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Dear Parents

Governor Visit

Our Safeguarding governor, Andrew Newland, visited last week to meet with staff and go into classes and chat to the children. Many of the children in Class 2 and 3 were keen to tell Andrew that they felt well looked-after whilst at school with examples of how they're kept safe. They also shared that they feel staff are really interested in what they have to say and want to know about their interests and activities out of school as well as their learning. Children explained they feel able to talk to staff if they have concerns or worries and are confident that they'll get help to sort out any problems they may have. Andrew was impressed by the children's confidence and how eloquently they spoke. It's good to hear the children share with a visitor that they are happy and safe at school which was summed up very nicely by one of the Year 5's who said:

'I feel at home when I'm at school'



School Census



School Lunch on Spring Census Day – Thurs 19th Jan

The number of children who have a school lunch on the census day is recorded by the Local Authority and our budget is allocated from this figure, therefore we're encouraging as many children as possible to have a school lunch next Thursday.

The menu choices has been altered for for Thursday 19th Jan will be:

Hot dog or veggie Hot Dog
Jacket potato with cheese/ beans/ cheese & beans
Hot tomato pasta

Chocolate brownie
Yogurt
Fruit

PE

The Arena Sports coaches will be running our PE sessions again on Friday afternoons this term.
Class 1 will be doing Games and Class 2 & 3 will be playing basketball.
The Tri-golf Club follows on after-school.



After-school Clubs

Clubs start next week(except for Cooking Club which begins on 23 Jan), we're looking forward to offering a range of activities across the week.



School Vision and Values

Many thanks to the parents who contributed to our survey from last term, which was collated along with the responses from children, staff and governors and we now have our Boscastle School Vision Values statement:

We believe that children learn better when they use their imagination and apply their learning to engaging contexts. Our curriculum provides learning opportunities and challenges throughout the academic year which require children to solve problems, apply themselves creatively and express their knowledge and understanding effectively across the curriculum. We use our remarkable location and all that it offers culturally, historically and geographically to enhance our curriculum. We recognise and celebrate our links within the local community, within Britain and across the world.



We want our children to be:

- Interested and excited about learning
- Confident in who they are and aware of the positive impact they can have on other people and places
- Responsible for their own learning and motivated (to continue learning outside school)
- Knowledgeable and able to apply what they know in new contexts
- Problem-solvers, critical thinkers, creative and good communicators
- Curious, creative, and inventive
- Persistent, resilient, determined, and adventurous
- Able to learn from others, but able to lead
- Reflective and evaluative of their learning
- Mindful, thoughtful, and respectful
- Compassionate, responsible, and an active citizen

A huge thank you to Hazel Chui for producing the School Vision and Values graphic for us – it looks great and represents us really well!

This week...

Class 1

Class 1 are enjoying their new topic, Cool Coastlines. They have been investigating the process of erosion and how it affects the coastline. In Literacy, the children are being authors and rewriting the story of The Lighthouse (<https://www.literacyshed.com/the-lighthouse.html>). They have done an AMAZING job and are excited to edit and share our finished stories with you. In maths, we have been finishing off our unit of work on 2D and 3D shapes. I have added some tasks to MyMaths for your children to have a go at home.



Class 2

This term, music teacher, Kate Tidball from First Access is leading weekly drumming sessions for Class 2. The children loved their first session and are looking forward to learning more!!

Class 2 have started their topic 'Misty Mountains, Winding River' and have been investigating the water cycle with experiments in science. In English, Class 2 have been researching rivers across the

world and have then written a diary based on their senses, imagining what it would be like to be there.

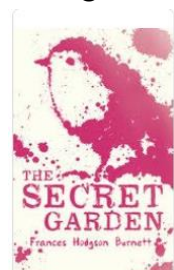
The King of the Cloud Forest by Michael Morpurgo is the class text this term – ask your child to tell you about Ashley, the main character, who they've met in Chapter One and to explain what they know about him.



Class 3

Barnados Healthy Relationships Trainer, Sam Gaffney, ran a great workshop for Class 3 on Wednesday. The children deepened their knowledge of gender stereotypes and learnt how to recognise healthy and unhealthy relationships. Sam was impressed at how well the children all participated and enjoyed hearing their thoughts and understanding of how to be happy and safe in their relationships.

We're looking forward to the second session when Sam visits us next week. Following Sam's visit we looked more closely at the Childline website which now has a specific area for under 12's, we also watched a video which explained what happens if you call Childline. Class 3 took home an information page reminding them how to access the website along with the Childline contact details.



In our topic, 'Sow, Grow, Farm' we've been learning about types of land use in geography and in science investigating food chains and life cycles of various animals and plants. Our class text this term is The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett and the children are keen to get started to read Chapter One after making predictions about the story based on the front cover and blurb.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Who	Details	
Thurs 26 Jan	Class 1 & 2	Beach Trip to Summerleaze, Bude	Letter to follow
13 – 17 Feb	Whole school	Half Term	
Fri 24 Feb	Whole school	Children's Work share with Parents	From 3.15pm
Wb 27 Feb	Whole school	Parent meetings week	Teachers to Parents bookings open week before half term
27 Feb – 3 Mar	Class 2 & 3	Swimming at Camelford Leisure Centre	Every afternoon. Details to follow
06 – 10 March	Class 1	Swimming at Camelford Leisure Centre	Every afternoon. Details to follow
Thurs 2 March	Whole school	World Book Day – Book Buddies with parents	9.00 – 9.30am. Details to follow
Wed 08 March	Year 6	First Lego League Finals at Cudrose	Details to follow
Wed 15 March	Year 6	Songfest 2023 – St Petroc's Bodmin	Details to follow
Thurs 23 March	Class 2	Trip: Farm & Country Day at Wadebridge Showground	We're hoping to also take Class 3 – details to follow
Fri 24 March	Whole school	School Exhibition – displays of our work this term, music performances, Cornerstones curriculum displays, First Lego League robot game demo, Songfest performance ... and more!!	From 11am to 4pm in the Village Hall.
Thurs 30 March	Whole school	Egg rolling for Easter.	Details to follow
Fri 31st March	Whole School	Last Day of Spring Term 2023	
03 – 14 April	Whole School	Easter Holiday	
Mon 01 May	Whole School	Bank Holiday	
Mon 08 May	Whole School	Bank Holiday – King's Coronation	
09 – 12 May	Year 6	KS2 SATs	

We've got an exciting Spring Term ahead and we really hope that you'll be able to join us for many of the activities planned.

Kind regards

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