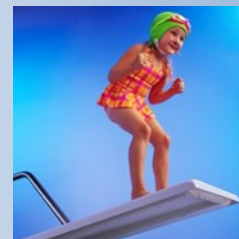


Bream C of E Primary News

Together we Learn

January 2019



Courage

Welcome to the Spring Term at Bream. Last term saw many changes here at Bream and going forward there are lots more planned. We are currently working on developing a new, more exciting curriculum ready for September but in the meantime, your children may well have spoken to you about the new guided reading books that we are using. We have also introduced a new Maths scheme with a range of additional Maths equipment. We will be asking you for your ideas so that you can contribute to the new curriculum, for example you may know of local areas where we can visit making our curriculum real.

As a school, we have also been working on our ethos and for children, there has been a lot of talk about how we treat each other and wish to be treated. Our values should play a large part in our ethos and for the 'Compassion' value and this term's 'Courage' value, the children have focused on activities which they have completed in their Houses. Thus, there is a bigger emphasis on our values in school. We are obviously working on the behaviour in the school both in the classroom and on the playground. We have developed new Sports/Play Leaders with some of our Year 6 children and further work is planned this term to look at the activities for children at lunchtime. Mr Stevens, our Family Support Worker, has been busy supporting several families and working with individual and groups of children. We are also working with the Local Authority looking at attendance and inclusion. You may have read on social media about an incident involving a child last week, just to reassure you that I thoroughly investigated this incident and it did not occur. There are additional members of staff out on the playground at break time and lunchtime monitoring behaviour and stepping in when appropriate to do so. Consequently, the children are enjoying their free time and with the additional activities planned, this should continue to develop. If you do have any concerns however, please do come into school to see me.

During the Spring Term there are several whole school activities planned that will engage and excite your children. It is our wish to involve you in the school as much as possible and thank you to everyone who has supported us during the Autumn Term.

Mrs White

The Gloucestershire Fire Service visited Elm Class. They came to talk to us about fire safety and the



work that they do.

Firstly, they asked us questions about The Great Fire of London.

Next, they showed us all of their protective clothing and talked to us about fire safety. Afterwards, we went outside and went inside the fire engine to try on the helmets and gas masks. Then, we pulled out the hose and squirted it. Finally, the fire fighters put on the sirens and lights for us.



Even though it was very, very rainy we had an enjoyable morning and learned a lot.

By Elm Class

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News Flash

- * Children need their PE kits to be in school for the whole term. If it is deemed necessary to wash kits, please ensure that they are returned to school the following school day.



- * Congratulations to Elm Class!!! They were this week's winners of the reading cup. They had the most children that have read at home at least three times this week. All children that have met or exceeded this target are rewarded with an extra 5 minutes of play time.

- * Please remember to use Spelling Shed at home with your children. It is a really fun resource for learning to spell words required by the English national curriculum for years 1-6. The spelling shed is proving very popular with children that are already regularly using it.
- * It is Census Day on Thursday 17th January. Please can we encourage as many children to have a school dinner. The numbers of children having a school dinner on Census Day will have a direct impact on the amount of funding that the school receives from local government. The menu choices will be Bangers (Pork), mash and beans or jacket potato with cheese. Dessert will be chocolate brownie with chocolate sauce.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 17th January	Census Day—Please can we encourage all children to have a school lunch today. This will directly impact the amount of funding we receive from local government.
Friday 15th February	Term 3 Finishes. (Normal Times)
Monday 25th February	Term 4 Begins. (Normal Times)
Tuesday 12th March	Proposed Parent Evening (1)
Wednesday 13th March	Proposed Parent Evening (2)
Thursday 21st March	FOBPS Rags 2 Riches Collection—Bags will be sent out nearer to this date.
Friday 22nd March	Non-uniform day (Donations of chocolates for FOBPS please)
Friday 29th March	FOBPS Easter Bingo Evening at school—More details to follow
Friday 5th April	Term 4 Finishes. (Normal Times)

Newsflash

- * We are looking for supply staff to cover Midday Supervisors in the case of absence. Please contact the school office and request an application form if you are interested in the position.

Prior experience of working with children is desirable but not essential. However, adaptability and friendliness are!

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff, and volunteers, to share the same commitment. This position is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

- * Please ensure that all children adhere to the schools uniform policy. We would like all children to wear the suggested school uniform. We believe that it creates a sense of belonging, teaches children that certain clothes are appropriate to certain places and events and reduces the problems created by the latest 'fashions'.
- * The school is concerned about the safety of our pupils at the beginning and end of the school day. Please do not park in Oakwood Road when you are collecting or dropping off children. The road is becoming very congested. We had an accident reported to the school last Thursday involving a car parked in the disabled bay. Please use the designated car park areas at the West Dean Centre or the Sports Club and cross the roads with Mrs Higgins at the designated crossing points.

Please also ensure that the designated disabled bay is kept clear for people including parents visiting the school with disabilities that it is intended for.



INCLEMENT WEATHER/EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF THE SCHOOL

The following applies in the event that Bream School needs to close:

Information about a school closure is communicated to the Local Authority for inclusion on their website (www.glosclosedschools.com) and the area radio stations immediately. The same information is relayed to all those parents/carers via the text messaging service immediately afterwards. This will also be on our Facebook page.

Information is also posted on the school website (www.breamcofeprimary.co.uk) as soon as we can clarify details of the situation. More detailed information will be supplied by text message as soon as it is available.

A closure during the school day will be communicated by text message and no child will be allowed to walk home without parental permission.

It is very helpful to us when parents/carers keep each other informed as we have no guarantee of 100% coverage with the text message service.

Please make sure that we have up to date contact details.