



# BISCOVEY NURSERY & INFANTS' NEWSLETTER

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Autumn Term 2020

11.12.2020

## A message from Mrs French

Christmas is in full swing in school with cards and decorations being made in classes. Today was the final day for sending in Christmas cards for friends so that we can 'quarantine' them before we distribute them to the children. Today the school has seen an array of festive Christmas jumpers and next week we have our Christmas dinner, cinema and other Christmassy activities to look forward to.

## Dropping off and collecting children

Increasing numbers of children are being allowed to enter school through the traffic gates on their own. This is potentially dangerous with cars turning in this area. It is also not abiding with the one way system we have in place.

**Please escort your child in through the pedestrian gate, drop them at the wooden gate where a member of staff will be able to greet them and leave through the traffic gate.**

## Parking

I am saddened to again have to raise my concerns over parking outside school which remains dangerous and puts the safety of our children at risk. This morning I rang parking enforcement to raise my concerns and an officer will be notified of the situation.

**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.



**Congratulations to Mr Lean who has qualified with a SLQ Level 5 Certificate in Primary School Physical Education Specialism.**

**We are extremely proud of him.**



## Christmas In School



**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 ParentPay

**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
Phoebe and Isabelle	Holly and Jake	Oakley and Poppy G	Ben and Tommy	Sidney and Sienna	Flinn and Sofia R	Jack and Sophie



**Attendance** This weeks best attendance goes to **Puffins** with **98.6 %** Well done!

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Kingfishers ~ 96.2%	Swallows ~ 97.8%	Owls ~ 97.4%
Puffins ~ 98.6%	Swifts ~ 97.7%	Robins ~ 95.7%
		Skylarks ~ 97.5%

## Dates for your Diary

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
Wed 06/01/21	Spring Term—Back to school
Fri 12/02/21	Inset Day
Mon 15/02/21 to Fri 19/02/21	Spring Half Term



We would like to invite the children to make a Christmas tree decoration for our school tree.



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## Weekly class updates:

It's been another week full of Christmas activities here at Honey Bees! We've been counting pompoms on paper Christmas trees, sharing Christmas books and exploring the textures of different Christmas materials. The children have also been performing our Christmas sing-along which we can't wait to share with you soon!

This week Bumblebees have been very busy practising and performing our songs for the Christmas sing-a-long online performance. We also listened to the Nativity story and set up our nativity stable and put all the people and animals inside. We have been making calendars and practising our cutting skills to make our own paperchains. We have also been practicing our counting skills, we have been playing a game where we rolled the dice and matched the number of snowballs to the correct snowman. We are very excited about Father Christmas coming soon!

Puffins have really impressed Mrs Hart and I this week as we have completed some assessments. The progress has been incredible in such a short space of time. Thank you for your support at home as well. Next week will be a fun filled Christmas week. We hope that you are enjoying your daily Nativity song on Tapestry.

This week in Kingfishers we have begun our festive activities. We have all written a letter to Father Christmas and we have made our own snowy, snowman pictures. We have had lot of fun in PE this week exploring different apparatus and balances. In maths this week we have had fun exploring our daily routines.

Swallows have been very creative recently. They planned, designed and built their own bridges for The Three Billy Goat's Gruff. They had to focus on teamwork, listening to and working cooperatively with others. Their bridges were a combination of construction and craft resources. Miss Debes was so proud of their designs and how they cooperated together to be mini engineers and create some super designs.

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!

Swallows ~ Harvey  
Skylarks ~ Phoebe  
Owls ~ Cayden

### MY PERSONAL BEST

This weeks value is Imaginations.

These children have shown great imagination in their learning this week

Puffins ~ Charlie  
Swallows ~ David  
Owls ~ Cayden  
Kingfishers ~ Alexis  
Swifts ~ Evie

Swifts' Class have been working hard partitioning numbers into tens and ones this week. We have also planned and written a letter to Father Christmas and asked him some questions that were baffling us. We wanted to know what the elves do when they are not being naughty and how he manages to fly so high on his sleigh. However, the best news of all is about our reading. Everyone has been working so hard at school and practising at home that we have improved brilliantly! Please make sure that you tell your elves to pass the message on to Father Christmas.

Owls have been working very hard again this week, especially with some end of term reading, maths and phonics assessments. They also wrote some super letters to Father Christmas for this half term's 'wow' writing. Santa is going to be exceptionally busy writing back to them all! In addition, the children have composed and performed some excellent gymnastics sequences, enjoyed busying themselves with Christmas crafts and of course they have thoroughly enjoyed learning and performing 'Christmas Alphabet' for you all. The naughty elf has been up to no good again the children were given the option of replacing him for a kind elf but they decided to keep him!

After learning about the Great fire of London, Skylarks posed a question "What is the best material for blocking heat?" We completed an experiment testing different materials and whether they could stop heat from a candle reaching a piece of chocolate. All of the chocolate pieces melted on every material. However, rock proved to be the most fire resistant. We have made Christingles and started on some Christmas crafts.

Robins have had a lovely week full of lots of activities. In PE they each performed a gymnastics routine to the class. The children thought about a clear sequence which included balances, jumps and moving along a bench. They also made their own Christingles and learnt about the different parts of a Christingle. Well done Robins.

## 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.



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### Marathon Running

Well done to those who completed some miles for the Marathon Challenge. Over the week you have completed 6 full marathons and an additional 9.2 miles. Well done to everyone that took part.

### Christmas Jumper Day

It was lovely to see so many children wearing their festive jumpers today  
So far we have raised **£93.00**



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