

UPDATES

The Bishops Nympton Primary School Newsletter

Hello all.

Welcome to 2019. I would like to begin by wishing you all a very happy New Year if I haven't already seen you and hope that you all had a lovely festive season.

Spring Term

With a late Easter this is not the shortest of Spring Terms but it is already a very full one. There are all kinds of exciting things to look forward to during this Season. We have some exciting new class topic themes, school trips and visits, exciting initiatives, and Easter activities to look forward to at the very end of the term. The classes have settled back into school really well and we are already getting into exciting topic themes such as "Under the Sea" and "Invaders". We are looking forward to some fantastic musical opportunities such as Wellington Come & Sing and we will be aiming to enhance the opportunities to learn different instruments in 2019. As well as many sporting fixtures to look forward to, we also welcome James Kemp to school as he delivers specialist Cricket skills. Clubs also get underway again next week with an exciting and different range on offer. We are hoping to boost this further with other clubs coming online as the weather improves (hopefully) after half term.

This term will also see a brand new website as we update our current system. The new site will hopefully be a great first port of call and we aim for this to be more user friendly, easier to navigate and full of information. Do look out for announcements in our newsletters as we get ready for the launch.

Staffing

Mrs Lake will soon be taking her maternity leave and we would like to take this opportunity to wish her and the family all the very best and we look forward to welcoming their new arrival. In light of this, we would like to welcome Mrs Horrell back to the school as she covers Mrs Lake's absence in Class 1. We would also like to welcome Tandi Sothcott (Class 2) and Tim Huxtable (Class 4) to school. They both join us on Teacher Training placements and we wish them every success during their time with us.

New Year, New Challenges...

We have two federation teams confirmed for the Exmoor Youth Challenge this year. This is a highly challenging event for teams of year sixes and includes full open moorland walking over a sixteen-mile course. The event also involves map reading, orienteering and extremely close timings! We will begin our training and practices as soon as the weather improves and this year we are opening these to all junior children and their families. Hopefully as part of the programme this year we will be hoping to stage the "Hawkridge Hike" for as a general event for our families and community. Look out for more updates as we get closer to the event.

You are probably also aware that we are getting ready for our annual residential trip to Heatree Activity Centre on Dartmoor for year 4 and 5 children. This is always an excellent venue with very exciting outward bounds and adventurous activities including everything from Raft Building to Abseiling and High Ropes! The skills on this residential supplement our excellent and well established outdoor learning programme as part of our Primary Learning Pathways curriculum. No matter what year group, there is so much exciting learning this term to get involved with. Remember everyone, aim high and dream big!

Winter weather

This is the worst half term for the weather and so as always, could I request that children are well prepared for wintry conditions with coats, gloves and appropriate footwear. If severe wintry weather occurs, then please follow the **SNOW CLOSURE GUIDANCE** (previously sent). Please be aware that the systems to find out if the school is open include: the School Text Service, Facebook & Twitter, Radio Devon and the Devon County Website (please sign up for email alerts). These are the main systems as staff may not be able to get to the school to update other systems or put notes on the gates. If bad weather strikes during a school day, then you will be contacted accordingly.

Enjoy the term and I look forward to seeing you all during some of our exciting events.

Best wishes
Tim Gurney



Spring Term 2019 Week Ending 18th January

Dates for the Diary:

(Dates may be amended or added)

January

Mon 28th Football Tournament Yr 5/6
Tues 29th Dental Survey - Specified 5yr olds
Wed 30th Governors Meeting, 6.15 Bishops Nympton

February

Thurs 14th Open Afternoon and Parent Maths Workshop

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February, Half Term

February cont'd

Tues 26th Parents Consultations

March

Wed 13th - Fri 15th Heatree Residential Yr 4/5
Wed 20th Governors Meeting, 6.15 East Anstey

April

Wed 3rd Come and Sing Event
Thurs 4th Easter Activities and Assembly

Easter Holidays

Tuesday 23rd April - non pupil day
Welcome back 24th April

committed The Bishops Nympton Team caring

Mr Gurney Mrs Forder Ms Peter Mrs Jones Mrs Hancock Mrs Lake Mrs Partridge
Mrs Baynes Mrs Loftus Miss P Alderman Mrs Cockram Mrs Howes Mr Yarney
Mrs Kennealy Miss Jennings Ms Pocock Mrs Humphreys Miss C Alderman Mrs Yates

'Part of the Exmoor Link Federation'

CLASS 1

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break over Christmas.

'Under the Sea'

We are really looking forward to our topic this term; it's always so exciting learning about a very different world under water. We will be learning about life in the sea and the creatures and plants that live in it. Everyone will be doing lots of art work. We will also be learning about habitats as part of our topic.



In our daily maths, literacy and phonics sessions we will follow the EYFS.

GRV Coaching with Chris Grave will continue to be on a Tuesday for Nursery and Reception.

Helping your child at home: If you want to help your child with their learning at home, you can do this in your everyday activities by noticing and talking about sounds, words, numbers, shapes, colours and time as you go about your daily routines with your children. When out and about, it would help to talk about names of trees, plants and animals and to notice the changes in the seasons, to tie in with our ongoing learning in science.

To help with reading, one of the best things you can do is share a love of stories with your child. Learning to read is hard work and it helps to focus on the enjoyment and fun that we all get from reading! All Reception children in our class have school banded reading books and need to be reading a little bit every day please: there is always a clear difference in the progress made by those children who read regularly at home and those who don't!

Just like in the previous term, the nursery will continue to take part in 'Little Readers'. This has been a very popular favourite between nursery children and their families at home. This term, the younger nursery children will explore the rhyme 'Little Boy Blue' and the older nursery will explore the rhyme 'Row Row Row your boat'. We look forward to sharing your experiences in class!

Mathletics: please continue to access Mathletics at home, as it is a fun way of practising maths skills for your child.

PE kits are to be kept on your child's peg during the week.

Coats: Please bring to school every day! The weather can change so quickly and children will need them for all playtimes and other outdoor activities, as we like to get outside as much as possible!

Labels: Please ensure all items of clothing are named and labelled, because clothing very quickly gets muddled up.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with one of the Class 1 Team. After school is easier to discuss individual questions as mornings can be busy, but please inform us of any information such as changes to collection arrangements, etc, which will be noted on the class board. Alternatively, please phone the office 01769 550 387.

Mrs Lake will be leaving us to have her baby next week and we send our best wishes to her and her family. Mrs Horrell will be covering for Mrs Lake during her maternity leave. Mrs Horrell has previously taught at the school as a regular supply teacher; she knows the school very well and we look forward to seeing her again in class.

Many thanks as always for your continued support.

The Class 1 Team.

CLASS 2

Hello everyone and happy New Year to you all. I hope that you have all had a fantastic Christmas break. It was definitely long enough to recharge the batteries and be fully ready for the new term ahead.

What a term we have in store. Once we get over the January blues, I always enjoy this time of the year; a time when the children really begin to grow as learners and develop a new found confidence.

We have wonderful things to look forward to as we dive in to our new topic: Under the Sea. The children will learn to locate continents and oceans around the world and compare and contrast climates; they will discover the plight of The Titanic and the events that led to its tragic end.

Closely linked to our topic theme, the children will embark on a myriad of nautical art and DT adventures from sea collages, a study of The Great Wave by Katsushika Hokusai to creating sea dioramas and divers in a bottle!

In music, the children will be given the chance to learn how to play a musical instrument and play as part of a whole class ensemble.

Scientific studies will focus on living things and their habitats and, in simple terms, how they are adapted to their environments.

CLASS 2 CONT'D

In computing we will be learning how to use pcs as a word processing tool and link this to our study of animals to create short fact files.

PE will take place on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, as before. The weather is typically very unsettled and cold at this time of the year, so please ensure that the children are well equipped for any eventuality. We have some stock, for those who come to school without kit, but warm over clothes are very limited.

Outdoor learning continues on a Tuesday afternoon. The children do go outside in most weathers, so again can I please ask that each week the children come to school with weather proof kit. Thank you.

In PSHE, the class will be thinking about growing and changing- looking at what it means to be me and how to keep themselves safe and well.

Our study of faiths will give the children the chance to mark the Chinese New Year celebrations. We will look also at Christianity and the Christian way of life through beliefs, values and experiences as well as personal and community action.

Home Learning continues in the same way as before. It will be set on a Thursday and will need to be handed in on the following Tuesday.

Daily reading, where possible;

Practising HFW in the back of reading records 3x each week;

Weekly practise of the half term spellings in home learning books;

Weekly mathletics tasks;

Special projects linked to our topic.

Although this tends to be a quieter time of the year, we have Open Afternoon and parent consultations to look forward to, together with Easter activities and whole school celebrations. I very much hope to see you then- and indeed any time. Class Dojo is a great way to keep in touch, but by all means please feel free to pop in and catch up, should you need to ask any questions or share any concerns. We are always here to listen.

Best wishes for the term ahead.

Mrs Forder and the CI2 Team

CLASS 3/4

Happy new year to you all,



Our topic lessons will be based on Invaders, paying particular attention to the Vikings and Anglo- Saxons. We will be investigating the impact they had on England.

In English this term, we will be using a variety of texts looking at both fiction and non-fiction. Our text that we will be using to guide our learning is Dragonology by Dugald A Steer. Children will be given opportunities to take part in role-play scenarios to immerse them in the text and give their writing purpose.

In maths, we will be developing our skills in multiplication, division, fractions, decimals and percentages. We will keep using our reasoning and problem-solving skills to create opportunities for deeper learning.

Keep practising those times tables at home, as they will help you in your maths lessons.

In science, this term's schemes of work will be learning all about Forces. We will get the opportunity to conduct an experiment to extend our thinking and scientific skills.



CLASS 3/4 CONT'D



Mathletics

The children will be given weekly mathletics on Friday. If you do not have a computer or have limited internet service to access the programme I will be running a homework club during Tuesday lunchtimes that will provide children with the opportunity to catch up.

PE / OUTDOOR LEARNING

PE & outdoor learning will be taking place on **Monday, Tuesday & Friday**. Children will need both their indoor and outdoor kit with them at all times and these are to stay in school and go home on Friday. Please ensure that your child has their kit in school for these days.

Outdoor learning Kit consists of;
Waterproof overalls or trousers
Wellies
Warm hoodie

Have a lovely term!

Ms Peter, Mrs Jones and the Junior teams

Clubs

Our after-school and lunchtime clubs for this half term are as follows:

After school clubs: 3.30-4.30pm

Monday :	Crafts (Yr 1-6)	Ms Peter
Monday :	Skateboarding (KS2 until half term)	Mr Huxtable
Tuesday :	Netball (KS2)	GRV Coaching
Wednesday:	Running Club (Yr 1-6 after half term)	Julie Colman
Thursday:	Yoga (Yr 1-6)	Mrs Jones
Friday:	Climbing Club - details to follow	

Lunchtime clubs:

Monday:	Wildlife Club KS1 and KS2	Mr Govier
Tuesday :	Multi-skills (KS1)	GRV Coaching
Wednesday:	Home Learning (Yr 4-6)	Ms Peter
Thursday:	Football Club (KS1 and KS2)	Mr Gurney

House Points

Totals so far this term

Ruby	51
Amber	89
Sapphire	157
Emerald	89

Star Achievers Amethyst Awards

Class 1 achiever: Oscar

Class 2 achiever: Joshua

Class 3 achiever: Spike

Class 4 achiever: Madelyn

PTA

The PTA will be holding a meeting in the school hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd January. All welcome.

Clothes Donations

Class 1 would be grateful for any spare clothes to be donated. Girl and boys trousers, jumpers and t-shirts aged 2-3, 3-4 and 4-5. Many thanks

Term Dates:

Spring 2019

Tuesday 8th January to Friday 5th April
Half-term: Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February
Non-pupil day: Monday 7th January

Summer 2019

Wednesday 24th April to Wednesday 24th July
May Day Holiday: Monday 6th May
Half-term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May
Non-pupil days: Tuesday 23rd April and Thursday 26th July

Thought for the term...

The Hills are not as high, the sea so deep, as a dream.

Kit Williams, Masquerade