



"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

Newsletter

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Parent Forum and Science Open Morning on Thursday. As always, a wide-ranging discussion took place and notes from the meeting can be found later in this newsletter.

Children have had a great time during Science Week. We have had a number of visitors telling us about their 'scientific jobs'. We also talked on Thursday morning about how you can encourage your child to develop scientific skills at home. Some tips can be found later on the Parent tab of our website.

As the eagle-eyed amongst you may have noticed, Mrs Greenaway will soon be welcoming a new addition to her family and will be taking her maternity leave from October. Miss Jane has been appointed as Acting Assistant Head during the time Mrs Greenaway is away and will move to Key Stage 1. We will also be welcoming two new teachers to our team—Miss Nagy and Miss Munson. Full details of who is teaching which class, as well as more information about our new teachers follow on the next page!

We are also renaming our Reception classes from September - Rainbows 1 will become 'Stars' and Rainbows 2 will be known as Rainbows.

We will be holding our new class transition mornings on 4th and 10th July and your child will shortly receive a letter detailing their teacher and class for the next academic year.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at Sports Day on Monday afternoon!

Debbie Carmichael

Science Week



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Our Christian values: Compassion, forgiveness, trust, respect, courage and perseverance

Class Structure 2019-20

BBeebies Nursery - Mrs Hawk-Vango

Reception: Stars - Miss Burr

Rainbows - Miss Oliver

Key Stage 1: Little Doves - Mr Deadman

Little Fish - Mrs Horwell &
Miss Jane

Little Lambs - Mrs Lowe

Lower KS2: Peacocks - Miss Edney

Phoenix - Miss Munson

Pelicans - Mr Daysh

Upper KS2: Angels - Miss Moore

Faith - Miss Nagy

Hope - Miss Mewton

Hello! My name is Nicole Munson and I am excited to join the team at Bishop Bronescombe School in key stage 2. I have just finished my teacher training with Cornwall SCITT and have previously completed my degree in Education at Truro College. I have taught across all ages in Primary school throughout my teacher training, which has enabled my development into a determined and passionate teacher. I began my journey in education at this school at aged 4, and it is an honour to return as a 'grown up' to teach the next generations.

Some of you might recognise me from my work in the local cinema where I have enjoyed working to support my training (and eating popcorn), an amazing experience due to being a massive Marvel and superhero fan! In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, horse riding and volunteering as a leader in my local Rainbows unit.

I am eager to get to know my new class, and share my love for learning with them!



Hi. I'm Miss Nagy and I am extremely excited to be joining Bishop Bronescombe School in September. Hopefully, I will be able to bring my experience of the performing arts to the school as well as my love of sport.

When I am not teaching, I absolutely love travelling around the world, plus exploring a little closer to home, around the coast of Cornwall, both on land and in the sea. I am looking forward to getting started at the school and meeting everyone—please do come and say hello.



Parent Forum—Thursday, 7th March

30 parents and carers attended the forum and a further 10 joined us for the Science Open Morning. Another good turnout!

Mrs Carmichael started by introducing the school's PSA—Terri-Anne Old, who has been with us since December. She has supported many families since she started and is available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for support and advice. Mrs Carmichael went on to deliver a short presentation with a reminder of our school priorities, our actions and progress over the year. Included in the presentation is suggestions about how to support your child at home to develop their 'scientific curiosity'. This presentation is available to read on our website under: Parents / Useful information.

Discussion then followed. (Parent comments in bold / responses in italics)

There is dog mess on the path alongside the school.

We will let our site supervisor know to clear this. Please let our office staff know if this needs addressing as we are fortunate that Andy, our site supervisor, is on site each day and we can ensure he deals with this.

Swimming Gala

Children performed really well at the recent Swimming Gala and were more successful than in previous years. Parents felt they needed more practice on race technique and that they could benefit from special training by Polkyth instructors.

Unfortunately, our TA that led our swim team has left but our PE Lead, Mr Daysh will look into engaging Polkyth instructors or another solution.

What ages attend the Gala and how are they chosen?

Progress and ability is checked and children identified for these events by class teachers.

Is there going to be a lunch open day for the new starters this year?

No. We reviewed this as it was deemed too overwhelming for the young children on their first experience of school. We have changed these sessions to ensure it is calmer for the children and parents have a chance to talk with teachers.

How will the new Reception class children be supported in getting their lunch?

Teacher and TAs support them and lunch service starts earlier for these children in the Autumn to allow them to have adequate time.

Transition – will the children be given a slip to write their friends' names on for the new classes?

No. The decision was made after consulting with teachers that most children will remain with their current groups. If concerns have been raised by parents, we have taken these into account and moved some individuals. Letters are ready to be sent regarding our transition and this will give plenty of time for parents to discuss with their child the class they will be in. Teachers will be confirmed in the newsletter.

Worries about Little Fish and the many changes of staff

We are doing our best to maintain continuity and details will be published in the newsletter so all parents can see at the same time.

Spellings and homework

Mrs Carmichael explained the 4-week programme, which focuses on consolidation and application of learnt spelling patterns. Concerns that some spelling homework has not been issued or marked are acknowledged and will be addressed with teachers. Please check with your class teacher if this happens again.

Homework club has really helped my child as resources are there and teacher is there to help.

It makes sense to attend this club for support and this type of club continues into secondary school.

SEN provision has improved in the last few months.

We are continuing to work to ensure when things are working this is continued. If not, we look for external support.

Plymouth Argyle – why is the athletics club run in the hall and not outside?

This will be checked.

There seems to be a lack of music provision

There are a number of musical instrument lessons provided and these are mainly for year 3-6. There is also a choir for years 3-6. Music lessons do take place as part of the curriculum.

There is a new Ofsted framework which places a greater emphasis on schools' provision of a broad and balanced curriculum. We are currently reviewing our curriculum to ensure all subjects are delivered equally well.

Could you supply regular reminders about clubs and music lessons we offer?

This information is on our website but we can aim to include reminders in our newsletter.

Nurture Room – praise for this provision and how the children have come on in leaps and bounds. Are the children staying there?

This information will be given to the individual parents. The Nurture Room will continue in September and our key member of staff is currently training to achieve Nurture Group accreditation.

Can the children take photos of their friends for memories throughout their time in school?

No for safeguarding reasons. If you see photos on our website of your child, you can ask the office to print a copy or you.

Swimming in KS2 – does this count as a P.E. session? Should children have another PE session?

Yes to both. Peacocks class are currently doing dance with an external provider. Other classes should also do other PE and are also preparing for Sports Day. We will continue to monitor PE provision.

Do we need to have more minibus drivers to enable trips as one is a current year 6 parent and will soon be leaving?

Minibus drivers need the D1 licence and we have few staff members with this licence. The Trust is looking at ways we can allow younger drivers to drive the minibuses but this currently entails them completing an expensive additional course, which is costly. We would be happy to arrange training for D1 licence holders keen to volunteer. Please let our office staff know.

What are topics for next term?

These will be discussed with the children at transition so we follow their interests.

Early Years' Facebook page – we should have been given more notice and what is being uploaded to the site? Why do we need to be online as photos are on the website and Tapestry?

Pictures will only be put on the Facebook page when we have parental consent and will all be in line with our Home School Agreement. People tend to not use the website but Facebook is always being used and it is a way of showing what our school is offering. Another parent voiced her support of the page as it is promoting what we are providing as a school.

Tapestry is a wonderful communication for parents

This is for Early Years children and is not something that we judge to be suitable for older year groups.

Parent suggestion received by email:

Would it be a good idea to suggest to parents that they also bring positive points to share, about things that they think are going well or where there have been positive changes? I know that the forums are there for parents to share their concerns but I think that there should be time at the beginning which is specifically for sharing what parents are pleased with. Perhaps a small agenda would be helpful, sent out in advance? Parents can then come prepared with both constructive things to share as well as concerns or issues, maybe finishing with a quick summary of both areas?

Positive comments are always welcomed and opportunity was given to share positive comments during this forum. We will continue to request both positive comments and concerns from now on as well as requesting topics for discussion in advance.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

The expected average attendance for a child is 96% for the year
 Our attendance for this week is 96.3%
 Our attendance for this school year is 96.19%
 Well done to **PHOENIX** class for being the attendance stars of the week!

Classes	%	Lates	Class	%	Lates
Little Doves	97.22%	2	Pelicans	92.59%	4
Little Fish	98.83%	0	Angels	96.43%	6
Little Lambs	97.78%	3	Faith	94.81%	2
Peacocks	96.67%	1	Hope	98.15%	0
Phoenix	100%	1			

2018/19 Spring Term Diary Dates:

Mon 24th June—BB's Race for Life

Mon 24th June—BB Sports Day—1.30pm
 Gates open from 1.15pm

Wed 26th June—KS1 Beach Day

Sat 29th June—BB Summer Fete @2pm

1st & 2nd July—Yr6 Transition Days/Evening at Poltair

Tues 2nd July—Year 4 Porthpean camp meeting @ 3.30pm

3rd & 4th July—Yr6 Transition Days/Evening at Penrice

Thurs 4th July—Whole School Transition Day

Wed 10th July—Whole School Transition Day

Fri 12th July—Bake Sale/Summer Disco

Fri 19th July—Yr 6 Prom @ Grampound Road School

Wed 24th July—Leavers' Communion @ 9.15am

Thurs 25th July—INSET DAY

RESIDENTIAL DATES

28th June—1st July—Y6 Skern Lodge Trip

22nd—24th July—Y4 Porthpean Trip

GRADUATION PERFORMANCES

Mon 15th July—Reception graduation @ 2pm

Tues 16th July—Year 2 graduation @ 2pm

Thurs 18th July—Year 6 graduation @ 2pm



PSA CONTACT DETAILS—01726 64322 or 07903 613074

Working days Monday 08:30—16:30, Wednesday 08:30—16:30 and Thursdays 08:30—13:30

This week, our year 3's were very lucky to visit the Minack Theatre in Porthcurno! The weather was very good to us and the sun came out while we were eating our lunches on the beach. We then spent the afternoon watching a hilarious and action-filled production of Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves (performed by only 5 actors/actresses!), with the spectacular backdrop of sea and rocks behind! "It was the best day ever!" said Luca from Peacocks.



Swimming Gala—A determined group of KS2 children recently represented BB in the St Austell Schools Swimming Gala. They all competed with courage, perseverance and a great sporting spirit. We were delighted to come away with a third place trophy. Huge thanks to Mrs York and Mr Hill for helping and thanks to all of the other parents who cheered the children on!



Race For Life

BB School is hosting its very own Race For Life on the morning of Monday 24th June. Your child should have bought home a sponsorship form. If not, you can pick one up from reception or donate here:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/bb-school-race-for-life> .

If you would like more information or your child has a good idea of a way to raise extra money, please speak to Mr Daysh .

Friday 12th July.

We are working hard to develop the outdoor area in KS1 and would really appreciate your support in raising funds to help us make this happen. On Friday 12th July, we will be having a NON-UNIFORM day and a bake sale, where cakes will be sold at 20p each. We would be really grateful if you could support us by sending your child to school with a £1 donation. If you wish to donate cakes or treats for this fundraiser, please speak to Miss Jane.

Thank you for your continued support.



BB Sports day—24th June—Parking on the day! As you are aware there are always issues with parking at this time, especially in some of the surrounding estates, in particular Retallick Meadows. It would really help if you were able to walk or car share. If not, please park considerately around these areas to ensure that Sports Day goes well. Thank you.





FAMILY GET ACTIVE DAY

7TH JULY - ST AUSTELL LEISURE CENTRE
Trampolining, Swimming, Yoga, Pilates, Multi Sport
Activities and Games

14TH JULY - BODMIN LEISURE CENTRE
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Sport Activities and Games

11.00 - 14.00



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