



# BISCOVEY NURSERY & INFANTS' NEWSLETTER

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Autumn Term 2020

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## A message from Mrs French

Congratulations to all our reception children in Kingfishers and Puffins who have completed their first full week at school. We are delighted with how well they have settled. Friendships have been built, the outside area explored and the enjoyment of a PE lesson discovered. Keep up the good work reception!

Please could I extend a couple of gentle reminders regarding dropping off and collection. Our aim is to ensure that we are all safe and socially distanced during these uncertain times. I understand the temptation to want to watch your child walk up the playground towards the classroom but this does mean that congestion is created in an area where we are wanting to create a smooth flow of parents. Please drop your child and move on as quickly as possible to allow other parents to drop their children. We always have staff on hand to support your child if they are unsure or upset. Messages can be passed to the member of staff on the gate who will ensure they are passed to the class teacher.

Collection times are also running smoothly but again please could I ask that only one adult enters the site to collect. We need to keep the numbers of people passing through our school site to a minimum.

A reminder of collection times at the end of the day:

Year 2 - 2.50pm

Year 1 - 2.55 pm

Reception - 3 pm

Please arrive promptly at the time above to collect your child. If you have two children to collect please arrive at the later time.

As always, if you have any concerns please speak with your class teacher at the end of the day. Alternatively, email [hello@biscoveyinfants.org.uk](mailto:hello@biscoveyinfants.org.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Vicky French - Head of School



## Achievement Awards Reception, Year 1

Kingfishers	Puffins	Swallows	Swifts	Robins	Skylarks	Owls
Freya and Zander	Addison and Logan	Layla and David	Perryn and Ivy	Sidney and Sophie	Max and Tommy	Indica and Bailey

## Attendance

Best attendance goes to both **Skylarks** and **Swallows** with **100%** ! Welldone!

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Kingfishers ~ 99.2%	Swallows ~ 100%	Owls ~ 96.3%
Puffins ~ 98%	Swifts ~ 95%	Robins ~ 98.3%
		Skylarks ~ 100%

## Dates for your Diary

Thurs 15/10/2020	Harvest donation to bring in produce for St Austell food bank
Mon 26/10/20 to Fri 30/10/20	Autumn Half Term Break
Fri 18/12/20 to Fri 01/01/21	Christmas School Holidays 1.30pm finish
Mon 04/01/21 and Tues 05/01/21	Aspire Inset Days
Wed 06/01/21	Spring Term - Back to school
Fri 12/02/21	Inset Day
Mon 15/02/21 - Fri 19/02/21	Spring Half Term

Please could all children bring a coat to school now the weather has turned colder.

Please remember to name all clothing.



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## Weekly class update.....

Bumblebees have had our first week back full time. We have been very busy drawing and painting some lovely pictures of ourselves. We have also been looking at the colour red this week. We made some red playdough. All the children had fun searching for circles around the nursery garden and found lots. We had a go at drawing a circle on the big chalkboard. Next week we are looking forward to welcoming 3 new Bumblebees!

Puffins have been having lots of fun this week learning new sounds. I hope the children have come home and shared the sound of the day with you. The children have also enjoyed circle times. This week's focus has been 'My favourite things'. They loved sharing their favourite things with their friends. I think after a full school week the children will sleep well over the weekend.

This week in Kingfishers we have had lots of fun in the hall during our PE session. We practised our ball skills and our balancing skills using the benches and beams. We persevered and were very confident using the apparatus at the end of the session. Mrs Grant and Mrs Thomas are really impressed with how well the children changed for PE. Well done Kingfishers.

Swallows have been doing lots of creative writing this week. They have been talking and writing all about themselves, learning to use the personal pronoun 'I', discussing and writing about likes and dislikes. They have been using their sense of smell to smell common garden herbs and plants and write about if they like the smell or not. They have been focusing on using 'but' and 'because' to extend their sentences. Miss Debes is very proud of their super sentences this week.

Swifts Class have been learning to use the greater than, less than and equals symbol this week. We have been practising this in PE as well as making sure our teams are fair by problem solving independently. We have also been exploring plants using our senses. Lavender is our favourite smell because of its calming effect.

What a wonderful week we have had in Owls, we have enjoyed our outdoor PE sessions, learning new passing techniques. We have explored place value charts in maths and started to explore addition. In RE we have investigated the 99 names of Allah and created some beautiful artwork. Keep up the amazing work owls

This week in Skylarks, we have been continuing to learn our story 'Almost Anything'. We have looked at conjunctions, adverbs and more interesting words for 'said'. We have been using place value charts to understand numbers made up of tens and ones. We have started to learn about the religion of Islam and have posed questions that we would like to find out the answers to. We're excited for our next drumming lesson too.

Robins have had another brilliant week. We have been building up all our skills in writing ready to write our own stories next week. In maths we have been looking at place value, with numbers to up 100. In PE we have taken part in some invasion activities which the children enjoyed. Finally, in RE we have looked at the Arabic alphabet and had a go at writing our names. Well done Robins.

### MY PERSONAL BEST

This weeks value is Curiosity

These children have shown great curiosity in their learning this week

Puffins ~ Max

Robins ~ Adelaide

Swallows ~ Louie

Owls ~ Poppy

Swifts ~ Charlie H

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 ~ Henry

Swallows ~ Caden



**"My child is under the weather"**

Do they have any of the following?

**New persistent, dry cough**  
**Fever of 38 degrees plus**  
**Complete loss/change of smell/taste**

<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>STAY AT HOME</b>	<b>Normal school attendance expectations still in place</b>
Call 119 or visit <a href="http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus">www.gov.uk/coronavirus</a> to arrange a test as soon as possible	We will call you if their condition worsens
Your complete household <b>MUST</b> self-isolate until you have a test result	Your child can still access learning in school if they have a runny nose, sore throat or the winter sniffles