School Newsletter

Hello everyone and welcome to Autumn!

I hope that you all had a wonderful summer holiday. It seems quite a while ago already now as we appear to be well into Autumn! It may seem early to think about Christmas just yet but to anyone new to school routines, this term in particular races by and is definitely one of the most exciting times of the academic year.

It has been a super start to the term. As always in September we love to welcome our new children and families. We have been really pleased by the way all children have started in their classes and as always, I have really enjoyed seeing the enthusiastic excitement as they all get used to new routines or make some new friends.

### Class News

First of all, we welcome Adam Doble, Jemma Sloman and Lily Nichols to Bish Nym. Mr Doble is in class 2, until Michelle Lake returns from her maternity leave. We hope he enjoys his time with us and he will join Alison Hancock with the year 1s and 2s. Jemma and Lily are our brand new sports' coaches from Primary Sports. They have already begun to settle in and we look forward to great sessions and clubs. We also welcome back Mia Horrell, who continues her role in class 1 with Alison Hancock. Loyce Peter continues as class teacher in class 4 and Nic Forder is our head of teaching and learning, based this year in class 3. I am delighted to also welcome back Tandi Sothcott to Bish Nym. She will also be teaching in class 3 this year. Dave Yarney will once again be delivering our Outdoor Learning. As always our creative catering, amazing admin and super support teams will be working to enhance school life.

### Website

Our brand new website is virtually ready. Watch out for links to the new "beta" site from our existing front page. You will be able to have first glances from next week and then full publishing will follow.

### Learning Pathways Curriculum

Our curriculum work is well underway already. Our school wide theme is "Transformation" and we have many exiting strands of work to look forward to. Once again we have many enrichment activities, trips, residentials and opportunities on offer as well as our curriculum subjects. Check out our new website (and this newsletter) to see details on what we will all be learning. We also have a fantastic variety of clubs on offer as we continue with our trademark full experience offer.

### 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. Also, please note the PE kit requirements now include Shin Pads and Gum Shields. Many thanks.

### Events

There are always lots of these to look forward to in the Autumn. 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!

Very soon our thoughts turn towards the festive period and once again we will be producing a Christmas Play. I am unable to reveal details 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 am sure I will see you all at some or all of these events later this term and meanwhile,



**Autumn Term 2019**  
**Week Ending 13th Sept**

## DIARY DATES

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

### September

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Full Governor's meeting,  
BN, 6.15pm

### October

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival

### Half Term

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

### November

Thur 7<sup>th</sup> Open Afternoon and Photography Exhibition

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Flu vaccinations

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Individual and family photos

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Christmas Performance

Dress rehearsal

### December

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas play performance 1

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas play performance 2

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas play performance 3

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas dinner

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Carol Service

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

**committed    The Bishops Nympton Team    caring**

Mr Gurney Mrs Forder Ms Peter Mrs Hancock Mrs Lake Mrs Horrell Mrs Partridge Mr Doble

Miss Connell 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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## LEARNING ACROSS THE SCHOOL

Hello and many happy returns to you all. I trust that you have all had a wonderful break and created many fond family memories to look back on. Whilst I am sure there is a reluctance to let go of care-free summer days, the new year will replace the feeling of whimsy, as we gear up for an exciting term of new challenge, creativity and collaboration.

Building on the success of last year, and retaining our four classes across the school, staff at Bishops Nympton are eager to forge ahead with dynamic changes to learning.

Our theme across the school this year is '**transformation**', a new approach which will allow all classes to be learning under the same umbrella. With this, we aim to make common place opportunities to share experiences, collaborate on whole-school projects and make links across the curriculum, so that learning for all of our children is given purpose and real-life context.

We kick start the year with a focus on community, values, citizenship and democracy and find the time to understand what it means to be a citizen locally and globally; then move on to space - from the inception of the universe to the formation of planetary satellites. This will include learning about the solar system and deepening their understanding of the origin and the phases of the moon. The children will have the chance to engage in rich learning experiences, making connections with maths, science and computing, the arts and humanities subjects. We hope to provide more information, early in to the term, so watch this 'space'.

We are very pleased to announce that we have been accepted as partners of the Jurassic Maths Hub, an exciting step forward in the school's journey in teaching mastery in maths. This venture will allow us to benefit from expertise in the maths field and cutting edge

resources, which will enhance knowledge, skills and understanding for all staff and children. This two-year venture begins in September and will be coordinated by Loyce Peter, our maths lead, who - as the main school representative - will play a pivotal role in cascading maths mastery approaches to everyone in our school community. Promising times ahead!

Looking ahead at the calendar, thoughts rush to annual celebrations and established ties with the Christian celebrations: Harvest, a time to thank the many busy hands who produce fruits from the land; to reflect on the riches that life on our beautiful planet affords and also that family life brings to us all. And of course, we have the magic and sparkle of Christmas in our sights, with the Carol Service and school production.

This new school year will also herald closer links with community members. We are de-



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/bishops-nympton-school-and-pre-school](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bishops-nympton-school-and-pre-school)

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.

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## HOME LEARNING (CLASSES 3 & 4)

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### Class 3

This term, home learning will be set on a Friday and expected in to school by the following Wednesday. This will include weekly mathematics tasks, and practising timetables using TT Rockstars at least once a week. The children will also be expected to practice spelling words from this half term's list, along with regular opportunities to read. Please make a notes of this in the provided reading record, each time. There will also be the chance to take on project-based challenges linked to the theme for this half term, which will be connected to our 'Transformation' topic. More information regarding this will follow shortly.

As with last year, Dojo will be actively used in school. Please take the time to accept your invitation, as this a good portal for providing updates between home/school and vice versa. It also gives families and myself the chance to see how your children are progressing in school.

### Class 4

We send a fantastic welcome to all the children in class 4. I am really looking forward to this year as there are many exciting opportunities for the children, as well as their parents.

Children will be given a grid to complete their home learning o project over the half- term; this will link to topic. KS2 classes will host a project exhibition where parents will be invited in to school. I cannot wait to see what the children will produce this year as last year's project set the bar high.

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## CLASS 1

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Underneath the whole school topic heading of Transformation, this half term Class One's topic is 'I'm a Star'. Within this topic, class one will be thinking about themselves and their family. Children will be talking about what makes each child special and considering similarities and differences between each other and different families. Children will also be naming their different body parts. Children will be thinking about the locality of where they live and how they would like to improve their school environment. The children will discuss more national news as and when it happens, such as if a general election happens and age appropriate information on Brexit.

During our literacy sessions, children will be working on writing labels and captions about different activities within the school. Children will learn to write their name in a pre-cursive style and begin to learn the sounds that different letters and clusters of letters make. The children will be practising their letter formation and homework sheets will be sent home daily with children to support their learning of the new sounds.

Within the children's maths sessions, children will be learning to recognise numbers up to ten and beyond when appropriate. They will also be learning to write all the numerals from 0-9 and looking for number patterns. The children will be thinking about numbers that are one more and one less than any given number up to 10 and beyond.

Within other aspects of their learning, children will be thinking about creating faces and bodies using a variety of different natural resources. The children will be thinking about how they have already grown and changed (transformed) and what transformation lies ahead of them as they grow older. The children will be thinking about what job they would like to do when they grow older and considering the skills that they need to develop in order to be successful in their career path. The children will think about how to ensure that they are healthy and the types of food that they will need to eat.

The first Autumn half term is always an exciting time with new adventures and experiences happening on a weekly basis. In Class One, after half term, much time will be spent on the lead-up to Christmas and many exciting activities are planned that will excite and engage children's interests.

**Miss Horrell, Mrs Hancock & the Class 1 Team**

## CLASS 2



The Class Two Team would like to wish you a very warm welcome back after the summer holiday. We are very excited about all of the fun new things we have to learn and share with your children this year at school.

Our topic this term is

### 'Nation Creation'

This term we are learning about what it is that makes our country a great place to live. We will be learning about famous, inspirational people; finding out about them and what they did and thinking about what we can learn from them. We will be using maps to locate our home towns and see whereabouts we are in the world. We will also be learning about democracy; thinking about what we do in our school to make it fair for everyone, including thinking about the school council and our own class rules.



In our daily Maths, Literacy and Phonics sessions we will follow the Primary National Curriculum.



**Helping your child at home:** Please continue to read regularly with your child at home, a little bit every day makes a big difference.

**Coats:** Please bring to school every day! The weather can change so quickly and children will need them for all playtimes and other outdoor activities, as we like to get outside as much as possible!

**PE kits** are to be kept on your child's peg during the week. They need to have PE kits in school every day. Currently, sessions are on Mondays.

**Outdoor Learning:** sessions will be on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has a change of clothes, waterproofs and wellies!

**Staff:** Mr Doble teaches the Class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Mrs Hancock teaches on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Miss Alderman and Mrs Howes continue to work with the class.

### 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

<b>Monday :</b>	Rugby	Primary Sports
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Running Club	Julie Colman
(commencing on 25 <sup>th</sup> September)		
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Archery Club	North Devon Archery
(3.30pm – 4.45pm)		
<b>Thursday:</b>	Cookery	Ms Peter (Two groups;
cost £1.50 per session)		
<b>Friday:</b>	Climbing Club	Rock & Rapid
<b>Friday:</b>	Netball Club	Primary Sports

#### Lunchtime clubs:

<b>Monday:</b>	Multi-skills	Primary Sports
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Football	Mr Doble
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Pupil Council (Nominated Pupils)	

### TERM DATES

#### Autumn 2019

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Half-term: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

**Non-pupil days:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

#### Spring 2020

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Half-term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Non-pupil day:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

#### Summer 2020

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

May Day Holiday: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Half-term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**Non-pupil days:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

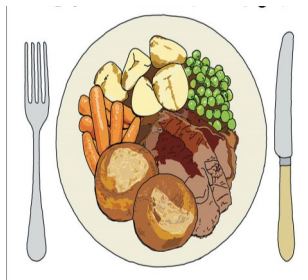
## SCHOOL COUNCIL

This year the school council will be supported by Mrs Hancock. If you would like to be a part of the school council, please prepare a short talk or presentation to present to the school, telling them why you would like to represent their views and why you think you would be the best person for the job!

Presentations will be held, during the week beginning 16th September. Once all the candidates have presented, each class will then vote for their representatives

## 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, home-made soup and sugar free ice lollies for the warmer days. Items cost from 30p.



We are also hoping to introduce family 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 hot dinner, pudding and hot drink. We hope to initially offer at least one per month, starting on 30th September. The cost to adults for the meal and drink will be £4.20. Please

## 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 term that is Tuesday and Thursday for all children.

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

**Please note the new requirement** that children will also need shin pads for football and mouth guards for hockey (later in the term). The school will hold a small stock of shin pads for those who forget on a particular week, but we cannot provide them for the whole school. If any families will have difficulty providing this additional equipment, please contact the office.

**Outdoor learning kit** consists of:

- Long sleeve tops/shirts for both Winter and Summer and a warmer top when colder
- Bottoms that cover the whole leg e.g. Trousers/leggings/track suit bottoms
- Wellies/boots etc when outside is wet/muddy
- Trainers/boots etc when weather is dry/warm

	PE	Outdoor Learning
<b>Class 1</b>	Monday	
<b>Class 2</b>	Monday	Wednesday
<b>Class 3</b>	Monday, Friday	Monday
<b>Class 4</b>	Monday, Friday	Monday

## 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.

We encourage our new Reception intake to take up those Infant Free Meals as much as possible. There is a choice of at least three options every day and even a 'packed lunch' choice on most days. If your child has any specific dietary requirements, please let us know.

## PTA

The PTA will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 1st Oct at 7.00pm in the school hall.

All are welcome.



## 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. The school breakfast club is available for families wishing to drop their children off from 8.00 (please book with the office)
- Please can anyone using the parish car park outside the school for collection or drop off, ensure they do not block in any parked cars?

Thank you!

### Thought for the term...

**It just takes one  
step to start your  
journey...**

### ***Achievers***

**Class 1 achiever: Jacob P**

**Class 2 achiever: Summer**

**Class 3 achiever: Bethany**

**Class 4 achiever: Summer**

### House Points

**House points to be announced next week**

**Ruby**

**Amber**

**Sapphire**

**Emerald**

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***

# SMART

## South Molton's Music centre

We're back on Thursday's  
from 19th September



Instrumental and  
vocal lessons for  
children KS2  
onwards and  
parents welcome  
too. Only £20 per  
term for 10 x 90  
minute sessions.



SMART  
Sing



SMART  
Play



South Molton  
United C of E  
Primary School

4.30pm to 6pm

Contact [csms2s@outlook.com](mailto:csms2s@outlook.com) for  
more information



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### Exmoor Link Federation

Menu April 2019 – October 2019

Week Commencing:	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr, 13 <sup>th</sup> May, 10 <sup>th</sup> June, 1 <sup>st</sup> July, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept, 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	29 <sup>th</sup> April, 20 <sup>th</sup> May, 17 <sup>th</sup> June, 8 <sup>th</sup> July, 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	6 <sup>th</sup> May, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June, 24 <sup>th</sup> June, 15 <sup>th</sup> July, 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct.
A	Peppermint Pizza Baguette	Beef Burger (Optional Cheese)	West Country Sausage in a Roll
B	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Vegetable Burger	Quorn Sausage in a Roll
C	Jacket Potato with Beans/Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans/Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans/Cheese
D	Tuna and Cucumber Roll	Cheese and Tomato Roll	Ham Sliced Roll
Tuesday	Ice Cream in a Cone	Jelly, Fruit Cocktail & Cream	Peaches and Vanilla Ice Cream
A	Chicken Wrapped in Bacon with BBQ sauce with Rice	Port Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Sweet & Sour Chicken with Egg Fried Rice
B	Macaroni Cheese with Crusty Bread	Quorn Chilli with Rice	Mediterranean Vegetable & Tomato Pasta Bake
C	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings
D	Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato Baguette	Chicken Mayo Baguette	Tuna & Sweetcorn Baguette
Wednesday	Summer Fruit Crumble with Ice Cream	Banana & Blueberry Tray Bake	Sticky Toffee Pudding with Cream
A	Roast Gammon & Pineapple	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Roast Turkey with Cranberry Sauce
B	Quorn Chicken	Milly Cheese & Potato Parcel	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese
C	With Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Carrot and Gravy	With Roast Potatoes, Carrots, peas and Gravy	With Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans and Gravy
D	Chocolate Brownie	Strawberry Cheesecake	Cheese & Biscuits with Grapes and Apple Slices.
Thursday	Beef Lasagne	All Day Breakfast	Ham Ploughman's
A	With Herby Diced Potatoes & Salad	Bacon & Sausage	Cheese & Tomato Quiche
B	Vegetarian Toad in the Hole	Quorn Sausage	With Potato Salad, Peas Salad
C	Herby Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn	Hash Brown & Scrambled Egg	Crusty Bread, Cakeslow, Sweetcorn
D	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings
Friday	Barbecue Pie	Ham Sliced Wrap	Tuna & Lettuce Salad Wrap
A	Oven Baked Buttered Fish	Carrot Cake	Raspberry Sponge and Custard
B	Curry Bites	Oven Baked Breaded Fish Cake	Oven Baked Salmon Fish Fingers
C	With Chips, Peas & Salad	Tempura Battered Vegetables	Vegetarian Sausage Roll
D	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	With Chip, Beans & Salad
	Shortbread Biscuit with Milk	Lemon Drizzle Cake with Squash	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings.
			Flapjack with Chocolate Milk