



# BISCOVEY NURSERY & INFANTS' NEWSLETTER

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Autumn Term 2020

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## A message from Mrs French

This week we received the sad news that Mr Richard Pears sadly passed away. Many of you will remember Mr Pears as head teacher here at Biscovey. He led the school for many years and is remembered by many of us, particularly around his love for putting on a fantastic end of year show. I'm sure you will join me in sending our thoughts to the family at this time.

### Site safety

My usual thanks and reminders remain the same. 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:

Year 1:

Year 2:

### 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

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
Freddie and Kobie	Addison and Joshua T	Jack and Robyn	Oscar and Fern	Olivia and Millie	Daisy and Charlie	Cayden and Siennah

### Attendance



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

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Kingfishers ~ 99.6%	Swallows ~ 95.6%	Owls ~ 97.9%
Puffins ~ 100%	Swifts ~ 98%	Robins ~ 99.5%
		Skylarks ~ 98.4%

## 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

Now the weather is turning colder, please remind your child to bring their coat to school.



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## Weekly class updates:

This week Honeybees have been focusing on shapes. We've been completing lots of shape puzzles and have been fishing for shapes in the water tray. Following the children's recent interest in the toy cars, we have enjoyed making paint tracks on different shaped roads and exploring the different track marks we can make in sand.

This week Bumblebees have continued to talk about celebrations. We have been focussing on birthdays and how we celebrate them. In the playdough we have been making cakes and counting out the candles and in our role play area we have had banners, party hats and party food. We have also been using balloons dipped in paint to make some lovely pictures. As it was Mrs Rowe's birthday, we even had real cake!

This week in Puffins we have really enjoyed Maths. We have been counting and recognising numbers. The children have particularly enjoyed active Maths in PE. We have also been learning about Diwali. The children made a diya lamp and decorated it to bring home today.

Kingfishers have had lots of fun this week learning all about Diwali. The children have enjoyed listening to the story of Rama and Sita and acting out the story using masks and puppets. Kingfishers have used clay and tools to make a diya clay tealight. In P.E this week, we have enjoyed using all the apparatus to explore different balances. In maths, we have been learning our number bonds to 5.

Swallows have been retelling the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. They have been writing super speech bubbles, pretending to be the troll and the Billy goats. They have used lots of fantastic expression and descriptive language and started writing the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Miss Debes is very proud of their efforts with handwriting and has enjoyed reading their stories.

This week Swifts have been working hard on using expression in their voices when retelling the story of The Billy Goats Gruff. There were some frightening trolls and sweet billy goats with fantastic use of actions to help us remember. In Maths we have been subtracting and telling take away stories. Can you make up one of your own mathematical stories?

I have been incredibly impressed by the mathematicians we have had in owls this week. We have used base ten to help understand how to add 2 two digit numbers before we reflected on our learning and transferred those skills to paper. We are all now able to confidently add 2 two digit numbers using drawings to help us. In literacy we have started to adapt the story of the gingerbread man adding our own little twists. Well done to the children who shared their stories on tapestry. They were fantastic. I can wait to see how our stories turn out next week.

Skylarks . This week in Skylarks we have been working hard to practise different methods of adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers. We have been using our place value knowledge to add the ones and then the tens. We have learned how to use apostrophes to contract words and looked at four different types of sentence. In PE, we have been performing sequences in unison and canon that include mirroring and matching with a partner.

This week in Robins we have been working hard to develop our addition skills, challenging ourselves by adding increasingly difficult 2-digit numbers, becoming more confident each day. We have also looked in more depth at the language features of The Gingerbread Man, thinking about how we can utilise this in our own writing. We enjoyed sharing the story of Vlad, a flea who experienced the awful tragedy of The Great Fire of London. The class showed amazing detective skills, looking at paintings created to show the events of the fire and answering our own questions about what happened. Next week we will be finding out more! It has been another great week in Robins, with wonderful attitudes shown towards the work!

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!

Owls ~ Honey  
Skylarks ~ Xander

### MY PERSONAL BEST

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

Puffins ~ Isabella  
Swallows ~ Poppy C  
Robins ~ Bayley  
Kingfishers ~ Phoebe  
Swifts ~ Albert  
Owls ~ Lola  
Skylarks ~ Sophia

## Photo consent!

The schools across the Aspire Academy Trust are gathering new parental consent for photographic use for all students.

We are aware that since some families completed admissions forms, the use of images on social media has increased hugely and we feel it is vital that we ensure that all families have the opportunity to review the consent that they give so we can ensure that children's images are never displayed/posted incorrectly.

In order to do this you will need to log into the Arbor parent portal and you will be prompted to consent/decline for 6 different photographic criteria.

While you are checking the portal can we ask that you also check and update your child's profile.





## Early Help Parenting Worker Advice Line

### Penwith and Kerrier



Our regular parenting courses are currently being delivered virtually due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Do you need some support and advice to understand your child's needs and behaviour?

- Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe
- To understand the importance of routines for your family

To get in touch with your questions please send an email to Myra Whitney, Area Parenting Lead, [myra.whitney@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:myra.whitney@cornwall.gov.uk) or call 01209 310000 and leave a message mentioning Parenting Worker Advice Line with your contact details and the best time for us to contact you.

A member of the Parenting Team will contact you back by phone within two working days.