



# BISCOVEY NURSERY & INFANTS' NEWSLETTER

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Autumn Term 2020

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## A message from Mrs French

This week the children have been busy writing in their 'wow' books. This morning I have had the pleasure of awarding many certificates for impressive writing. All the children have worked so hard this week on their writing and we are all extremely proud of their efforts. I have been spoilt for choice but have shared two of the stories at the end of the newsletter for you to enjoy.

Thank you to those parents that have updated their child's photo consents in Arbor. If you have not already done so, please login to Arbor to consent/decline the 6 permissions. It is imperative we have the correct consents for your child to ensure their images are never displayed or posted incorrectly. If at any time you wish to change the consent you have now given, please call the school office.

My usual thanks and reminders remain the same:

### Site safety

Your support in keeping our site covid safe by wearing masks and ensuring social distancing is maintained is appreciated.

Two reminders this week:

The traffic gate is for exit only, please ensure that you enter through the pedestrian gate and leave through the traffic gate.

Some children are entering the site by themselves, our children are very young. Please ensure they are dropped to the internal gate by an adult.

### Parking

Reminders around parking remain the same:

Please do not park on the zig zag yellow lines immediately outside school or in the school entrance.

As mentioned above the traffic gate is a pedestrian exit and cars parking in the entrance make this area extremely dangerous.

Please could I ask for your cooperation in parking safely outside of school. Parking enforcement have been contacted.



## Christmas in School



Christmas in school will look a little different this year. However, we will work hard to make this an exciting and magical time for the children.

### Christmas Cards

Children are able to write Christmas cards to their friends. The cards must be put in the class post-box, the deadline for all cards is Friday 11th December. This allows us to quarantine the cards before we distribute them in the final week. Unfortunately, any cards received after this date will not be able to be given out.

### Christmas Discos

We will be holding Christmas discos for the children. These will be run after school between 4-5pm. This will be run by the staff from the year group and will include a drink, a bag of sweets and Christmas dancing and games. Tickets will be available to buy via parent pay.

Reception ~ 7th December

Year 1 ~ 8th December

Year 2 ~ 10th December

### Christmas Cinema

We are planning to set up the hall as a Christmas cinema for the children. Each year group will have a set time and we will provide drinks and popcorn. We ask for a donation towards this, payable via parent pay

**Christmas Jumper Day** This is a national fund raising day for Save the Children. This will be held on Friday 11th December, again donations for this worthy cause are payable via Parent Pay.

**Christmas dinner** Will be on Wednesday 16th December Children may wear party clothes on this day but please ensure they wear sensible shoes.



## Achievement Awards Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Kingfishers	Puffins	Swallows	Swifts	Robins	Skylarks	Owls
Megan and Mark	Oscar and Mariah	Ella and Oscar	Daisy and Henry	Robert and Theo	Ava-Lilly and Millie	Whole Class

### Attendance

This weeks best attendance goes to **Puffins** with **100%** Well done!

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Kingfishers ~ 95.8%	Swallows ~ 98.7%	Owls ~ 97.9%
Puffins ~ 100%	Swifts ~ 98.9%	Robins ~ 91.5%
		Skylarks ~ 96.8%

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 7th December 2020	EYFS Christmas Disco 4pm to 5pm
Tuesday 8th December 2020	Year 1 Christmas Disco 4pm to 5pm
Thursday 10th December 2020	Year 2 Christmas Disco 4pm to 5pm
FRIDAY 11th December 2020	Christmas Jumper Day. Children to wear Christmas Jumpers
Wednesday 16th December 2020	Christmas Lunch
Friday 18/12/20 - Friday 01/01/21	Christmas school holidays 1.30pm finish
Monday 04/01/21 and Tuesday 05/01/21	Aspire INSET days

We would like to invite the children to make a Christmas tree decoration for our school tree.



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## Weekly class updates:

This week Honey Bees have continued to explore shapes and have particularly enjoyed using stencils to draw shapes on paper and exploring marks in gloop! We have worked on turn taking through some shape themed games and even watched a shape video on the big screen.

Bumblebees Christmas celebrations have begun! We have been writing our letters to Father Christmas, making our Christmas cards, wrapping presents and practising the songs for our online performance! Last week we made post boxes with shapes on the front and have been practising naming our shapes and putting the correct shaped letter in each box. Next week we are looking forward to putting a tree up and making some decorations!

This week in Puffins we have had lots of fun doing active Maths. We have been learning about finding one more than a given number. We have also been doing lots of counting as we start to learn our Christmas songs. More information about this will be coming your way soon. It has been lovely to hear from the children all the things that they are good at and enjoy doing. It has been a positive week celebrating all their achievements.

This week in Kingfishers we have been looking at finding one more than a given number and using the correct mathematical language. The children have done really well finding one more in various ways. This week In PE we have enjoyed practising our balances and developing skills such as balancing along a line heel to toe, skipping and jumping two feet to two feet. We also had lots of fun dancing with ribbons keeping in time to the music. Well done Kingfishers.

Swallows .Swallows have been busy story writing again this week. They have written their own versions of The Three Billy Goats Gruff, changing the characters and actions. The characters have ranged from spiders, pigs, fish and superheroes to wolves and rats! Miss Debes has thoroughly enjoyed sharing their story ideas and helping them to write their stories. Well done, Swallows for becoming little authors.

This week Swifts have been searching for shapes in our environment and tessellating straight edged shapes to create work inspired by the artist Paul Klee. We have witnessed some amazing and colourful creations! We have also been continuing the theme of The Billy Goats Gruff and working in teams to create bridges to cross the playground. We were excited to innovate the story and swapped the troll for all manner of frightening characters- ghosts, bats, wolves, skeletons and foxes! So, if you go down to the woods....be careful, you might encounter a surprise!"

Owl Class have all been working exceptionally hard this week. We are very proud of them all for showing great maturity and coping so well with a different teacher. In Literacy, the children have been writing their own versions of 'The Gingerbread Man'. They have changed the main character and some of the other characters too. The children have been very creative - we've had gingerbread fairies, parrots, turtles and even barbie dolls! The children are looking forward to writing the endings of their stories tomorrow. In maths, we have been learning to add two 2-digit numbers, crossing ten. In PE the children did some amazing gymnastics. They perfected their rolling and jumping and also worked in pairs to create sequences on the apparatus. To end a great week, we are looking forward to our African drumming tomorrow morning. Well done for a fantastic week Owl Class.

This week, Skylarks have been continuing to practise addition and subtraction, learning what to do when we need to exchange ten. It's been tricky but everyone has worked very hard to recognise what they need to do. We've started writing our own versions of the Gingerbread Man story and they are coming on beautifully! It was very exciting using the new Chromebooks too.

This week Robins, have spent a lot of time working incredibly hard innovating the story of the Gingerbread Man by changing the characters and setting. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm bubbling around the room when the children were coming up with their own ideas to create some fantastic stories! In P.E. we have continued developing our core skills, having built up a variety of jumps, balances and rolls, which we will soon start putting together into a routine to learn and perform.

We are so proud of the children who have reached the sunshine for exceptional kindness, behaviour or friendliness to others. You are an exceptional role model to others. Well done!

Swifts ~ Jacob  
Robins ~ Maya  
Skylarks ~ Max

MY PERSONAL BEST  
This weeks value is Imaginations.  
These children have shown great imagination in their learning this week

Puffins ~ Tristan  
Swallows ~ Lola  
Robins ~ Poppy  
Kingfishers ~ Louie  
Swifts ~ Hollie  
Owls ~ Siannah  
Skylarks ~ Tommy and Evie

## From Black Bird



Welcome to the winter Issue of Blackbird Pie online magazine! Despite everything there are festive things to see and do this year, from glittering gardens lit with myriad lights to light-hearted theatre shows. Everyone has gone to great lengths to make things as Covid-safe as possible. We have searched out quite a lot of

free activities and events too including sparkling yuletide markets with entertainers, free entry at PK Porthcurno and The Box Plymouth, stories, videos and art activities to download, interesting winter walks and historic sites to explore. As well as the new online format we will be doing more on Facebook and Instagram, so please seek us out for regular activities, ideas and updates in between issues. Please subscribe so we can send you a link to the next issue. <https://blackbirdreads.turtl.co/story/cornwallchristmas2020/>



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Once a pon a time there were not one not two but three Kangaroos; Early one morning they woke up and wanted to cross the bridge to eat the fresh green grass on the other side first. Baby Kangaroo! Gruff went trip trap trip trap over the bridge. Who goes trip trap trip trap over my bridge? said the wolf. It is I baby Kangaroo Gruff then I'll eat you up said the wolf. No no wate for my older brother he is fat fatter

than I. Then be gon with you next mull. ZIT kangaroo went trip trap trip trap over the bridge. Who goes trip trap trip trap over my bridge? It is I mull ZIT kangaroo Gruff. Then I'll eat you up. No no wate for my older bluther he is fat fatter than I. Then be gon with you. Finly Big kangaroo went trip trap trip trap. Who goes trip trap trip trap over my bridge? It is I Big kangaroo. Then I'll eat you up no you wonet. So Big kangaroo Gruff went trip trap trip trap and splat the wolf into the river with a splash.

## A celebration of writing

Year 1 have been writing their own versions of the story of 'The Three Billy Goats' Gruff'

Date: 25/26 November 2020 Subject outcome: I can retell a story

Writing outcome: I can write a story using my own plan.

Teacher: I can use my sounds to write words with support to segment. I can use my sounds to write words independently. I can use story language in my writing.

Once upon a time there were three people that were called Little Red Riding Hood Mum and Dad. Early one morning that wanted to cross the bridge. First Little Red Riding Hood went. Who's that working on my bridge? said the wolf. Wait for my grain.

