



# THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are all hoping that now the evenings are beginning to get lighter and the Spring flowers are starting to appear that warmer and especially drier weather is on its way!

### Curriculum

Below is just a flavour of the last few weeks...

#### **Mrs Benjamin and Miss Creed say...**

This week Year R have been looking at the story Oliver's Vegetables. The children loved looking at different fruit and veg and have made some brilliant observational drawings which they independently labelled. We have practised our cutting skills by cutting along wavy lines and in maths the children explored the number 10 and enjoyed making it in many different ways.



#### **Miss Wright and Miss Lees say...**

Year 1 have been learning all about what plants need to grow and we will be completing experiments to test this out. In Maths, we have been practising how to add ten to a number and in English we have been reading 'The Jolly Postman'. In PE, we have started learning country dancing and



we are excited to carry this on over the term! We also had an art day where we created pictures in the style of Van Gogh.

#### **Mrs Hunter and Miss Okey say...**

Year 2 have been reading a story called 'The Bear and the Piano' and have been writing this in our own words. It has been fun using our knowledge of habitats to change the animals and settings in the story. We have also started some exciting learning about the Titanic and we learnt about the events that led to it sinking. We have enjoyed designing and making our own boats. Will they sink or float?!



#### **Mr Dale and Miss Ralph say...**



What a great first two weeks back it has been in Year 3. We have started our topic looking at the Mediterranean, finding out about the different countries that are part of it and locating where it is on a world map. We have also learnt about the climate, comparing the Mediterranean to the United Kingdom. In writing, we have enjoyed researching the Mediterranean to create a fact file about it. While in maths, we have learnt all about fractions, focusing on comparing, adding, subtracting and finding equivalent fractions.

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

Over the last two weeks, the children have had great fun exploring the five 'Hampshire Information Book award' books and deciding on their favourite. They are looking forward to see if their choice has won. We have started our Roman topic and the children have some good questions, which we will explore throughout the term. We are continuing with African drumming this half term, which the children are really enjoying.



## Miss Feather and Miss Nicholls say...

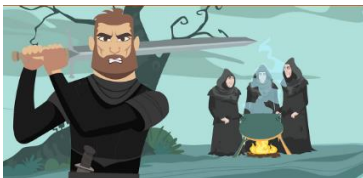


Year 5 have been learning all about what forces are and how they affect our daily life. They have studied gravity and the work of Sir Isaac Newton

and carried out an experiment to find out which surface creates the most friction using Newton metres and shoes! They have also enjoyed starting our new writing unit based on the short film The Piano and describing the opening scene with a range of detail.

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

Year 6 have come back to school feeling refreshed and ready for revision. We have been so impressed by the dedication we have seen so far; it has made us proud hearing about children going home and starting their revision homework straight away with no prompt from adults. We recently started our Macbeth persuasive letters - the children are engrossed in the story and are looking forward to watching the story unfold in later weeks.



## World Book Day

Reading regularly is an important way you can support your children's learning at home. To promote an interest in reading and to encourage reading for pleasure we will be celebrating World Book Day with a whole week in March dedicated to reading, books and different authors. World Book Day will take place on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 24**. We invited the children to dress up as their favourite book character. A separate letter has been sent out with the following information...



## Book Café

Starting on the **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be opening the junior school hall up for our Bishopswood Book Café, where a grown-up can accompany their child to visit our school library and share reading books together. Refreshments will be available. The Book Café will run on the mornings of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8.15am until registration time.

## Author Event

We're excited to inform you that Hampshire School Library Service are bringing the author Charlie P Brooks to our school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Charlie will be sharing his childhood experiences, including his school reports, how he became a jockey, a racehorse trainer and then an author and might be bringing his dog Mildred to meet the children. We hope that the children will enjoy the experience of meeting an author in person. There will be an opportunity for the children to buy a book and have it signed by Charlie at the end of the talk.

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The Mayor of Basingstoke will also be in school on Friday to present the prizes for the Extreme Reading competition

## Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March we will be having a 'non-uniform' day to support Red Nose Day. We invite the children to 'dress for joy'. Pick a theme, don the best home-made costume ever, go red from head to toe or simply dig out your brightest socks! Wear something that makes us smile, in return for a donation to Comic Relief. By donating to Comic Relief you support vulnerable people and communities in the UK and internationally. If you have a 'red nose' and would like to wear it you can but it would be wise to write your name in it!



## PTA

The PTA will be hosting a Roller Disco at the Hurst Leisure Centre. The event will take place on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 24** between **11:00am – 3:00pm**. Further information is available on the PTA website.



As always, the following page shares upcoming dates for your diaries. If you have any questions about anything in the newsletter please contact the school offices.

Many Thanks

From the Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Amy Chapman, Mr Mark Morris and Miss Adele Tashdjian

## Uniform Reminder

Our last newsletter outlined our uniform expectation in more detail. As we start a new term can we please remind you all to ensure your child is in the correct school uniform. PE kit should be worn to school on PE days. Please can we ensure that children are wearing a school jumper or cardigan over their PE kit, not a tracksuit top.



Also, children should not be wearing anything other than stud earrings in their ears and no necklaces to school. If a child is wearing hooped or dangly earrings or a necklace, they will be asked to remove them and put them in their bag.

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## Dates for your diary:

**INSET DAYS for 2023-24 Academic Year:**

**Monday 22nd July 2024**

**Tuesday 23rd July 2024**

5<sup>th</sup> March- Book Café opens for everyone at the junior school- 8.15am

7<sup>th</sup> March- World Book Day

8<sup>th</sup> March- Author Event and Mayor in to judge Extreme reading competition

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Legoland Trip

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 SeaCity Museum Trip (more information to follow)

**1st – 12th April- EASTER HOLIDAYS**

15<sup>th</sup> April – First day of Summer Term

**Monday 6<sup>TH</sup> May – May Bank Holiday**

13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> May- Year 6 KS2 SATs

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Churches Together Around Tadley are pleased to have tickets available for their annual holiday club looking at the theme of “Mission Possible”. This year it is being run from 29th July – 2nd August, 10am – 3pm. Tickets cost just £30 for the week and tickets are limited so it’s best you sign up as soon as possible! Sam, our local Children and Youth Community Pastor, who supports our school on a weekly basis will be hosting the week of fun, challenges and crafts! To sign up head to [www.ctat.org.uk/tadleyhc](http://www.ctat.org.uk/tadleyhc)

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