BISCOVEY NURSERY & INFANTS' NEWSLETTER

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Autumn Term 1



17.09.2021

A message from Mrs French

I would firstly like to extend a warm welcome back to you all. The children have settled incredibly well into their new classes, it is great to see such happy children fully engaged in their learning. I would particularly like to say a big well done to our new reception children in Kingfishers and Puffins class who have started their school adventure with such confidence.

This year you will receive a full newsletter every two weeks, the achievement and celebration overview will continue to be sent weekly. Please do make use of our school website (<u>www.biscoveyinfants.org.uk</u>). Here you will find a wealth of information, I would particularly like to direct you to your child's class page. On here you will be able to see what your child is learning in school this term. This will be updated each half term. Please also follow us on Facebook and Instagram where we regularly celebrate the children's learning.

Please do contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns - Reception do this via Tapestry and Year 1 and Year 2 via our new, exciting Seesaw learning platform. There is more information on how to access this excellent app later in the newsletter. You can also contact school via the general email hello@biscoveyinfants.org.uk or call on 01726 812006.

Notices and reminders:

Thank you for your cooperation at drop off and pick up times. These are running smoothly. Just to remind you that Year 1 and 2 are to drop between 8.45am - 8.50am and Reception 8.50am - 8.55am. Gates will close at 8.55am in order for registration and lessons to start promptly at 9.00am.

Afternoon pick up - Reception at 2.55pm, Year 1 and 2 at 3pm . Year 2 continue to pick up from outside the school office, however please can I ask that you wait away from the office windows.

Parking: Please could I ask for your cooperation in parking safely outside of school. I must ask that you refrain from parking on the zig zag yellow lines or on the pavements. We must ensure that our children and families are as safe as possible and such parking makes the area outside of school extremely hazardous. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Arbor: Please ensure you have fully reviewed and updated your child's contact information, permissions and medical information via the Arbor app. It is very important that we hold the correct information for your child.

Key Diary Dates		Achievement Awards Year 1 and Year 2	
		Swallows	Swifts
Friday 1st October	Reception Heligan visit	Isabelle	Isabella
Friday 15th October	Year 2 Lanhydrock visit	ISabelle	ISabella
Monday 18th October	Harvest celebration	Piper	Jenson
Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October	Half term		-
Tuesday 9th November 3.15pm - 5.30pm	Parent consultations	Robins	Owls
Thursday 11th November 10am - 12pm	SEN Parent consultations	Robyn	Daisy R
Thursday 11th November 3.15pm - 5.30pm	Parent consultations		
Friday 17th December	Last day of term 1.30pm finish	James	Charlie D





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Welcome to Seesaw!

Since your children have returned to school you may have heard and logged on to our exciting new key stage 1 learning platform Seesaw. Our new platform supports and showcases learning from the child's own perspective in school and at home.

You should have received an email invitation to download and log in to your child's learning via the Seesaw family app where you can see your child's creativity and understanding as they add it to their learning journal. You are also able to communicate with the class teacher and celebrate their success.

Children are able to contribute to their learning at home by logging in via the Seesaw class app and using the QR code in the front of their reading record, this has been shown to them in school.

Seesaw allows children to complete tasks on a tablet or computer and share their exciting real discoveries from the world around them using the various media options.

We understand Seesaw is new to many of our parents and may take a little getting used to but we are grateful for the positive feedback and support you continue give us and hope that you enjoy it as much as our children do.

We hope to provide some information sessions for parents on how to use Seesaw over the coming weeks, we will keep you updated on this.

Reception and Nursery Children will continue to use Tapestry.



Weekly Parent Support Notices

Parent Support Updates: We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new parents. In each newsletter we include parent support notices to give you information about different services and activities available to you.

Sadly, at the end of the Summer Term we said goodbye to our Parent Support Advisor. As a school we will continue to make parent support a priority. Therefore, should you require any support we would like to welcome you to speak to your child's class teacher. Alternatively, you can ask for a member of our pastoral care team to contact you. Mrs Sanders is a port of call for parent support.

We can support you with:

- School uniform
- Changes in behaviour with your child
- Child sleep issues
- Debt management
- Housing concerns
- Help with any forms that need completing, and more

We can seek help from outside agencies to enable you to get support that you need. Please remember we are here to help.

Useful links: We recommend the following social media pages and websites for keeping up to date with support in Cornwall: <u>www.facebook.com/RestormelFamilyHubs</u>

Care and Support in Cornwall

In addition, our school website has a range of useful resourceful and links:

Biscovey Nursery and Infants' Academy (biscoveyinfants.org.uk)