



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Friday 24th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has been such a positive one across the two schools. The children have taken part in many different activities to support the curriculum and we have finally seen some sunshine, meaning everyone has been regularly enjoying the use of our outdoor environment.

We would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break and look forward to sharing with you all the fun and excitement that the end of the year brings.

Curriculum

Below is just a flavour of the last two weeks of the Summer Term...

Miss Lees and Miss Creed say...

Year R had a brilliant trip to Finkley Down Farm this week. The children were so excited for their first trip and behaved beautifully. We were able to brush a pony, stroke rabbits, feed goats and watch a goat race. The children had a great time and most had a well needed rest on the coach home.

We were really impressed with the children's writing about the farm, they had great ideas and descriptions for different animals. Well done Year R!



Miss Wright, Miss Cushing and Mrs Rolph say...

Over the last few weeks year 1 have been working hard on their number bonds to 10. We have been using 'Hit the Button' to help! We have also been doing lots of phonics activities to help us get ready for the screening after half term. We finished our Mary Anning topic with an exciting Explorer's Day!

We did a dinosaur hunt for clues, excavated fossils, made paper plate dinosaurs and clay fossils!



Mrs Hunter and Miss Okey say...

Year 2 have worked hard over the last couple of weeks being authors and writing a whole story based on the story Lonely Sea Dragon. The children have really impressed us with their interesting word choices, improved handwriting and resilience. We have been completing more challenges in Science such as learning about seed dispersal and even making and growing our own cress heads. We have used computer programs to compose our own songs in music. We finished our Geography topic by designing and making our own 'beach in a box' in D&T. They all looked fantastic!



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Mr Dale and Miss Ralph say...

We have had an amazing last two weeks of this half term in Year 3. We have been on our trip to the Living Rainforest as part of our topic 'roots and shoots'. We saw lots of different animals and plants you might find in the rainforest and learnt some fun facts about them. We also got to experience what the climate would be like; it was very hot! In art, we are learning about the artist Andy Goldsworthy and how he creates his art out of natural resources. We have sketched some of his work, focusing on adding detail and shading. In maths, we have been learning to sort 2D and 3D shapes using different categories, such as how many right angles and sides.



Mrs Buchan, Miss Price and Miss Frost say...

Over the last 2 weeks the children have had fun creating their own bugs for their independent writing. We had a whole day of RE, exploring the importance of being a good neighbour and what it means, creating dioramas to shown this. The children have also been watching the caterpillars with great interest, and, to great excitement, over the weekend they have become chrysalises.



Miss Feather and Miss Nicholls say...

Year 5 have finished this half term with a bang, by spending a night away at the Sustainability Centre. Children took part in minibeast hunting, pond dipping, orienteering, water conservation, and shelter building. Both classes finished off the evening they spent away by toasting marshmallows around the campfire and enjoying a steaming mug of hot chocolate!



Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Dreelan & Miss Dadral say...

First of all we have to start by saying a big congratulations to all of Year 6 for completing their SATs last week. Every single one of them put their all into their tests and we are so incredibly proud of how far they have come this year. Now that milestone is out of the way, we have started some of the brilliant end of Year 6 projects. These include a trip to Winchester Science Centre which the children loved; auditioning for the end of year play "I'm a 10 year old, get me out of here and starting our first STEM project of building and launching bottle rockets. The children showed brilliant resilience and team work in this challenge!



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Well Done to Year 6!!

The whole school also want to say a huge well done to all the Year 6 children who completed their SATs tests last week. They gave their all, trying hard on each paper. Year 6 we are all extremely proud of you! We must also thank the Year 6 Team for their hard work and dedication in preparing the children for the tests. Well done Year 6!



Easter Craft, The Roller Disco, The Happy Circus, School Discos and Movie Nights. They have raised a Whopping £7000 and we are extremely grateful for this. This has enabled us to purchase a set of brand new iPads for the children as well as give each class a budget to spend on something they wish for their children.



Punctuality and Attendance

We have noticed an increasing number of pupils arriving late to school. Please can we remind you that children should be in class ready to start learning at 8:45am. Pupils that are persistently late into school are missing out on important early work, which is often used to consolidate previous leaning or practice key skills. Below is a table that outlines our late policy.

Start time	L code = Late	U code
9.00am	After 9:00am	After 9:30am

Safeguarding

Online Safety: London Grid for Learning (LGfL) continues to add new resources to their website. This is a really good go to website for all sorts of advice including explanations about new apps that you may not have heard of.

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

Shout Out to the PTA!

A huge thank you and well done to our PTA team who have been working their socks off behind the scenes to organise and host memorable events for our children. So far this year they have held - The Firework Extravaganza, The Christmas Market,

Joining our School PTA!

Without kind and passionate volunteers our school PTA would not be possible. We are currently looking for helpers. The PTA would like to expand their team, so they can increase the capacity of what they do. Helping can range from as little or as much as you can do. If you are interested in coming part of our PTA please speak to either Mr Morris or Miss Tash. If you wish, you can contact them direct

bishopswoodschoolspta@gmail.com



Transition

Soon letters will go out informing you about your child's transition for next year. To support children moving onto their next year group we arrange a number of events so children can meet their new teachers, including 'move up morning' on **Friday 28th June**. Our Year R team have already been working hard behind the scenes to meet with nurseries and key workers. This is to help prepare the New Year R children for September. If you have any questions about transition please speak to your child's class teacher, Mr Morris or Miss Tash.

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Driving Safely

Can we take the time to remind you of how important it is to ensure that you drive safely during drop off and pick up times. The safety of our children, staff and parents is paramount to us and we need you to work in co-operation with us. The yellow zigzag signs are of particular importance as they mark our most dangerous zones. Parents should not be parking on these lines and may be asked to move.

Parking Safely

Sadly we are having to give another message about safe and appropriate parking. We continue to receive complaints about unsafe parking as well as parking in front of local resident's properties and private communal areas. **This is no longer a gentle reminder, but a request. Please could you ensure you do not park on the yellow zig zag lines or pavements in front of local resident's properties / private allocated parking**



Uniform reminder

As we draw towards the end of this academic year, we would like request your support in ensuring all children wear the correct school uniform until the end of term. We have noticed recently that the following items of clothing/accessories are being worn by a number of children:

- Trainers instead of school shoes
- Large hair bows
- Earrings other than studs
- Cycling style shorts on non PE days
- On PE days some children are coming to school in a range of branded sports kit when they should just be wearing their school PE kit.

We appreciate that at this time of year children's uniform, particularly shoes, are beginning to wear

out and buying new seems a waste but we ask that you support us with this matter as it greatly helps us to promote our school values if everyone looks smart and a part of the school. If you have any questions about school uniform, please speak to the school office.

And finally.... Sun safety!

The sun has finally shown itself again and the children are enjoying spending more time playing and learning outside.



Please ensure that your child has a **named sun hat and a water bottle** in school at all times to keep them safe in the sun. Sun cream should be applied in the mornings at home. If you wish your child to reapply cream at lunchtimes, you will need to provide a named bottle and please have a practise at home, especially with the younger children!

If you have any questions about anything in the newsletter, please contact the school offices.

Many Thanks

Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Amy Chapman, Mr Mark Morris and Miss Adele Tashdjian



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Dates for your diary:

INSET DAYS

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

27th -31st May- Summer Half term break

3rd June - BPSM Choir Rehearsal (child to be dropped at St Marks)

3rd – 14th – Year 4 Multiplication Check

10th –14th June – Year 1 & 2 Phonics Screening Check

10th June- Class photos

14th June – Take One Art Day

18th June – Year 1 Marwell Zoo trip (more info to follow)

18th June – BPSM Choir Rehearsal

18th June – BPSM Choir Anvil Evening Performance (7:00pm)

19th June – BPSM Choir Anvil Evening Performance (7:00pm)

Friday 21st June – Father's Day Breakfast (Junior Hall 8:00 am)

25th June – Sports Day (infants AM, juniors PM - letter to follow)

28th June – Move Up Morning

4th July – Year 2 – Year 3 Parent Transition Meeting – 6-7pm (info to follow)

5th July- PTA Colour Run (details to follow)

9th July - Year 6 End of Year Show

11th July - Year 6 End of Year Show

18th July - Year 6 Paulton's Park Trip

19th July – Last day of Term

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Tadley Treacle Fair Sunday 2nd June 2024.



This year's Tadley Treacle Fair will take place on **Sunday 2nd June 2024** and as always, will include Arena Displays, Large Craft Marquee, Trade and Charity Stands, Tea Tent, Licensed Bar Tent and much more besides. Further details will appear on this page as the event programme is developed. The Treacle Fair on the Sunday, will be opened by The Mayor of The Borough of Basingstoke and Deane.

ADMISSION: Adults £4.00, Children aged 5 to 16 £1.00,

ON SITE CAR PARKING: FREE 10 concessions.



Three weekends of free street performances for the whole family
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Pop Up Ensemble **FREE** 

Pop Up Ensemble
Winton School, Andover

JMST Theatre, London Road, Andover,
Hampshire SP10 2PS
Sunday 14 July 9.15 - 13.15

Beginner to Grade 4

Back by Popular Demand!

Come and be part of a 'from scratch' orchestra!

Scan the QR code to register your place



 Hampshire County Council

www.hantsmusicub.org.uk

SPOTLIGHT UK

BOWLING

COMPETITION

Raising money for children affected by domestic abuse, loss & separation, young carers, children in care, children affected by disabilities and their siblings

7pm on Thursday 6th June

Teams of 8 people - £10 per person inc donation to Spotlight UK

Basingstoke Leisure Park, Worting Road,
Basingstoke RG22 6PG

Please book via email - michaela@spotlightuk.org

www.spotlightuk.org Reg Charity 1129258



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WHAT'S ON MAY HALF TERM
 Tudor House, SeaCity Museum & Southampton City Art Gallery

See venue websites for further details on events and to book*
seacitymuseum.co.uk, tudorhouseandgarden.com and southamptoncityartgallery.com

SCC CULTURE CLUB
 Southampton Culture Club for Kids (6½-12yrs)
 Tues, Wed & Thurs: 9am-4pm (drop off from 8.45am) / SeaCity Museum / £35 (90 for 3 days)

Days of investigation, imagination and discovery for children aged 6 to 12yrs who love being creative and learning through fun activities. Led by the experienced cultural services learning team, at Kids' Club children will explore the past, experience the museum and gallery and make really cool things!

Tues 28 May - This is my Swamp
 Weds 29 May - Cats in Boots
 Thurs 30 May - Friendly Giants

Art for All: Under The Sea Printmaking (6+)
 Tues 28 May / 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2pm / Art Gallery / £8

Tour for All: Secrets of Southampton Castle
 Tues 28 May / 11am, 2pm / Tudor House / £7 per person, £24 family ticket



Wizard School (6+)
 Weds 29 & Thurs 30 May / 10.30am, 12pm, 1.30pm / Tudor House / £8

Art for All: Clay Fairy Gardens (4+)
 Weds 29 May / 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm / Art Gallery / £8

Art for All: Clay Dinosaurs (4+)
 Thurs 30 May / 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm / Art Gallery / £8

Art for All: Paint a Seascape (6+)
 Fri 31 May / 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm / Art Gallery / £8

MONTHLY CLUBS

The Young Ones (7-13 yrs)
 Saturdays: 18 May, 8 Jun, 13 Jul / 10.30am-12.30pm / 1.30-3.30pm / Art Gallery / £12.50 / £30 for all three sessions

Join us to experiment with different art materials and ideas and have some fun! Each monthly session is led by a local artist, who will take their inspiration from the artwork on display. You are welcome to stay with your child or to drop them off.

Mini Monets Art Club (Under 7's)
 Sat: 25 May, 22 Jun, 27 Jul / 10am-11am / Art Gallery / £7.50, £18 for all three sessions

Join artist Debra Marsh to experiment with different art styles, techniques and materials in a fun and accessible way. A great way to encourage your child's creativity without making a mess at home.

Family CULTURE CLUB

A loyalty reward card for families who love getting 'hands-on' at Southampton museums and art gallery.

Buy six family activities and get the seventh FREE with our Culture Club for Families scheme.

Pick up your loyalty card from SeaCity Museum, Southampton City Art Gallery or Tudor House and Garden. Full details and T&Cs: www.southampton.gov.uk/cultureclub

COME PARTY WITH US!

If you've got a Titanic enthusiast, a history fan or a child who loves to get creative, why not throw them a birthday to remember at one of our unique venues?

Create a special day for your child full of hands-on activities tailored to their interests.

Email: museums.education@southampton.gov.uk

*All activities must be booked in advance KEY: Dress for mess Bring a packed lunch Venue has accessibility issues

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