

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.

Congratulations to all of our hot chocolate club members this week!

Rock Hero Status		Most Active Classes
Henry S Oscar W Kenny C Layton P Charlotte S Alfie B		1 st – Hazel 2 nd – Sycamore 3 rd – Hawthorn

 **Attendance** Best attendance goes to **Cedar with 98.8% attendance!**

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Juniper: 92.3%	Maple: 93.4%	Holly: 88.5%	Ash: 92.0%
Palm: 95.2%	Cedar: 98.8%	Rowan: 91.7%	Hazel: 93.1%
	Sycamore: 91.8%	Hawthorn: 95.2%	

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](https://www.nspcc.org.uk) 0808 800 5000 Cornwall

[Multi Agency Referral Unit](https://www.marsden.org.uk) 0300 123 1116

As we enter the half term break, the nights are fast drawing in and it is now increasingly likely that the children will be out when the light has faded. It is a good time to remind children of road safety and safe places to play. Even though many of our children have now reached an age where they are more confident being around roads, it is easy to assume that they know how to keep safe yet inexperience can lead to accidents. There are several websites with good resources to share with your children, including:

[ROSPA](https://www.rospace.org.uk)

[Think!](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

[Brake](https://www.brake.org.uk)

Bonfire Night Menu

As the days are growing colder we are pleased to see more of our children enjoying a hot meal in school, with Fridays as popular as ever. There will be a change to the menu on Thursday 5th November which we think the children will enjoy...



PE

This week's challenge is all about using your balance and coordination. lie on the floor with one foot in the air, place a shoe on your foot and try to make a full rotation of your body - it's much harder than it sounds. for further information and guidance, watch this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0RWSwo1FziM>.

Good luck.



Parents' Meetings

We know that you will be keen to have the opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher about their learning and how they are settling into their new classes and year groups. As you are aware, we are unable to hold parent's evenings in the same way that we traditionally do so this year will look different. We are still looking at the best way to do this and are planning to make arrangements before Christmas. We will of course let you know dates in good time.

Sumdog Competition 6th-12th November

We have many keen mathematicians amongst our children, so they will be pleased to know that we have entered all classes onto an Aspire wide Sumdog competition. Sumdog is an app that all children have free access to and it responds to how children answer questions in order to set the challenge, so children will always be working at their own level. When they compete in a competition they will answer questions at their own level which means that everyone can take part. The more that join in, the more chance their class has of winning. Please encourage your child to play Sumdog and TTRS over the half term break to maintain their fluency in maths. A small amount each day really does make a difference.

Good luck.



Leadership Blog from Miss Bignell – SENDCo

As we lay down our pencils, pick up our book bags and say our goodbyes for a week, what is clear from the weary smiles on the faces of our children is they are all in need of a well earned rest. It's been tricky to return to the routines and expectations of school life for some children and families. Throw in a global pandemic, the heightened anxieties of pupils, parents and staff and then add in the new rules and routines that aren't part of a normal working school and what you have is something which resembles school as we remember it, but isn't quite the same at all. What we have tried to create and will continue to work together to build, is school being a safe place for our children. A place where they know that what is expected today will be expected tomorrow. Consistency is a word we hear a lot and is a key element in creating feelings of safety. Linked to my blog on routine, consistency creates certainty. Whilst some things remain out of our circle of control, more so now than ever before, we can be consistent with our expectations. **Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe.** The three rules we instil in our pupils in order to prepare them for school, life long learning and life in the wider community. For some, these rules are harder to follow and we must remain supportive, show some understanding that whilst we are all in this together, some of us need guiding to the finish line and we must remain consistent in our message. As a trauma informed school our message is simple; when children feel better about themselves they do better - **compassion, understanding and connection before correction** supports us all to be the best that we can be!

Have a restful week, take some time to enjoy being together and come back ready for the next chapter.

Dates for your diary

26.10.20 – 30.10.20	Half Term
05.11.20	Bonfire Night Special Menu
09.11.20 – 14.11.20	National Maths Week – Sumdog Competition
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 half term everyone!