

UPDATE

The Bishops Nympton Primary School Newsletter

Hello all.

Welcome to 2020 and a brand new decade! I would like to start by wishing you all a very happy New Year if I haven't already seen you and hope that you all had a lovely festive season. It already seems like quite a while ago.

Spring Term

The Spring Term is often quite short but it is always a very full one. This year is no exception and there are all kinds of exciting things to look forward to during this Season. We have new school themes, trips and visits and, of course, Easter activities to look forward to at the very end of the term. We have been really impressed by the way the classes have settled back into school and we are already getting stuck into our exciting new focus on "Planet Earth". Outdoor learning is underway once again and I am delighted to announce that Clubs have also resumed with a varied range on offer. In particular, it is great to see climbing back again and we are now opening sports clubs (football this term) up to our sister school. We are hoping to boost this further with other clubs coming online as the weather improves (hopefully) after half term.

Staffing

We are pleased to announce that Tim Huxtable is covering Class 3 for Mrs Forder for the whole term during her secondment. Tandi Sothcott will be formally joining us after half term to cover Mrs Hancock's days in Classes 1 and 2. Up until half term, those days are being covered by Michelle Lake and Michelle Harper (supply).

New Year, New Challenges...

We are hoping to enter the Exmoor Youth Challenge once again this year. This is a highly challenging event for teams of year sixes and includes full open moorland walking over a sixteen-mile course. The event also involves map reading, orienteering and extremely close timings! We will begin our training and practices as soon as the weather improves and this year we are opening these to all junior children and their families. Hopefully as part of the programme, we will once again stage the "Hawkrig Hike" as a fun and exciting day for our families and community. Look out for more updates as we get closer to what was a really popular event last year.

You are probably also aware that we are getting ready for our annual residential trip to Heatree Activity Centre on Dartmoor for year 4 and 5 children. This is always an excellent venue with very exciting outward bounds and adventurous activities including everything from Raft Building to Abseiling and High Ropes! The skills on this residential supplement our excellent and well established outdoor learning programme as part of our Primary Learning Pathways curriculum.

New for 2020 is the offer of a 24 hour residential for Year 3 children. We will ask Year 3 parents annually if they would like us to run this, with potential venues such as Rock and Rapid or other local centres being possibilities. We will email you about this very soon to see if this appeals.

No matter what year group, there is so much exciting learning this term to get involved with. Remember everyone, aim high and dream big!

Winter weather

This is the worst half term for the weather and so as always, could I request that children are well prepared for both wet and wintry conditions with coats, gloves and appropriate footwear. Although mild and stormy so far, this is the term when we are often hit with colder conditions. If severe wintry weather occurs, then please follow the **SNOW CLOSURE GUIDANCE** (previously sent). Please be aware that the systems to find out if the school is open include: the School Text Service, Facebook & Twitter, Radio Devon and the Devon County Website (please sign up for email alerts). These are the main systems as staff may not be able to get to the school to update other systems or put notes on the gates. If bad weather strikes during a school day, then you will be contacted accordingly.

Enjoy the term and I look forward to seeing you all during some of our exciting events.

Best wishes

Tim Gurney



Spring Term 2020
Week Ending 17th January

DIARY DATES

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

January

Thurs 23rd
Mon 27th

High Five Netball Yr 5/6
Football v NMCP Yrs 5/6 (selected pupils)
Chinese New Year Family Lunch
PTA Quiz Night

Tues 28th

Fri 31st

February

Mon 3rd

Football v SMUP Yrs 5/6 (selected pupils)
Open the Book

Tues 11th

Mon 17th - Friday 21st Half

Term

Tues 25th

Rec & Yr 6 Height and Measurement
Open Afternoon
PTA Big Breakfast

Thurs 27th

Sat 29th

March

Tues 3rd

Wed 11th - Fri 13th

Parent Consultations
Heatree Residential (Years 4 & 5)

Tues 17th

Wed 18th

Open the Book
Celebration Assembly, Pop-Up Café and PTA Bake off

Fri 27th

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Easter Assembly and Family Lunch
Last day of term

Easter Holidays

Monday 14th April - non pupil day
Wednesday 15th April - children return

committed The Bishops Nympton Team caring

Mr Gurney Mrs Forder Ms Peter Mrs Lake Mrs Horrell Mrs Partridge Mr Huxtable Mrs Sothcott

Miss Connell Mrs Loftus Miss P Alderman Mrs Cockram Mrs Howes Mr Yarney Ms Barrow

Mrs Kennealy Miss Jennings Ms Pocock Mrs Humphreys Miss C Alderman Mrs Yates

'Part of the Exmoor Link Federation'

CLASS 1

Dear Parents

This term in Class 1 the children will be learning about the Earth and how to help save our planet. We will be thinking about a variety of different countries and learning about their weather, lifestyle's and landscapes. Each week we will be focussing on a different country and finding out facts about them. The children will be trying foods from some of the countries, learning their flags and even learning some basic words from the countries. We will be trying to incorporate important events such as Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and Easter celebrations.



In literacy the reception children will be focussing on trying to use their learnt phonemes to write captions and short sentences. The reception children will also be practising their pre-cursive letter formation. During this term the children will be covering fiction texts and non-fiction texts and comparing information books to information from the internet. The nursery children will be introduced to a number of different stories and information books and will enjoy sharing books in small groups with their animal group adult. This term, both reception and nursery children will have a big focus on fine motor skills in order to help children with their pincer grip and letter formation.

In mathematics, the reception children will start the term with counting and estimating. Most mathematics teaching will be carried out in small groups this term and children will be able to practise their new learnt skills. Later in the term, we will be covering position and time, addition and subtraction and shapes and measure.



Reception homework will start again this week with the main focus being daily reading and phonics practise. Please be aware that activities and games will be sent home this term, alongside the more formal writing and mathematics activities.

This term class one children are all going to be working on social skills and thinking about being kind, helpful and happy individuals. We have lots of fun and thought-provoking activities planned for the children to help consolidate their understanding and learning.

Next week class one's weekly update will start again on a Monday.

The Class 1 Team

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

Our Community Lunches and Pop Up Cafe have proven very popular. We will continue to provide this opportunity for parents to join their children and enjoy the delicious and nutritious meals created by our wonderful team. Keep an eye on the Newsletter for upcoming dates.



This is also an exciting term for theme menus, the children always look forward to Pancake Day, World Book Day and Chinese New Year in which we will be celebrating with a buffet lunch on Tuesday 28th January.

Kind regards

The Kitchen Team



CLASS 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed your winter break! The children have come back to school eager to learn, it's great to see!! I love seeing their little faces glow with pride and confidence, they are budding eager beavers!

The class 2 team

There will be changes to staffing over the spring term. I am working tirelessly to ensure the children have a smooth week, and learning is consistent and continual for all children. During the first half of the spring term; Mrs Lake will teach Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday morning (however I will still be on school premises on a Wednesday afternoon), and Friday. Wednesday afternoon will be taught by Mr Yarney (outdoor learning) and by Mr Huxtable (the teacher covering Mrs Forder in class 3). Thursday will be taught by Mrs Harper (supply). Mrs Howes and Ms Alderman will work every day as always. After February half term and for the rest of the academic year, Mrs Lake will teach Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. Mrs Sothcott will teach Wednesday and Thursday (Mr Yarney also covering Outdoor Learning on Wed pm), with Mrs Howes and Ms Alderman working every day as always.

Curriculum

As part of our over arching theme of Transformation, we are learning about Race to Space. The children are carrying on their learning of Race to Space for the first three weeks of the spring term. The children have pretended to be astronauts and have been learning about the celebration of light, famous astronauts, the famous moon landing, Kandinsky's art, Holst's 'the Planets' music, seasons, planets, space itself, and much, much more!



The favourite aspect of learning so far has to be taking part in our Space Day experience. For the first three weeks, the children are learning about being in space - the planets, the solar system, phases of the moon, and much, much more! From week 4, the children are going to be learning about Planet Earth. The children will pretend they are astronauts and go home to Planet Earth. The children will become explorers; and explore continents, countries, celebrations and festivals, habitats, homes and cultures; and much, much more!

In Literacy, we have started a unit about space, looking at an information text called 'Look into Space'. In phonics, Year 1s are learning Letters and Sounds phase 5, and also mastering phases 2-4 of Letters and Sounds. Year 2s are learning grammar and spelling rules for reading and writing tricky unfamiliar words and common exception words. In maths, we are continuing our addition and subtraction unit, following onto geometry soon.

Outdoor learning

Outdoor learning is on a Wednesday with Mr Yarney. Please ensure a full outdoor learning kit (including wellies, hats and gloves too) is in school. Please ensure all children's items are named. If you have any spare unwanted outdoor learning items or children's clothes suitable for outdoor learning that you do not require any more, then please pass on to class 2.

PE

PE is on a Monday, and we are very lucky to have our PE coaches from Primary Sports. Please ensure a full indoor/outdoor PE kit is in school. Please ensure all children's items are named. If you have any spare unwanted PE kit or children's clothes suitable for PE that you do not require any more, then please pass on to class 2.



Home learning

Home learning is set weekly. It is handed out on a Thursday and is collected back in on a Tuesday. Please ensure home learning books are handed in promptly on a Tuesday.

All children - reading: each week children are expected to read at least 3 times at home. For every 10 books that the children read, they get a fancy certificate. Reading certificates have gone out already! Who will get these next?

All children - Mathletics: please log on and complete the tasks set. This may take a few weeks to complete the tasks, so please continue on with these. The children can achieve Mathletics certificates; some children have already achieved them! Who will be next?

Year 2's Time Table Rockstars: please log on and complete the tasks set. This may be completed on a continuous basis.

Year 2 identified children – Nessy: please log on and complete the tasks set. This may be completed on a continuous basis.

All Children - spellings: subject words and high frequency words are sent home for a whole half term. Please learn to spell these words over the whole half term.

Spring project challenges: a project challenge list of activities for Planet Earth will be coming out soon, keep an eye in the home learning books!

Clubs

It is great to see so many children signed up to clubs this term, great effort!

I just wanted to say what a great start we have had to the beginning of the term. Thank you for all your help, keep up the hard work!!

CLASS 3/4

Hello everyone and happy New Year to you all.

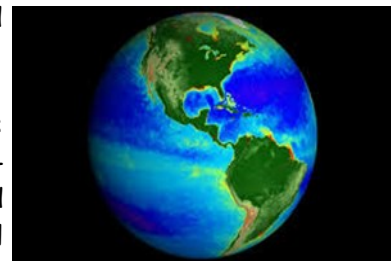
I hope that you have all had a fantastic Christmas break. It was definitely long enough to recharge the batteries and be fully ready for the new term ahead.

What a term we have in store. Once we get over the January blues, I always enjoy this time of the year; a time when the children really begin to grow as learners and develop a new found confidence.

We have wonderful things to look forward to as we dive in to our new theme:



Planet Earth. The children will learn to locate continents and oceans around the world and compare and contrast climates; they will discover adventurous explorer and scientists.



In music, the children will be given the chance to learn how to play a musical instrument and play as part of a whole class ensemble.

Scientific studies will focus on living things and their habitats and, in simple terms, how they are adapted to their environments.

In computing we will be learning how to use Scratch to code making a virtual rock band.

PE will take place on Monday and Friday afternoons, as before. The weather is typically very unsettled and cold at this time of the year, so please ensure that the children are well equipped for any eventuality. We have some stock, for those who come to school without kit, but warm over clothes are very limited.

Outdoor learning continues on a Monday afternoon. The children do go outside in most weathers, so again can I please ask that each week the children come to school with weather proof kit. Thank you.

In PSHE, the class will be thinking about growing and changing- looking at what it means to be me and what strategies they can use to get support and support others.

Our study of faiths will give the children the chance to mark the Chinese New Year celebrations.

Home Learning continues in the same way as before. Projects will be handed out once
t h e n e w t o p i c h a s
commenced



Daily reading, where possible;

Weekly practise of the half term spellings in home learning books;

Weekly Mathletics tasks;

Weekly TT Rockstars and Nessy (for those required);

Special projects linked to our topic.

Although this tends to be a quieter time of the year, we have Pop up café, celebration assembly, Open

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

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.

	PE	Outdoor Learning
Class 1	Monday	
Class 2	Monday	Wednesday
Class 3	Monday, Friday	Monday
Class 4	Monday, Friday	Monday

PTA NEWS - NEW DATE

The PTA are continuing with The Penny Drive and any donations will be appreciated.

Also, they will be hosting a Quiz Night at the school on Friday 31st January. We would welcome your support and look forward to seeing you there.

CLUBS

Our after-school and lunchtime clubs for this half term began this week and are as follows. Letters have gone home - please complete and return reply slips as soon as possible if not already done so. Thank you.

After school clubs: 3.30-4.30pm

Monday:	Football at Bishops Nympton	<i>Primary Sports</i>
Wednesday:	Construction	<i>Mr Huxtable</i>
Thursday:	Film	<i>Ms Peter</i>
Thursday:	Football at East Anstey,	<i>Primary Sports</i> (Please be advised that parents will be required to transport the children)
Friday:	Gymnastics	<i>Primary Sports</i>
Friday:	Climbing Club, Rock and Rapid, 4.00pm-5.00pm	Details have been sent home. (Please be advised that parents will be required to transport the children and there is a cost for this club)

Lunchtime clubs:

Monday:	Multi-skills (KS1)	<i>Primary Sports</i>
Tuesday:	Art Club	<i>Mrs Lake</i>

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? Also, please be mindful of people needing to use the side roads and do not block access to these.

Thank you!

Thought for the term...

*Tomorrow is the first
day of the rest of your
life..*

Popular

Achievers

Class 1 achiever: Charlie B and Joe

Class 2 achiever: Joseph

Class 3 achiever: Eric

Class 4 achiever: Isla

House Points

Ruby 169

Amber 232

Sapphire 128

Emerald 267

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

As part of our continuing drive to reduce our use of physical resources and the associated waste that comes with that, we are proposing to begin sending our school communications via email in the first instance. We will follow this up with a text informing you that a particular communication has been sent in this format.

If you would prefer to continue receiving hard copies of letters etc., please let us know in the office so that we can arrange to provide these on an individual basis.

Our hope is that letters will no longer get lost en route home and parents will be more aware of what has been sent home and any requirement for reply slips etc. School Pay has the facility to give your permission for trips etc., so we will also begin using that more routinely.

Obviously the main requirement of this system is that we have an up to date email address for anybody who needs to receive information from the school. We have recently sent out the pupil data sheets for checking, so hopefully we have these for most families. We can send to more than one address for each family if required. Please let us know if you change your email address or if you would like more added to the system.

If anyone has any thoughts or comments to make about this proposed change to communication, please let us know.



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

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.

SMART

South Molton's Music centre

We're back on Thursday's from 16th January






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

South Molton United C of E Primary School
4.30pm to 6pm

Contact csms2s@outlook.com for more information

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Speech, Language and Communication Needs
Parent Workshops 2020

A free workshop for parents of children and young people with speech, language and communication needs.

We will be focusing on strategies to support your child with vocabulary learning. We will be looking at how to support word learning through book sharing, as well as exploring visual ways in which you can support your child to learn new words throughout their school career.

This workshop is suitable for parents of children at Primary and Secondary school.

Please choose from the following venues:

	Venue	Date	Time
Exeter	St Michael's Primary Academy	4 th March 2020	13:30 - 15:00
West Devon	Stowford Primary	4 th March 2020	13:30 - 15:00
South Devon	Haytor View Primary School, Newton Abbot	12 th March 2020	09:30 - 11:00
East Devon	Marpool Primary, Exmouth	3 rd March 2020	09:30 - 11:00
Mid Devon	St Andrews Primary, Cullompton	4 th March 2020	13:00 - 14:30
North Devon	Sticklepath Primary, Barnstaple	5 th March 2020	10:00 - 11:30

To book your free place, please email sue.yanston@babcockinternational.com

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Bishops Nympton School PTA

Quiz Night

Friday 31st January
7.30pm

Teams of 4 - 6

£10 per person entry to include
cheese board and dessert.

Bar available - cash only

To book call or email Julie on 07766913724 or
juliecolman78@gmail.com or call Bishops Nympton School Office
on 01769 550387