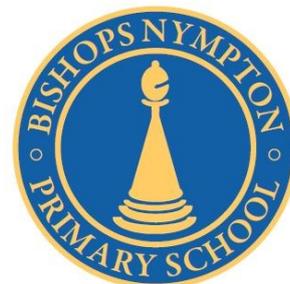


# UPDATE



## The Bishops Nympton Primary School & Pre-School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2017  
Week 2

### From the Head

**Hello everyone and welcome to Autumn!**

I hope that you all had a great summer holiday. I know the weather wasn't wonderful but I hope you managed to make the most of it. Autumn is now well and truly upon us as the year marches on. It may be a little early for talk of Christmas but actually this term always races by and this is one of the most exciting times of the school year.

It has been a lovely start to a school year. As always in September we welcome our new children and families. The children have made a great start in their classes and as always, I have enjoyed seeing the enthusiastic excitement as they all learn new routines or make some new friends.

#### Staffing news

We welcome back Mrs Guy to middle class (Class 2) after her maternity leave. It is lovely to see her back at school and we wish her a great year. We also would like to welcome Mrs Sluman (Felicity) to Bishops Nympton. She is leading the Pre-School, so do pop in and say hello. Tracey Cree also joins us at school. She has taken up a role as a Mealtime Assistant and will also join us in class for some school based experience.

#### Curriculum

The class topics are now underway. The Early Years (infant class and pre-school) topic is Farming. Class 2 is working on Ancient Greece whilst Class 3 will be studying Oceans and Seas and then Henry Tudor. I am very pleased to announce that we have been successful in our bid to become learning partners with Exmoor National Park. We have been really lucky to have been selected for this partnership and we are looking forward to some great learning experiences this year. We are updating our website to reflect this and all of our curriculum offer over the next few weeks so do check back to see what is on offer.

#### Events

There are lots of these to look forward to once again this term. Our sporting festivals get underway again now and we look forward to the Harvest festival that is just around the corner. We will have many opportunities for you to come in to school, where the children can share their learning with you and we will be holding our annual book fair very soon. Keep an eye on our regular newsletters for more on these.

#### Christmas

Following the success of last year's summer play, we will again run our main school play in the summer term, leaving us with a little more time to plan our exciting Christmas events. The main one of these is the now well established Carol Concert and PTA Christmas Fayre to end our term.

#### Before and After School Club

We have started our brand new service this term. Places are available for before and after school childcare (Reception year and up) from 8am and until 5pm. For all enquiries and to book your places please contact the school office.

I hope to see you all at our events very soon and keep up with all the latest on our social media feeds. Enjoy the term.

*Tim Gurney*

committed

### The Bishops Nympton Team

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Mr Gurney Mrs Scandrett Mrs Guy Mrs Hancock Miss Jones Mr Scandrett

Mrs Allum Mrs Loftus Miss P Alderman Mrs Cockram Mrs Howes

Mrs C Partridge Mrs Kennealy Miss Jennings Mrs Pepperell Ms Cree Mrs Govier

Mrs Sluman Mrs Humphreys Miss C Alderman Mrs Yates

# CLASS 1

The Infant Team would like to wish you a very warm welcome back after the summer holidays and we hope you'll join us in extending that welcome to the new families that have joined us this year.



Our topic this term is

## 'Farming'.



We will start by getting to know each other and talking about what we did in the holidays and then start our topic about Farming. We will be learning about where our food comes from and farming in other countries; we will also look at farm machinery now and in the past. In Science we will be learning about animal life cycles and seasons and weather in relation to Farming.

In our daily Maths, Literacy and Phonics sessions we will follow the Primary National Curriculum and the EYFS curriculum.

**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.

**Reading:** 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! Obviously the older children in our class need to be reading a little bit every day if possible, there is always a clear difference in the progress made by those children who read regularly at home and those who don't! We will continue to change school reading books on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for year ones. Reception children will begin to bring home story books for you to enjoy together, feel free to change these in the mornings with your child as you finish them.



**PE:** kits are to be kept on your child's peg during the week. They need to have PE kits in school every day. Currently sessions are on Tuesdays with Chris from Pro Coaching.

**Leap into Life:** Pre-school children will also continue to come to the school once a week to take part in our 'Leap in to Life' sessions with the Reception children, as part of our PE programme, helping to develop gross motor skills, an essential precursor to developing fine motor skills and writing! Reception children will also have daily short Leap into Life sessions with Mrs Hancock and Miss Alderman, children do not change into their PE kits for these short sessions.

**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!



**Snacks, water, milk and free fruit:** Your child is welcome to bring their own healthy snack for morning play if you prefer, but free fruit is available to all children in our class. Water is always available in class, cups are kept by the sink. Milk cartons have to be ordered, and you should have all received a form for this. Milk is free for under 5s and a small cost for others, if your child would like milk please ask in the office. Please also bear in mind that when your child turns five they won't be eligible for free milk any longer and you will need to speak to the office about how to register and pay for them to continue getting it at school.

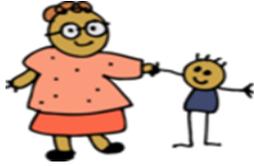


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## CLASS 1

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**End of school:** At the end of the school day, we send one child out of the gate at a time, only when we spot the person collecting them! As you can appreciate we have a big class and we need to ensure they are all collected safely. If you can keep an eye out for your child in the line and wave at us, it helps us to spot you quicker! Miss Jones (who teaches the class on Wednesdays) and other cover teachers will follow this routine as well. Miss Alderman does bus and taxi duty each day.



**First Aid:** We record accidents in the school accident book. If the accident is more severe or a concern, or perhaps your child is unwell, we will phone you directly. If a child bumps their head, they are assessed and usually require a cold compress, a slip will be sent home with details.

**Labels:** Please, please ensure all items of clothing are named and labelled as changing for PE can get very muddled! Already we have noticed one or two items that don't have names in.

**Staff:** Mrs Hancock teaches the class, with planning, preparation and assessment time on Wednesday mornings and Tuesday afternoons. Miss Jones teaches the class on Tuesday afternoons and all day Wednesday.

**Teaching Assistants:** Miss Paula Alderman is full time. Mrs Sally Howes works every morning. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch with me or one of the other members of the Infant 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. Alternately please phone the office 01769 550 387.

Many thanks as always for your continued support, and remember... keep reading!

***Alison Hancock and the Infant Team***

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## PRE-SCHOOL

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### ***Dear Pre-School Parents***

We hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful summer break. Pre-School has had a busy start to the term and we welcome Winston and Jacob.



**Topics:** Our topic this term are farming and the seasons, we have lots of activity's planned for the children over the coming weeks.

The Vicar, Alastair and his wife, Alison will be in story telling over this term.

You may have noticed the new gates, we are awaiting new signage for these which we hope will arrive shortly.

The new royal blue uniform can still be purchased at Maritime motifs in South Molton.

Lastly may I introduce myself, my name is Felicity and I have taken over from Shelly in the Pre-School. I have worked within Early Years for sometime and have a wealth of experience which I am looking forward to sharing. I have three children myself, two at primary school and one at college. I am very passionate about Early Years Education and am currently undertaking my Honors Degree in Early Childhood studies. I must also take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and staff here at Bishops Nympton for making me feel welcome. I look forward to working with you all.

***Felicity Sluman and the Pre-School Team***

## OUTDOOR LEARNING

**Monday - Class 3**

**Thursday - Class 2**

### **School grounds project**

Our continued improvements of our school grounds will be a major focus throughout our outdoor learning sessions. We aim to have our productive growing zone established in time for the spring where we can begin to think about growing our own vegetables for the school.

Look out for new shrubs and plants being planted to brighten up and green up areas around school which are a little concrete heavy. Any donations of materials, gardening supplies etc will be gratefully received. We enjoy up-cycling as a cost effective and planet saving method of achieving our goals. Please speak to myself about any materials that you have which could be beneficial to the school grounds project.

We are currently need bark chippings to lay as a surface for walking areas around the productive growing zone.

Stay green!

***Mr Scandrett***

## SPORTS NEWS

Our new sporting year will be kicking off shortly as we have a full and exciting sporting calendar ahead of us for this academic year. We will be continuing our work towards the Sainsbury's school games award. Last year we reached Silver status which is a tremendous achievement for a school of our size. But in true sporting fashion, we will be aiming even higher this year and try our very best to reach that elusive Gold.

To achieve this, we will be entering as many sporting fixtures as possible. Diary dates have already been allocated for netball, football, tag rugby, athletics and show jumping. We intend to extend this list by adding more fixtures through various sporting avenues and connections.

Our intra house sports champions, Emerald, will begin the defence of their crown as the intra house sports competition will gather momentum throughout the year. The aim of this competition is to engage all our pupils into sporting competition, allowing them to practise their skills learned throughout P.E lessons.

As ever, we will be relying on the support and assistance of our parents to help with transport to various sports venues and their ever encouraging support on the side lines for our Bishops Nympton sports stars. See you on the side lines.

***Mr Scandrett***

## PUPIL COUNCIL

Our pupil council continues to increase in popularity and with the current trend we are likely to end up with more children on the pupil council than not. Therefore we have decided to limit our places on this year's pupil council.

Letters are already being received as requests to be considered for the pupil council. Those who have made a written request will then receive 1 week to rally a campaign to gain their peers votes. Leaflets, posters, assembly time can all be used to help promote and gain votes.

We will then hold a general election, where the rest of the school will privately vote for who they want on the pupil council. Keep in touch with all pupil council's work and ongoing projects through our school blog.

***Mr Scandrett***

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## CLASS 2

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### Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year! I am really pleased to be back and feel that Class 2 has already settled into a good routine.

#### Topic

This term our topic is Modern Europe. Over the course of the term Class 2 will be studying a number of countries on our journey around the continent. The children will investigate the geography and landscape of different places as well as looking at cultures and customs. The class has already completed some lovely art work by reproducing flags of specific countries.



#### PE and Outdoor Learning

This year, PE lessons will take place on a Tuesday; please ensure your child has their PE kit in school each week. As the weather gets colder, and wetter, trousers, jumpers and spare socks may well be needed. Please could you also ensure that all PE kit is named.

Outdoor Learning will take place on Thursday throughout the winter therefore appropriate clothing, particularly footwear, will be needed.

#### Homework

Each week, Year 2 and 3 will be given one piece of written homework and Year 4 will be given two pieces. This could either be maths or literacy based and may also encompass some of our Science or Topic learning. Homework will be given to the class on a Friday for them to complete and hand in by Tuesday.

All children should bring home a reading book each day. Although we do hear children read within school, it will really help if someone at home could listen to your child read as often as possible.

Asking children questions about the text they have read will also help to improve their comprehension skills.

#### Other information

School provides all stationery that your child needs however they may bring a pencil case to school if they wish. If their pencil case is quite large I may ask them to keep it in their bag and allow them to bring it in for specific art activities.

If children wish to keep a drinks bottle in the class to use throughout the day, I would prefer this bottle to contain only water with squash being reserved for lunch times. This is partly to prevent sticky spills but also to help with the health of your child's teeth.

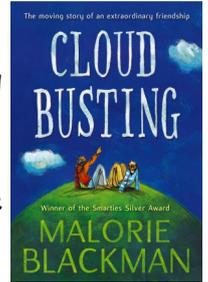
If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come and speak to me before or after school or make an appointment through the office.

**Mrs Guy and the Class 2 Team**

## CLASS 3

### Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all our children and parents. And what a start we have had! Class 3 have returned from their summer holidays excited, ready to learn and looking extremely smart in their new uniforms. This smart new amendment to current practice has led to a smart trend in behaviour with all children being so positive and just slotting straight back into the school working day. Only one week in and we have already delved deeply into our new book 'Cloud Busting' by Malorie Blackman in literacy. The children are LOVING it already and their enthusiasm is contagious.



We have lots planned for the year ahead and along with a change in uniform we have also a small change in staffing. Mr Gurney will now be delivering the topic subjects along with other foundation subjects on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. Mr Scandrett will continue to deliver the outdoor learning sessions, D&T and PE on a Monday and a Tuesday afternoon. I will continue to deliver all of the core subjects (Literacy and Numeracy) each morning and then Science on a Friday afternoon.

### Topic Themes



We have several fascinating topic themes in top class this term. The first of these is **Oceans and Seas** where we will study aspects of the world's oceans and some key geographical features. We then move on, staying with the sea but looking at some seafaring from the past. This leads us to an in depth study of a very famous British Monarch—the Tudor King, **Henry VIII**. The Tudor reign lasted from 1485 to 1603 with the Tudors being a Welsh-English family that ruled England and Wales—one of the most exciting periods in British history. Henry was one of the strongest monarchs ever to sit on the throne and was followed by his daughter **Elizabeth I**. We will look at both of these monarchs, comparing their styles and looking at their impact on British life. We finish the term with the study of a key turning point in British history - **The Spanish Armada**.



### PE

Class 3 will continue to have PE with Mr Scandrett each **Monday and Tuesday** afternoon so please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on this day. We advise that with the cold weather setting in, that you send your child with appropriate warm kit (joggers and jumpers). Please make sure your child's clothes are clearly labelled to avoid confusion whilst getting changed. The term begins with the children developing their netball skills of catching; handling and controlling the ball; using the different passing styles; the importance of good footwork and of course goal shooting.

### Outdoor Learning

Mr Scandrett will deliver outdoor learning on a **Monday** afternoon. Again, please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor clothes (waterproof clothing and wellies) for this session as they will be venturing out side whatever the weather.

# CLASS 3

## Homework

All children will continue to receive a piece of Numeracy and Literacy homework each **Friday**. This is to be completed and handed in by the following **Thursday**. We also have a six minute club tables test each Friday. These mini tests are available for the children to take home to practice under their own volition in preparation for each Friday.

We have guided reading groups each morning, where children are required to read set pages at home for the following session. Please can you help your child to make sure they are completing their reading homework. Alongside this, I also encourage all children to read with an adult at least twice a week. If you do listen to your child read (this can be anything which interests them, not just their home reader) then please can you make a note of it in their reading records. This will allow me to see not only how much they are reading out of school but also what genres they are interested in.

We will continue with our spelling practice looking at a variety of methods to help children learn spelling patterns and ways of remembering their statutory word lists. This year in class 3 the children will continue to get 5 spellings each week from this list but now they will also be tested each **Friday**. A copy of the word list can be found in the back of their reading records. You will be able to see their progress each week as correct spellings will be marked and incorrect words will be highlighted. Children are then required to continue to practice their highlighted words in their own time.

**Mrs Scandrett and the Class 3 team**

### Dates for the Diary:

(Dates may be amended or added)

#### Autumn 2017

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
 Book Fair (after school) Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October to Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
 Open Afternoon - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm  
 Harvest Festival - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October - 2pm  
 Parents Evening 1 - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
 Parents Evening 2 - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
 Half-term: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
 Christmas Carol Concert - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

#### Spring 2018

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
 Half-term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February  
 Non-pupil days: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

### Thought for the term...

A single step is all you need to start even the longest journey...

(Anon)

### *Star Achievers Amethyst Awards*

Class 1 achiever: Imogen P

Class 2 achiever: Coco L

Class 3 achiever: Jayden H

### House Points Totals so far this term

<b>Ruby</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>Amber</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Sapphire</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>Emerald</b>	<b>51</b>

# Notices and Reminders

- If sending money in to school, please put it in a named envelope stating what it is for to make sure it is allocated correctly.
- Most payments (e.g dinners, trips etc) can be made online via Tucasi. We would encourage parents to use this system where possible - If you would like a reminder of how to register for online payments please contact the office. Payment can also be made by cash or cheques (payable to Devon County Council unless otherwise advised).
- If you would like the school to administer medicines such as antibiotics or painkillers, please ensure a permission form is signed in the office. We are unable to give the medicine if we do not have this in place.
- Please label all uniform as it is easy to mislay items even in our small school.
- Please remember to let us know by phone or note if your child's normal after school transport arrangements will not apply. This is particularly important when after-school clubs are running.



28<sup>th</sup> September '17 \*  
**SMART**  
South Molton Art- Music Centre

**At South Molton United C of E Primary School**

Runs weekly on Thursdays from 4.30pm to 6pm for existing and aspiring players- come along and learn a new instrument, sing as part of a fun choir, or develop your playing as part of an ensemble; and bring your parents/carers to play too!

Email [csms2s@outlook.com](mailto:csms2s@outlook.com) for further details



**5 reasons to vaccinate your child against flu**

1. **Protect your child.** The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
2. **Protect you, your friends and family.** Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
3. **No injection needed.** The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
4. **It's better than flu.** The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
5. **Avoid costs.** If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

**What should I do?**  
Children aged two and three years old are offered this vaccination in general practice. Your child's GP surgery should contact you. If you haven't heard from their GP by early November, contact them directly to make an appointment.  
Children in reception class and school years 1, 2, 3 & 4 will be offered the vaccine at school. Your child's school will provide details from the local healthcare team.

For more information visit [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

**STAY WELL THIS WINTER**

Flu Immunisation 2017/18  
Helping to protect everyone, every winter

## NHS Childhood Flu Immunisation Service

From October 2017 all children in school **Reception and Years 1,2,3 & 4** are being offered a free flu vaccination in the form of a nasal spray. The immunisation will take place in school time to be carried out by a Pharmacist and a chaperone.

A letter has been sent home this week to all of these year groups. Once a clinic date has been confirmed to school we will advise parents accordingly. If you would like your child to be included in the immunisation service you must return the completed form into school by **Friday 22nd September**, when the forms will be collected by a NHS representative. Please check your child's bookbags or trays to ensure that you have the form, any further information about the vaccine is in the letters that have been sent home.

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