



BISCOVEY NURSERY & INFANTS' NEWSLETTER

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Autumn Term 2020

23.10.2020

A message from Mrs French

What an incredibly busy first half term we have had in school. The children have made such amazing progress over the course of the term in all areas of learning.

Thank you for all the support you are giving your children at home. The home learning on tapestry or in their home work books has been wonderful. Over the half term break please carry on reading and sharing these experiences with your children.

Changes to drop off

Following some parental concerns and despite frequent reminders on previous newsletters about social distancing when dropping at the school gate, we are making a few adjustments to our morning arrangements.

Please can parents drop off ensuring that the following guidance is adhered to:

- **Please adhere to social distancing guidance when at the school gate. This responsibility is yours and should be respected as in all other communal spaces we share in our community.**
- We will be using bollards to set out a clear space around the gate. Please do not come inside the bollard zone, this will enable the children to walk safely in through the gate.
- Once you have dropped your child, move on swiftly and avoid waiting around to watch your child walk across the playground.
- We will open an additional gate by the nursery entrance too ease the pressure and congestion on a single gate.
- Please also ensure only **ONE ADULT** to drop-off and collect.
- The quieter times for drop off are between 8.50am and 9.00am.
- The guided times are: Nursery and Year 2 - 8.45am Year 1 - 8.50am Reception - 8.55am
- The times for collection at the end of the day remain the same but please remember to leave the site promptly.

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy half term holiday and look forward to welcoming your children back on Monday 2nd November.

Reception Classes

Just a reminder on Monday 2nd November, our first day back after half term, we invite all children in Reception classes to come to school dressed in Halloween/ Autumnal coloured clothes to start off our new topic on Celebrations.



Heritage Project ~ Clay Play

St Blazey Recycle Centre has received a consignment of clay for families to use for clay play over the school holidays.

The Heritage Project aims to get children connected with the clay production of their ancestors.

Families can apply for clay and free tea! Parents will also be supplied with two courses on clay play.

Please contact Pauline Giles for further information:
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or call 07734943123



Achievement Awards Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Kingfishers	Puffins	Swallows	Swifts	Robins	Skylarks	Owls
Jonah and Toby	Isabella and Reggie	Caden and Robyn	Ethan and Scarlet	Maya and Bayleigh-Mae	Daisy and Isla	Lola and Honey

Attendance

This weeks best attendance goes to Swifts with **99.2%**. Well done!

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Kingfishers ~ 96.6%	Swallows ~ 97.1%	Owls ~ 97.3%
Puffins ~ 98.4%	Swifts ~ 99.2%	Robins ~ 95%
		Skylarks ~ 97.7%

Dates for your Diary

Monday 26/10/20 to Friday 30/10/20	Autumn half term break
Monday 2nd November 2020	Reception children to wear Halloween/Autumnal coloured clothes
10/11/2020 & 12/11/20 3.10pm - 5.30pm	Parent Telephone Consultations are available to book on Arbor
Wednesday 16th December 2020	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 12/11/20 and Friday 13/11/20	Individual pupil photos. No sibling or family this year
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
Wednesday 6th January 2021	Spring Term - back to school
Friday 12th February 2021	Inset day
Monday 15/02/21 - Friday 19/02/21	Spring half term

Remember to keep your contact details up to date.

Login to the Arbor App or call the school office to update them.



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Weekly class updates:

This week Honeybees have been looking at Autumn and the children have enjoyed making pictures with leaves found on their own weekend adventures. With Halloween approaching, our song of the week has been 'Incy Wincy Spider' which we have been singing while playing with pretend spiders in our water tray. Outside, the children have been practising their pumpkin carving by scooping out the pumpkin seeds. What a busy week! We hope you all have a happy half term and look forward to seeing you all in November.

Our focus story this week in Bumble Bees has been 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We have been talking about the three different size bears and vocabulary meaning the same or similar such as huge, big, middle sized, medium, small and little. We are learning a new song about 'Goldilocks' too. We have been playing a game called 'Grandma's Footsteps' where we use musical instruments to create different sounds to make various movements to. The children have all settled well and are making friends and are now familiar with the nursery routines. We have really enjoyed our first half term and hope you all have a lovely half term break!

Puffins have been busy investigating in maths. We have been comparing size and weight. The children have learnt new vocabulary which they are using in independent learning. We have been practising our reading and writing. I am seeing some excellent progress in a very short space of time. Please continue to support your child with their reading at home. I think I will be giving out some Reading Rockets after half term. Have a lovely half term break.

This week Kingfishers have done some super maths work, measuring, weighing and ordering by size. They have used lovely mathematical language including 'heavier' and 'lighter'. They have also had lots of fun in PE practising their ball skills, including throwing and catching as well as football. They've enjoyed balancing along the apparatus as well as participating in yoga to cool down. Kingfishers' have worked extremely hard in all areas of the curriculum this week.

Swifts have had a great start to Year One with a brilliant first half term. We have enjoyed thinking about our feelings, making new and establishing old friendships. We've found calm in listening to stories together and many of us have been practising our reading at home. There are already lots of people on our Reading Rocket wall and we have made super progress, well done everybody. Please keep practising at home, it's amazing how much you can achieve with regular practise.

I have been extremely impressed with Owls this week, they have risen to every challenge given to them and shown a huge amount of determination to achieve even more. They have enjoyed writing their 'WOW' pieces of writing using adjectives and similes to describe their creature from another world. They used a range of resources to build their maths knowledge and worked hard to identify special friends in our phonics lessons. Their work over the half term has improved every day and I can't wait to see what they achieve next half term. Well done Owls.

And so we reach the final week of our first half term. I am so proud of every Skylark for the way they have returned to school and their approach to learning. This week, we have written character descriptions for mysterious alien monsters, using our imaginations to think of their likes and dislikes. We are becoming more and more confident in automatically knowing what to add to a given number to make 10 and 20, without having to do any working out. Enjoy your half term break, stay safe, particularly if you will be venturing outside for Halloween or to see any fireworks.

Robins have had a fantastic last week at school before half term. They have produced their first WOW piece of writing for Year 2, where they wrote a character description about an alien. We were very impressed with how much their writing skills have improved this half term. Also, the class managed to get their last marble in the jar so have been able to enjoy their class reward. A brilliant end to what has been a fantastic first half term. Well done!

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!

Skylarks ~ Lyvie
Puffins ~ Kingsley

MY PERSONAL BEST

This weeks value is Imaginations.

These children have shown great imagination in their learning this week

Puffins ~ All of Puffins

Kingfishers ~ Toby

Swallows ~ Oscar

Swifts ~ Tommy

Robins ~ Bethanie

Skylarks ~ Evie and Ava

NUMBOTS

Inside your child's reading record, you will find login details for NumBots; a platform for boosting addition and subtraction skills. NumBots is an online game (an app is available) and playing little and often will significantly improve your child's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts. These are critical foundations in maths so we are excited by the impact NumBots will have.

Children might need some help navigating to the website and entering their login details but once they're in, they just need some quiet space to get on with the games for short bursts of time. They can either practise skills in Story Mode or practise quick recall of facts in Challenge Mode.

Important: please don't allow siblings, friends or family to answer for them but do support your child if they are stuck.

Children will earn stickers for each stage they complete. They are aiming to upgrade a rusty robot, working through different materials until they reach diamond. If you need any help with login details, please speak to your child's class teacher or pop a question to them via Tapestry.



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