



# BISCOVEY NURSERY & INFANTS' NEWSLETTER

with strong roots we learn and grow together



Autumn Term 2020

04.12.2020

## A message from Mrs French

Another busy week in school. This week Year 2 impressed me with their phonic knowledge by undertaking their phonics screening check. Ordinarily, this would have been carried out at the end of Year 1, but due to Covid this could not happen. You will receive a letter individually informing you as to how your child performed in the phonics check. Please keep an eye on your emails for this.

### Entrance to school

With the wet winter weather upon us the entrance to school is becoming very muddy underfoot. We will be fencing this area off for your safety. Please wait in a socially distanced manner further up the drive way until your year group is called.

### Christmas Discos

The deadline for booking a place for your child is by the end of the day today. On the evening of the disco please queue (socially distanced) outside the school office. A member of the SLT will have a list of children who have paid to attend the disco and welcome them through the main entrance. Unfortunately, you will not be able to arrive on the evening unless you have paid via parent pay. We are unable to accept cash.

### Parking

Reminders around parking remain the same:

Please do not park on the zig zag yellow lines immediately outside school or in the school entrance.

As mentioned above the traffic gate is a pedestrian exit and cars parking in the entrance make this area extremely dangerous.

Please could I ask for your cooperation in parking safely outside of school. Parking enforcement have been contacted

## Christmas in School



Christmas in school will look a little different this year. However, we will work hard to make this an exciting and magical time for the children.

### Christmas Cards

Children are able to write Christmas cards to their friends. The cards must be put in the class post-box, the deadline for all cards is Friday 11th December. This allows us to quarantine the cards before we distribute them in the final week. Unfortunately, any cards received after this date will not be able to be given out.

### Christmas Discos

We will be holding Christmas discos for the children. These will be run after school between 4-5pm. This will be run by the staff from the year group and will include a drink, a bag of sweets and Christmas dancing and games. Tickets will be available to buy via parent pay.  
Reception ~ 7th December  
Year 1 ~ 8th December  
Year 2 ~ 10th December

### Christmas Cinema

We are planning to set up the hall as a Christmas cinema for the children. Each year group will have a set time and we will provide drinks and popcorn. We ask for a donation towards this, payable via parent pay

**Christmas Jumper Day** This is a national fund raising day for Save the Children. This will be held on Friday 11th December, again donations for this worthy cause are payable via Parent Pay. Please wear school trousers or skirts with your jumper

**Christmas dinner** Will be on Wednesday 16th December Children may wear party clothes on this day but please ensure they wear sensible shoes.



## Achievement Awards

Kingfishers	Puffins	Swallows	Swifts	Robins	Skylarks	Owls
Noah and Piper	Harry and Sophia	Betty and Henry	Ruby and Chapelle	Bethanie and Indianna	Ellie and Flinn	Harley and Charlie

 This weeks best attendance goes to **Owls** with **99.5%** Well done!

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Kingfishers ~ 96.5%	Swallows ~ 96.1%	Owls ~ 99.5%
Puffins ~ 98.1%	Swifts ~ 96.6%	Robins ~ 96.8%
		Skylarks ~ 98.4%

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 7th December 2020	EYFS Christmas Disco 4pm to 5pm
Tuesday 8th December 2020	Year 1 Christmas Disco 4pm to 5pm
Thursday 10th December 2020	Year 2 Christmas Disco 4pm to 5pm
FRIDAY 11th December 2020	Christmas Jumper Day. Children to wear Christmas Jumpers
Wednesday 16th December 2020	Christmas Lunch
Friday 18/12/20 - Friday 01/01/21	Christmas school holidays 1.30pm finish
Monday 04/01/21 and Tuesday 05/01/21	Aspire INSET days



Visit us: [www.biscoveyinfants.org.uk](http://www.biscoveyinfants.org.uk)



Follow us: @biscoveyinfants



Call us: 01726 812006



# BISCOVEY NURSERY & INFANTS' NEWSLETTER

with strong roots we learn and grow together



Autumn Term 2020

04.12.20

## Weekly class updates:

This week Honeybees have been getting into the Christmas spirit! We worked together to decorate our Christmas tree and have been busy making Christmas crafts. Outdoors we have even been playing in snow! We are getting very good at singing our Christmas songs and can't wait to share them with you on Tapestry near the end of term.

This week Bumblebees have had a surprise visitor in the Nursery! A cheeky elf has arrived and getting up to all sorts of mischief! We have made some lovely tree decorations and talking about making choices between the shape and colours we like. We have been learning the words and actions for our Christmas Sing-a-Long and getting very good now. We have also continued to practice pencil control and recognising and having a go at writing our names.

This week in Puffin's we have continued from learning 'one more' in Maths to learning 'one less' than a given number. The children have worked hard and used lots of different resources to support them. In Literacy we have been learning about 'The Gruffalo's child' The children have enjoyed learning about the different characters in the story.

This week in Kingfishers we have been focussing on the story of The Gruffalos Child. We have painted our own woodland animals, thinking about their size, shape and colour. We have enjoyed rhyming games and matching rhyming words and finding rhyming words within the story. We have enjoyed making Gruffalo caves using a range of materials and constructions sets. We had to build one which would be strong enough to stand up.

Swallows have been very busy in maths this week. They have been investigating addition and subtraction using number lines, part whole models and word problems. They have been challenged to read, write and order numbers in varied sequences and read and write number words. This week they also began investigating tens and ones using practical resources in two-digit numbers under 20. They have enjoyed the challenge of learning new concepts in maths.

This week Swifts have been partitioning into 10's and 1's - look out for some in your local environment. What number house do you live at? We have also been investigating materials and designing bridges which could hold some characters! We had some interesting designs.

Owls Class have enjoyed a busy week and have all continued to work very hard. In maths the children have been learning how to subtract two 2-digit numbers and in Literacy our focus has been on learning to write instructions. They have especially enjoyed following a set of instructions to make an origami boat. They were very good at using bossy verbs too! Our topic work has been focussed on The Great Fire of London. In history they have completed a timeline of key events and in science they have been making boats to escape The Great Fire of London, using a range of different materials. We have experienced a little bit of chaos in class however with the arrival of our naughty Elf. Much to the children's delight, he has been causing havoc!

We have started to learn about money this week in Skylarks. We have been identifying how much each coin and note is worth and finding totals for a mixture of coins. We tried to imagine what it was like for people living through the Great Fire of London in 1666 by writing a diary entry. Also, we have been posing questions to investigate about materials and how they are affected by heat and fire. We filled our marble jar for the second time and enjoyed a pyjama day as a reward. Thankfully, no one fell asleep!

This week in Robins we have really enjoyed getting stuck in to learning more about The Great Fire of London. We found out that many people escaped by boat on the River Thames, so following some investigation into materials, we designed our own boats and tested how well they would float. We have created our own gymnastic routines, including a range of skills we have learned over the previous weeks. Next week we are going to perfect these routines, before performing them to the class!

We are so proud of the children who have reached the sunshine for exceptional kindness, behaviour or friendliness to others.  
You are an exceptional role model to others. Well done!

Puffins ~ Owyn  
Kingfishers ~ Jonah  
Owls ~ Tyler, Isabelle, Jack, Isla and Jas  
Swifts ~ Poppy, Rupert and Nellie-Violet

MY PERSONAL BEST  
This weeks value is Imaginations.  
These children have shown great imagination in their learning this week

Puffins ~ Huey  
Swallows ~ Leo  
Kingfishers ~ Nahla  
Swifts ~ Fern  
Skylarks ~ Xander

## Christmas Food Boxes



Christmas food boxes are available to families in need in the St. Blazey area.

Contact local Councillor Pauline Giles directly on [pauline.giles@cornwallcouncil.org.uk](mailto:pauline.giles@cornwallcouncil.org.uk) or on 07734943123 for further information.



Visit us: [www.biscoveyinfants.org.uk](http://www.biscoveyinfants.org.uk)



Follow us: @biscoveyinfants



Call us: 01726 812006