

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: Class Two PE

Thursday: Class Four PE

Friday: No Class Three PE due to Beaford Arts activity.

Newsletter – Wednesday 7th October 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already four weeks into the term and well on our way towards half-term. All of the children are now well established in their new year groups and classes. We all seem to have become familiar with the 'new normal' too. The one thing above all others that is hard to live with is that the children can't mix together for Collective Worship, lunch and playtimes.

In Class Four, as in the other classes, we have had many conversations about reading already this term. Obviously all staff put a high value on reading and this is borne out by the time we give it in the school day. We also invest much time and resource into early reading and the acquisition of phonics for all children in a timely fashion. To help ensure that older children read enough and that they read a breadth of books with understanding we use Accelerated Reader.

Reading is so important for every child as a means to unlock other areas of learning independently. It is also the means to unlock a myriad of other worlds and a way to meet a million and one amazing characters. Whether reading for information or for the incredible pleasure of reading, it seems to me that it is more important than ever in the strange times we live in.

As I said, Reading as a subject has a high priority in school. Every day all children will have plenty of opportunities to read and be read to in class. These opportunities include:

- Children reading to themselves and to an adult for pleasure and for development of the skills needed to read fluently and with comprehension
- Children taking part in whole-class reading – again to improve fluency and challenge understanding
- Children reading specifically to support their own writing
- Children reading to gain information in other lessons across the curriculum
- Children reading as part of performance in front of an audience
- Teachers reading a high quality class text to the children

Reading is important and we put a lot into it in school. However, for a child to leave at the end of Year Six being 'Secondary Ready' everything we do in school needs to be underpinned by plenty of reading at home.

Please try to read with your child every day. We think that children should take part in reading activities every day at home for at least the following amount of time:

- Class One ... Long enough to share the book that is sent home
- Class Two ... 10 to 20 minutes
- Class Three ... 15 to 30 minutes
- Class Four ... 45 minutes to an hour

In the early years of school home reading activity is often reading to your child, sharing a book and talking about it. It will also be hearing them read short books linked to phonics (Read Write Inc) learning. Most of all it will be enjoyable and an opportunity to celebrate their reading successes. Sadly, there is strong research evidence that suggests that most parents stop hearing their child(ren) read when they reach the age of about nine. Much better to keep listening; keep talking about books; keep asking tricky questions that prompt your child(ren) to think deeply about what they read. And keep reading to your child(ren) too!

All of these activities will support reading development, broaden interest, allow for success that will grow self-esteem and most of all they will be a lot of fun for children and adults alike.

'Every Child a Reader'. Please do help us to ensure that at High Bickington, this is not just an aspiration but a fact.

Have a great week,
Rob Norton
Head of School

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to Lily H for the 10th.



Notices

Flu Vaccinations (YR-Y6)

We have been informed by Virgin Care, who deliver the nasal flu vaccinations in school, that NHS England are sending letters to all parents of children eligible to receive the vaccination. Please be assured that your child does not need to bring this letter with them when they have their vaccination – the online consent is all that is needed.

Please see below for a reminder of the information sent out in July:

Dear Parents/guardians,

Your child is due to be in Reception to Year 6 from September 2020 and they are therefore eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.

It is anticipated that this will be delivered in schools between October 2020 to December 2020, this will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time.

Flu vaccination is one of most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

*School Age Immunisations Team
Virgin Care Services Limited*

Stars of the Week!

Class One – Amelia L for sharing with her friends how to make a conker caterpillar and answering their questions so carefully.

Class Two – Eli for having a positive learning attitude and trying his best each day

Class Three – Ellie-May for a fantastic attitude towards all of her learning so far!

Class Four – Jazmin for always using her time well in class and for show great perseverance with her learning



Reading Stars!

Class One – Zoe for enjoying looking at stories with her friends.

Class Two – Millie S for showing confidence with her phonics and reading many words accurately

Class Three – James for supporting others with his excellent reading skills.

Class Four – Eric for reading fluently and with clear understanding

Family Group Merits this week:

	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
Merits this week	56	56	49	72
Total for the year	116	131	100	126

Well done to everyone who has contributed merits to your Family Group last week. Keep up the great work!

What happened at school this week?

These questions are about what has been happening in each class this week and are designed as 'conversation starters' for you to use with your child. We hope that they will provide a useful prompt to encourage conversations about school - talking for just three minutes each day about school has been shown to have a great impact on children's learning!

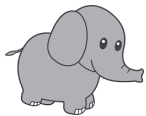


Learning Lions (Class One)

What happened when Peter the badger tidied up?

What is a number sentence? (?+?=?)

What did you do on your walk around the village (Thursday pm)



Exploring elephants (Class Two)

Practice your storytelling - choose your favourite story, can you retell it without using the book?

Take a trip to the coastline - Can you spot any signs of coastal erosion?

Can you list different words with the long 'a' and long 'e' sound?



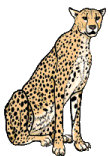
Inventive Impalas (Class Three)

What did you enjoy and find out on our school trip to Hartland?

What ingredients could you include in your Recount?

Y3: Can you share and explain the Place Value challenges to your parents?

Y4: Can you round to the nearest multiple of 10/100?



Challenging Cheetahs (Class Four)

What have you learnt about mountains as 'frozen kingdoms'?

What mental maths strategies can you use to add two numbers?

What are the main elements you need to work on in your writing?

Home Activities and Homework Tasks

Class One – Please read with and to your child regularly, this can then be recorded on Tapestry. Can you go on an Autumn walk? What signs of Autumn you can find?

Class Two – Please read regularly at home with your child and record it in their reading record. Please practice your child's weekly spellings with them.

Class Three – Spellings and x-table tests on Tuesday (Due to Beaford Arts), Guided Reading, Daily reading challenges, Rock Stars

Class Four – Read for the right amount of time (at least) each day and update your reading sheet & reading log carefully. Complete the spelling task (to be handed out on Thursday 8th and returned on Tuesday 13th please).

Meals W/C 12/10/2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef Lasagne, Crusty Bread & Mixed Vegetables Peach Melba	West Country Sausages, Creamed potato & vegetables Fruit crumble with custard	Roast Gammon, Roast potatoes & seasonal vegetables Fruit Platter	Macaroni Cheese Mixed Vegetables Devon honey cake	Fish Fingers, Golden fries, beans and carrots Chocolate cracknel

News from High Bickington Community Fund

As you are probably aware, due to Covid-19 restrictions we have had to cancel the Christmas Fayre. At a recent meeting we decided to arrange something for the children to look forward to in this strange and worrying time. **Good News.** Father Christmas has agreed to visit the village on his sleigh and hand out presents on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th December between 6 and 8pm. He will visit different venues, eg Fountain Fields, Barton Meadow, School Area, Little Bickington and more if possible.

All High Bickington School children are eligible and there is no charge for anyone. There are two age groups – under five years and over five years. We need to let Father Christmas know numbers of children that would attend, and therefore we need to have names and ages of attendees. If you could also let us have the place where you would like to receive the present it would help us work out routes. If you know any family and friends whose children do not attend the village school or live outside the parish, we would like to include them as well, just let us have their details and we'll add them to the list.

All details to be sent to: sallylouisewash@gmail.com by 31st October. Any problems or for more information please contact Vera Stevens: stevens523@hotmail.co.uk or 01769 560885.

This event will be held following all current Covid-19 rules and is subject to change. Health and Safety guidance will always be followed. We hope to have a good response from parents, guardians and friends. We look forward to hearing from you.

Vera Stevens
Chairman HBCF

