



# BISCOVEY NURSERY & INFANTS' NEWSLETTER

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Autumn Term 2020

06.11.2020

## A message from Mrs French

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. This is always such an exciting term and, despite now entering a second lock down, we will continue to work hard at school to make the days exciting and inspiring for your children.

### Covid Measures

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our site Covid secure. The increased measures have been thoroughly discussed with the Aspire health and safety team and appear to be running smoothly. Your cooperation in wearing masks on the school site is appreciated, however following a health and safety meeting today I have been advised that staff will not wear masks. This will ensure that we can continue to welcome our children into school with a warm and welcoming smile. If we need to support children into school visitors will be available for staff to use where social distancing cannot be maintained. Guidance changes frequently so we regularly review our school risk assessments to ensure that all measures are firmly in place to keep our school safe.



### Children in Need

Friday 13th November is Children in Need day. We always recognise this day in school and this year will be no exception. We would like to invite the children to wear something spotty to school on the day. This will be a non uniform day.

We are unable to take cash donations in school but you will be able to make a donation to this worthwhile cause through the school Parentpay facility.

### Parking

Please can I ask that you refrain from parking on the zig-zag yellow lines or immediately outside the school gate. It is extremely hazardous to park in this area.

### Change of date

Please note that school photos will now be on Wednesday 18th November. Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we are unable to offer family or sibling photos this year.



## Achievement Awards Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Kingfishers	Puffins	Swallows	Swifts	Robins	Skylarks	Owls
Piran and Bethany	Huey and Isaac	Harvey and Oliver	Scarlet B and Charlie H	Adelaide and Robert	Phoebe and Evie	Emily and Tyler



This weeks best attendance goes to Swallows and Kingfishers with 99.6% Well done!

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Kingfishers ~ 99.6%	Swallows ~ 99.6%	Owls ~ 95.6%
Puffins ~ 98%	Swifts ~ 96.9%	Robins ~ 98.2%
		Skylarks ~ 96.7%

## Dates for your Diary

10/11/2020 & 12/11/20 3.10pm - 5.30pm	Parent Telephone Consultations are available to book on Arbor
Friday 13th November	Children in Need ~ children may come to school dressed in spots!
Change of date: Wednesday 18th November	Individual pupil photos. No sibling or family this year
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
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



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## Weekly class updates:

What a brilliant first week back we have had! We were so pleased to welcome back so many smiley faces on Monday. This week Honey Bees have been busy looking at fireworks. They have made some super pictures using chalks and paints and have also been busy exploring lots of sparkles in the water tray and the playdough. We are looking forward to continuing this theme on Monday, so feel free to upload any Bonfire night photos you may have onto Tapestry!

This week Bumblebees have been learning all about Guy Fawkes Night. We have made some lovely fireworks pictures using marbles, paint and black card. We also watched a firework display on the whiteboard and pretended to be fireworks using different movements and sounds. We have been doing lots of counting and number rhymes such as 'Five Little Ducks' and 'Five Speckled Frogs' using finger puppets.

Puffins have had an exciting week taking part in lots of different Halloween activities. All the children looked great in their Halloween-coloured outfits. We have been making silly soup in Literacy and writing our ingredients. We have been learning different shapes in Maths and have had lots of fun going on shape hunts.

Kingfishers have had a super week celebrating Halloween. They enjoyed dressing up in autumnal/Halloween colours and spending the week exploring all things Halloween and pumpkins. They have made their own Halloween pictures and enjoyed our story pumpkin soup.

Swallows have been listening to and watching firework displays. They have generated wonderful words to describe the sights, sounds and tastes of bonfire night. They listened to and acted out bonfire poems, using their imaginations to act out the descriptive writing. The descriptive words were used to make their own Bonfire night poems that were displayed with brilliant and bright firework pictures they made in class. Well done Swallows for all your creativity and imagination this week.

Swifts Class have been exploring the theme of fireworks this week. We have been listening to Handel and whizzing and twirling around the hall in PE. In Maths we have ordered numbers counted backwards to launch rockets and in Literacy we have written about all things dazzling!

What a lovely first week back Owls have had after half term, we really enjoyed our history lessons, discovering facts about Guy Fawkes, we even had a visit from Guy Fawkes himself. We explored poems about fireworks, looking at all of the exciting language before we created our own. In maths we continued to develop our addition and subtraction skills by adding in ones and tens.

This week Skylarks have been focussing on a range of strategies to help with addition and subtraction. We have been continuing to embed pairs of numbers that make 10 and use this for more complicated number problems. We've had a week of firework poetry, exploring the sights and sounds and have each produced an excellent firework poem, as well as learning the history behind bonfire night.

Robins have had a great first week back from half term, working to improve our poetry telling skills, as well as writing our own poems on a Firework theme. In maths we have been adding and subtracting numbers up to 100, with some really impressive speedy answers when adding ten to any given number. We have moved indoors for our P.E. lessons, starting a new unit of gymnastics. Why not ask you child to show off some of the key skills we were practicing, such as a side support or half lever. The children have come back with great enthusiasm. Fantastic!

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!

Puffins ~ Joshua

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

Puffins ~ Owyn  
Swallows ~ Oakley  
Robins ~ Sidney  
Owls ~ Sophie  
Swifts ~ Alistair  
Skylarks ~ Ava

## From Blackbird

Sorry we missed you before half-term but there is still relevant information in the Autumn issue. The Christmas issue will come out in mid-November and will be adapted to the current situation so we shall be featuring resources that are available to families to use at home as well as events. We are also able to amend the information in the magazine to keep up with events. <https://blackbirdreads.turtl.co/story/blackbirdpie-autumn-2020/>



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The deadline for applications is **15 January 2021**

# Starting school

## September 2021

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017

### Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

### Information and guidance

Website and application form: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)  
Email: [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY  
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

### Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191



[www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)

## Applying for a reception class place for September 2021

### Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: [statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk)

### 1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...

...think about **how you will get your child to school.** Go to [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport) for more information on whether your child would be entitled to transport to school.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

### 2 Submit your application by 15 January 2021

Apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

### 3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 16 April 2021.** **Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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## Year 2

To introduce our new topic Once Upon a Time, year 2 are invited to dress up as a traditional story character on Tuesday 10th November.

