

# Our School Blog...

This week celebrates the first full week of your children being in school. We have been really impressed with their attitude to learning and how high a regard they have for the importance of reading regularly.

It was lovely to see parents and carers at the 'Meet the Teacher' drop-in session. I saw quite a few familiar faces and it was great to catch up with parents, grandparents, older brothers and sisters that I hadn't seen for a very long time!

With the cost of living increasing at a steady rate and as we head into the colder months of the year, we are working hard to ensure that we are as fuel efficient as possible. This includes getting the best value for money from our suppliers so that our DfE funding can be spent on resources that will have a direct impact on our pupils.

With the rising costs, please bear in mind that all infant children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). I would encourage you all to take up this offer if you have a child in these year groups. It is estimated that it **saves a typical family around £400** per year. If you are unsure whether your child will enjoy a school lunch, please speak to their class teacher who will be able to offer support.

I am very pleased to announce that we have now received our Ofsted report, from the inspection in July. I would like to thank the staff, children and parents for all their support over the last few years; all that hard work was worthwhile, as you can now see.

A hard copy of the report has been sent home today with your child. I hope that you enjoy the read as much as we all have.

Once again, thank you from myself and all of the team at BB!

I'm also proud to share that BB have been awarded an Eco-Schools Green Flag! Huge thanks go to Mrs Hawk-Vango and her hard working Eco-Committee. You can read about this later on in the newsletter.

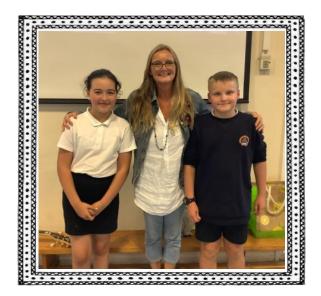
Finally, a reminder that schools nationally are observing the bank holiday on Monday, so that we are given the opportunity to pay our respects on the day of the Queen's funeral. Therefore the school will be closed.

I am sure this will be a poignant occasion and one which we will remember for the rest of our lives.

On behalf of all of the BB community we send our love and prayers to the Royal Family.

Kind regards,

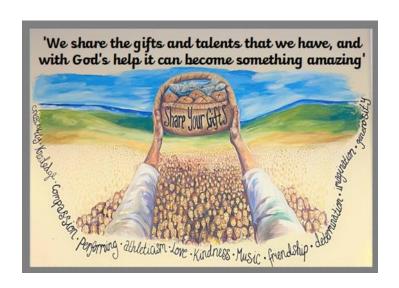
Mr Gynn



This week we celebrate Esther from the White River Church.

She spoke to the children about the importance of promises and how God never breaks His promises to us. She also spoke about Queen Elizabeth II and what a great role model she was, working 70 years for the good of the country.

Our school vision is at the heart of all we do at Bishop Bronescombe. We feel it is important to share the achievement of a child who has worked hard to share their gifts and talents.



# This week's attendance

The expected average attendance for a child is 96% for the year.
Our attendance for this week is 96.56%
Our attendance for this school year is 97.26%
Well done to Angels class for being the attendance stars of the week!

Class	%	Lates	Class	%	Lates
Rainbows/Stars	N/A		Peacocks	92.96	
Little Doves	93.57		Phoenix	99.31	
Little Fish	97.27		Angels	100	
Little Lambs	90.91		Faith	94.48	
Pelicans	99.67		Норе	99.33	



# This week's achievers...



This week, we learnt about and celebrated our school vision of Respect

### Little Doves

#### <u>Isla</u>

For always listening to adults and sitting on the carpet so quietly

#### Peacocks

#### Lily

Your always listen politely to others and have excellent manners, setting a wonderful example for others

### Little Fish **Lottie**

# For ALWAYS showing all of our

rules for life and showing the utmost respect to staff members and peers. You are a super star and an absolute pleasure to have in class

### Pelicans

### <u>Morgan</u>

For supporting your peer when tidying up

### Little Lambs

### <u>Winnie</u>

For always showing good manners and for looking after the classroom

#### **Phoenix**

### <u>Lily C</u>

For consistently showing so much respect to the adults and your peers in the classroom. You are a role model to all of those around you.

### <u>Angels</u>

### Elsie

For exemplifying our school rules, particularly in showing good manners to everyone, both adults and children

### Faith

### **Nathan**

For showing consistently brilliant manners and for always following the school rules

### <u>Hope</u> Elizah

For listening with thought and care and being so respectful to both adults and peers

Dear God, Let us pray that there will be respect for our world Peace for its people Love in our lives Celebration of the good Forgiveness for past wrongs And from now on, a new start Amen.

### School admissions

The online application process for starting school, transfer to Junior School and transfer to secondary school for September 2023 has now started. Detailed information about the admissions process is available online or on request from the School Admissions Team.

### The deadline for applying for:

- Secondary school is 31st October 2022
- Primary school is 15th January 2023

### National offer day for:

- Secondary school is 1st March 2023
- Primary school is 16th April

Please ensure you name **more than one preference**. It will not mean less chance of securing place at your preferred school. Please note that if you do not apply on time, your preferred school's may already be full.

If you need support with your application process, please contact the office, the Family Information Service (0800 587 8191) or School Admissions Team (0300 1234 101).

### Harvest Celebration

This year we will be holding Harvest communion with Rev

Jules, on Tuesday 27th September and would like to take this opportunity to invite parents and carers to come and join us for this occasion.

Please join us in the school hall from 1.15pm.

St Austell foodbank continue to support local people living in crisis. This Harvest, we would love to make a difference together as a community to help transform lives in St Austell. Any donations of the items listed below would be greatly appreciated.

Please bring any donations to your classroom on Harvest Festival day (Tues 27th Sep)

- Long Life Milk (UHT)
- Long Life Juice
- Tinned Fruit

- Tinned Fish
- Instant Mash
- Sponge Puddings
- Crisps
- Instant / Pot Noodles
- Chocolate / Treats
- Rice Pudding

We will be able to accept donations until Friday 30th September



### PSA Bulletin

#### Who is BB's Parent Support Advisor?

Terri-Anne Old

#### What is a Parent Support Advisor?

As a Parent Support Advisor (PSA), I am here to help, support and offer advice for parents and carers who have any worries or concerns about their children, school life or personal circumstances. I offer the promise of a listening ear, ensuring a collaborative approach to finding appropriate support and strategies as well as a big catalogue of ideas that we can signpost you to.

#### Recent issues that I have supported families with include:

- Attendance and punctuality issues
- Children with anxiety
- Positive, assertive parenting approaches
- Concerns about children's behaviour
- Supporting families to implement new routines
- Sleep worries
- Children with sensory issues
- Helping families access additional support outside of the school
- Supporting families who have outside agency involvement from the Early help hub, Social care or CAFCASS for example
- Assistance during difficult times such as those finding themselves in abusive environments and supporting those encountering bereavements
- Challenges encountered amongst split family homes



My usual working days: Tuesdays 08.00-16.00, Wednesday 08.00-16.00 and Thursdays 08.00-13.00

I'm often out at the drop off zone in the mornings and afternoons or you can ask for me by coming into reception.

Many days I am able to meet with parents on a drop-in basis, but we can also make appointments to meet at times that are convenient for both of us. Home visits are also an option available to families too.

#### How to contact me:

It's never too soon to make contact if you have any concerns. You can reach me via text on the PSA mobile

07903 6413074 or via email,

terri-anne.old@celticcross.education

Or call the school office on 01726 64322 and request an appointment to meet.





### PSA Bulletin continued...





#### Together for families share:

Time is running out for eligible parents to apply for extra support to help with the increased cost of living through the summer holidays. Already more than £600,000 has been given to families from the Household Support Fund this summer, but there is still unclaimed funding, which must be applied for by the closing date of Wednesday, 31st August. The funding is worth £80 per child who was in Reception to Year 11 before the summer holidays and was eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals.

You can apply online now at <a href="https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/cost-of-living-support-payments/#AmIeligible.">https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/cost-of-living-support-payments/#AmIeligible.</a>

If you have already applied, there is no need to apply again.

# Amazing news

We have been awarded an Eco-Schools Green Flag!

The Eco-Schools Team reviewed our application and noted the following:

Green Flag "We love your democratic and fair approach to appointing Eco-Committee members. It's great to see that other pupils played a part in the process. It was really great to read how your Environmental Review provided the basis for the projects in your Action Plan. It demonstrates a reflective and considered approach to your Eco-Schools work, this is a great skill that many adults can learn from! It was wonderful to see how completing your Environmental Review helped your Eco-Committee to spots gaps in your school's existing environmental activity. But equally important is that it helped you to recognise the great work that you were already doing. This helps to keep up the good activity whilst making you feel empowered to do different things. We love this! We love the range activities that you and your Eco-Committee planned for delivery. You've clearly embedded the ethos of the Eco-Schools programme far and wide in your school! We have enjoyed hearing about how involved you have been with Newquay Zoo, Eden Project and St Luke's Church. We love that your pupils have taken their great work beyond the school gates and into their homes and local community. This is a very challenging aspect of the Eco-Schools programme, so your Eco-Committee should be very proud of their successes in this area! The parent quote is a great testament to the work that you are doing with your Eco-Committee, that they are taking their Eco-Schools work home with them and getting their families on board is something to be proud of! I hope you and your Eco-Committee take great pride in your achievements, everyone involved should be incredibly proud of the changes they have made! Your Eco-Code is really smart and concise. It's a great message and it's punchy nature will definitely help it be processed by everyone passing by your Eco-Board.

Congratulations to everyone for the great work you have managed to do, earning your Green Flag. You should all be very proud of your work and the application you have submitted!"

# Dates for your diary

<u>Monday 19th September</u> - Bank Holliday <u>Monday 26th September</u> - Y1 hearing screening

<u>Tuesday 27th September</u> - Harvest Communion with Rev Jules (1.15pm all welcome!)

Wednesday 5th October - Parent consultations

<u>Tuesday 11th October</u> - School photos (individual portraits)

Friday 21st October - BB open afternoon (2.30-3.15pm)

**2022-23 Inset Days** - Mon 31st Oct 22, Mon 24th July 2023, Tues 25th July 2023

## Other notices

We are now on Twitter.



Make sure you follow us for all our latest tweets!!

#### IMPORTANT REMINDER -

Please remember that we are a <u>nut and strawberry</u> <u>free school.</u>

Our lunch supervisors have seen an increase in these products being brought into school this term.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Individual portrait photos will
be taken on
Tuesday 11th October

Siblings not attending BB are
more than welcome

We will be in touch nearer the
time with more information

Final call for residentials! If your child would like to attend one of the residential trips listed below, deposits (non-refundable) are due by **Monday**19th September.

Permission slips need to be returned to class

Year 3: 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 (1 night, 2 days), Camp Kernow (Malpas, Truro), **£28 deposit** 

<u>Year 4</u>: 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June 2023 (2 nights, 3 days), Kernow Sport & Leisure (Hendra, Newquay), **£30 deposit** 

<u>Year 5</u>: 12<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 (2 nights, 3 days) Barton Hall, Torquay, **£30 deposit** 

<u>Year 6</u>: 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (2 nights, 3 days), London, **£75 deposit**  Autumn term clubs start on Tuesday next week (20th September).

We used a preference-based booking request system that automatically allocated places once the window closed. Places were allocated based, not only on preference, but by also ensuring that all children that applied were given at least one club of their choice. If your child did not get a place on a desired club, please contact the office and we will add them to the waiting list.

We apologise for any disappointment to those that may have missed out on a particular club.

Many thanks for your support with this.