

Hot Chocolate Club!



Every week class teachers will award two children with a hot chocolate club token. The token entitles children to join Mr Tyers on the Friday for hot chocolate and a biscuit. Children are selected for showing impeccable behaviour all week.

This week's club members...

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kian and Mackenzie Bradley and Esmee	Charlie, Lily and Loki Dominic, Kory and Riley D Caitlin and Kallum	Oscar and Analeese Preston and Maisie Dylan, Jake, Jemima and Lily C	Megan and Riley April, Elana, Jessica, Levi, Lacey and Sky

Attendance



Best attendance goes to **Maple and Rowan with 99.3% attendance!** Extra 'Star Time' coming your way!

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Juniper: 98.2%	Maple: 99.3%	Holly: 95.4%	Ash: 97.4%
Palm: 98.6%	Cedar: 98.5%	Rowan: 99.3%	Hazel: 98.3%
	Sycamore: 95.2%	Hawthorn: 93.6%	

What to do if your child is ill

It's that time of year when children (and adults) get a range of minor illnesses causing a range of symptoms. With the additional worry around Covid-19 it is understandable that you may not be sure about whether you should be sending your child to school or not. We hope that this simple guide is useful to you.



"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

YES

STAY AT HOME
Call 119 or visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus to arrange a test as soon as possible

Your complete household **MUST** self-isolate until you have a test result

NO

Normal school attendance expectations still in place
We will call you if their condition worsens

Your child can still access learning in school if they have a runny nose, sore throat or the winter sniffles

Bags in school

We have been listening to your feedback in relation to bringing bags to school, so from Monday, children will now be able to bring their own bag or rucksack to school each day. Please ensure that this is only used to bring essential items to school. Children should not bring pencil cases, stationery or toys with them. Thank you all for supporting us with this as we continue to ensure that the school environment remains as safe as possible for both children and staff.

Google Classroom

With the uncertainty of Covid-19 it is important that you all sign up to your Google classroom account so that if your child is absent from school at any time in the future they are able to continue with their learning at home. Everyone will have previously received a Wonde login, and using this you will be able to access Google Classroom and also many apps that the children are familiar with all in one place. Please contact the school office if you are unable to find your login details.

PE Challenge

This week's exercise challenge is called speed bounce. Place a sock on the floor, jumping with both feet at the same time, try to jump over the sock as many times as you can in 20 seconds. How many can you score? Good luck. For further instructions visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzWyMWAefk4>.



Safeguarding

Safeguarding our children is the responsibility of everyone, so if you have a concern please contact the school via telephone or email and ask to speak with a member of the safeguarding team. The safeguarding lead for both Biscovey Nursery & Infants and Biscovey Academy is Mr. Wallbank.

To raise a concern yourself, you can also contact:
NSPCC 0808 800 5000
Cornwall Multi Agency Referral Unit 0300 123 1116

It is often said that there is no instruction manual for being a parent, though I am sure most of us have times when we wish that there were. Parenting can be tough and the right advice can be hard to find. The NSPCC website has a great section covering a range of different issues that will impact on most of us at some point. Check out their webpage [here](#).

Social Media

We all enjoy sharing positive moments and achievements with others, and social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter are great ways to do this. If you have a question, concern or complaint, then please contact the school via email or by telephone.

Parent Pay

We now have most parents signed up to parent pay which makes it much easier for you to pay for things such as school meals without the need for cash. If you have not already set it up we would encourage you to do so. It is really straightforward, and can be downloaded as an app. You will need the activation code that was previously sent out, if you are having any trouble with this please get in touch with the school office.

Leadership Blog from Mrs Davis – Lead Teacher



Several weeks back into school now, and whilst things are very different the familiarity of lots of smiling faces on the gate each morning, and as I walk through the school is always reassuring. Having worked at the Infants' for many years, I have had the privilege of teaching and getting to know many of the children in our school. Now, in my new role at Biscovey Academy seeing the children grow (some nearly taller than me) is a wonderful opportunity and reminds me that teaching truly is the best job in the world!

These are strange times for us all, but the children in our school continue to make me proud each day as they arrive at my door with beaming faces holding their gold awards. These awards are given by the adults in the school who have noticed exceptional attitudes, behaviour and acts of kindness being shown. These awards are collected by the children and at milestones of 25, 50 and 75 they will receive additional recognition. If they manage to earn 100, they will have a £50 Amazon voucher to choose something of their choice for their class! I am looking forward to seeing who will be the first to achieve this...

We value the effort that our children make to go that extra mile and those that are consistently demonstrating our school rules of being '**ready, respectful and safe**'. It is a shame that we are currently unable to have our traditional achievement assemblies as a school community, but nothing will dampen the Biscovey spirit, and are exploring different ways to recognise our amazing young people. One that is proving to be a popular event is 'Hot Chocolate Friday' which is now up and running and is a lovely end to the week for a small group of children who really do deserve a sweet little treat.

We know that returning to school after such a long break and adjusting to changes has not been easy and I would like to thank you all for supporting us as a school and working with us to support your children.

Mrs Davis

Dates for your diary

26.10.20 – 30.10.20	Half Term
18.12.20	Last day of term
04.01.21	INSET
05.01.21	INSET
06.01.21	First day of term
12.02.21	INSET
15.02.21 – 19.02.21	Half Term

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!