



BISCOVEY NURSERY & INFANTS' NEWSLETTER

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Autumn Term 2020

18.12.2020

A message from Mrs French

Here we are at the end of a very busy and successful Autumn term. The children have been an absolute pleasure to work with and have made such progress over the term. It only seems like yesterday that we were opening our doors to welcome you all back in September and I could not have wished for the term to have run more smoothly.

Thank you to you all for working with us this term to ensure our school is a safe and happy place. All the guidance and procedures will remain in place in the New Year so please keep wearing the masks, stick to the one way system, pick up promptly at your designated time and ensure you maintain social distancing.

This week we said a fond farewell to Mrs Lean, who has taken up a new and exciting role working for Read, Write Inc. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her the best of luck in her new role. Next term we welcome back Mrs Sanders who will be taking up a position teaching in Kingfishers class following her maternity leave. We would also like to welcome Mrs Cutlan as an additional TA who will be working across Year 2 every morning.

Finally I would like to extend my thanks on behalf of all the staff for the kind messages and gifts that you have sent in over the last few weeks. May we all wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and happy New Year. Stay safe and we will see you all back on Wednesday 6th January.



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 or on 07734943123 for further information.



Achievement Awards

Kingfishers	Puffins	Swallows	Swifts	Robins	Skylarks	Owls
Rona-Loise and Alexis	Joshua W and Owyn	Lola and Lara	Charlie D and Albert	Sophie and Isla	Ethan and Ethan	Riley and Indica

 This weeks best attendance goes to **Puffins** and **Owls** with **98.9%** Well done!

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Kingfishers ~ 92.9%	Swallows ~ 94.7%	Owls ~ 98.9%
Puffins ~ 98.9%	Swifts ~ 97.7%	Robins ~ 96.1%
		Skylarks ~ 97.3%

Dates for your Diary

Friday 18/12/20	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
Fri 2/04/21 to Fri 16/04/21	Easter Holidays
Mon 19/04/21	Summer Term ~ Back to school



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Numbots



Thank you to everyone who have been working hard on Numbots this term. It has been lovely to hand out stickers for each level that is passed. At the end of each term, we'd like to celebrate the children who have managed to progress through the most levels compared to others in their Year group.

In Reception: Max M, Matteo, Jayden, Oscar, Max J, Owen, Joshua and Tristan are all working on Tin.

In Year 1: Finley is working through Steel.

Year 2 : Olivia is working through Aluminium.

Superb effort everybody. Well done



COVID-19 REPORTING OVER CHRISTMAS

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Important guidance for parents/carers relating to reporting positive cases over the Christmas holidays:

*For the first 6 days after the end of school, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **within** 48 hours of being in school, please use the Aspire reporting form at www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus

as the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

*Where a pupil (or staff member) tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than** 48 hours since being in school, the school should **NOT** be contacted (until the first day of the new term). Parents and carers should instead follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

School Admissions - The Aspire Academy Trust

The application window for a Reception Class place - September 2021 is now open. The closing date is 15th January 2021.

You can apply online for a school place via Cornwall Council School Admissions.

If you need further advice on the application process please email schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk or call 0300 1234 101.

For help completing the application, understanding the process or other aspects of school admissions, or if your family's first language is not English, you can also contact the Family Information Service or call them on 0800 587 8191.



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Weekly class updates:



Biscovey Christmas Activities



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BISCOVEY NURSERY & INFANTS' ACADEMY COMMUNITY IN SHOCK AFTER VANDALISM DESTROYS OUTDOOR PLAY AREA

On what should be a day full of laughter, fun and festive spirit for adults and children alike, the staff of Biscovey Nursery & Infants' Academy arrived this morning to find the school's outdoor Reception class area, and playground, has been vandalised overnight.

Storage sheds have been broken into and valuable play resources including books, pens, paint and bean bags destroyed and littered across the entire area. The children's bikes have been thrown across the playground and their brand-new water tray filled with a concoction of paint, sand, rice, pens and pencils. If this wasn't all upsetting enough, foul and abusive graffiti is scrawled on surfaces including the children's outdoor easels.

Head of School Mrs Vicky French comments, "It's been a challenging term for schools and we were all looking forward to a happy last day of term. I am shocked, appalled and deeply saddened by what has happened. Over £500 worth of play resources are gone and as always, it's the innocent who are the victims. Our children now have no toys and equipment and my staff, who have worked tirelessly this term, are now faced with foregoing the Christmas cheer to clean up the mess".

If anyone has any information that may help identify the perpetrators, please phone 101 – the non-emergency police hotline and quote crime number CR105561/20.

