



Blue Hills  
Federation

# ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



06.05.24

## Values and Awards

**WELL DONE!**

Well done to these pupils  
for all their hard work



## Open the Book

This week told the story of  
Paul realising that Christianity  
was the path he wanted to  
follow after being visited by  
Jesus



**Tonight! Eyes down at 7pm. Everyone welcome.**



# Class News

## Pre school

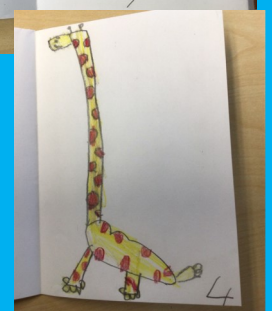
The children had fun launching cars into a dinosaur's mouth. They are always keen to have water play and they have also loved doing Busy feet exercises.



## Class 1

We've had another great learning week in Class One. All the Y1 children, and the Y2 children who needed to, have done their Phonics Screening Check. Our phonics learning helps the children to become brilliant readers and writers for life!

We have made mini books of Handa's Surprise. Can you see Tristan's fantastic illustrations of Handa carrying the basket of fruit on her head? All the animals are stealing the fruit. Look at Arlo's brilliant giraffe with an extraordinary neck! Poppy's words and illustrations show how the basket gets full of tangerines and what happens when Akeyo and Handa are both surprised by what's in the basket.





# Class News

## Class 2



This week Class 2 have enjoyed exploring and investigating the rate that ice caps melt in water compared to on land. We discovered that ice caps melt quicker in water, which is impacting Polar Bears' habitats and survival.



Several children from within the Federation have come together this week to compete at the TagFest tournament held at Luctonian's Rugby club. After an initial loss, the children managed to win their following eight matches that they played, including the final against a well-drilled Clee Hill team. The final was competitive and went to extra time before seeing the Blue Hills team snatch a late and dramatic win! All of the children did the Federation proud, showing much needed determination and resilience to come through and win the Shield trophy. From the smiles on their faces, we take it that they enjoyed the day.



## Class 3

Class 3 have been learning about developing a positive self-image; they have looked at the technique of airbrushing that is used to alter photos online and how this can impact upon the reader's perception of reality. They have also been studying the impact that earthquakes have on a community and a landscape. Well done to the Year 5 and 6s who played brilliantly at the Tag Rugby Festival this week! **Please note that Class 3 will begin their swimming lessons next Tuesday (18<sup>th</sup> June).**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June (Crucial Crew, comfortable non-uniform and **school** jumper on top, arrive 08.20am at school, packed lunch)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June (Hereford Cathedral leavers service, smart school uniform, arrive 08.20am at school, packed lunch)

**Both trips will depart at 08.30am and unfortunately, we are unable to wait for late arrivals.**



# diary



## Important Information

Please see below for key dates

**14th June—Bettws Church Festival event**

**14th June—Friends school bingo**

**17th June Crucial Crew (Year 6)**

**18th June Class 2 Barmouth Topic trip.**

**20th June—Leavers service @ Hereford Cathedral.**

25th June—Class 3 swimming to start.

28th June- 30th June Year 6 Arthog residential trip

2nd July—Ludlow Year 6 transition day

**4th July—Ludlow Year 5 taster day optional**  
(please not change of date)

4th July—Wigmore Year 6 transition day

11th July—Bucknell Sports Day 1pm

12th July—Summer Performance@Bedstone

15th July—Year 6 Leavers Bowling treat

19th July— Year 6 Leavers service @ St Marys Church  
2pm All Welcome

Everyone welcome

Can we please remind parents that children should bring a sun hat, water and make sure children are wearing sun cream, if they need to reapply they will need to do this for themselves (please label the bottle)

**PLEASE be aware we are unable to administer any medication unless it has been prescribed by a GP or hospital including Calpol.**

If your child is not in school/ preschool by 9 a.m they will need a packed lunch unless we have been notified beforehand.

**HOLIDAYS:** Please can we remind you that any holiday taken in term time will not be authorised

SAVE THE DATE

**Year 6 leavers party**



**Bedstone Village Hall**

**6-7.30pm**

**19th July**

**All pupils from St Marys are welcome to come and join in the celebrations.**

## School Timetable

**Tuesday:** Swimming

**Wednesday :** Forest school for class 1 & Preschool

**Thursday :** PE for Class 2  
PE for Class 3

**Friday:** PE class 1

Please ensure your children have the correct clothing for the school activity on the day.



## Information for Parents



### Attendance

#### Attendance Figures for last week— 03.06.24-07.05.24

Teme (Class 1) 96.8%

Hales (Class 2) 100%

Redlake (Class 3) 100%



Overall 98.8%, This is so close!

The targeted attendance figures for our school is 96%. Please be aware that we are regularly monitored by the Education welfare Officer and letters will be issued to parents whose children have fallen below 92% as attendance below this threshold is classed as persistence absence and it is expected that the school takes immediate action.

#### Reminders for Everyone.

Please bring your water bottle to school

Remember your book bag

Children in Class1 are all offered fruit or vegetables at snack time

Children can bring in a healthy snack from home. For example, fruit, veg or a cereal bar which isn't covered in chocolate. **(Please no nut products)**

If your child is not in school or Preschool by 9.am, they will need a packed lunch as dinners need to be ordered each day, unless notified beforehand.

Please let us know if your child is absent, and if you are going to be late collecting your child from Pre school or school.

Next Week:

**Year 6 Crucial crew Monday 17th**

**Class 2 Seaside trip to Barmouth**

**Leavers Service @ Hereford cathedral**

**Class 3 swimming starts.**





We have all our uniform and book bags etc, available on the website below, there are also starter packs which are multipacks of the sweatshirt and polo shirts. All the uniform is delivered direct to your door.



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19th July 2024

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[info@schooltrends.co.uk](mailto:info@schooltrends.co.uk)



### NEWCASTLE PRIMARY ANNUAL SUMMER FAIR FRIDAY 5TH JULY FROM 3.30PM

Fundraising for school clubs & activities for 2024-25 and beyond!  
All pupils - past, present & future - and whole community welcome to join us!



**\*FREE ENTRY\***  
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**AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>**

**11am - 4pm**

## Flower Festival

Celebrating all-time favourite characters in flowers!



**Brampton Bryan SY7 0DH**

FREE Parking

Funds raised for St Barnabas Church, and other local Charities  
HMRC Charity number XN35521

Brampton Bryan Church



# Parent Information



Keeping children safe online

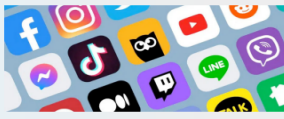
## A Parent's Guide to Safety and Privacy Settings



When you give a child access to the Internet, you give them access to the adult world.

The Internet treats everyone as adults and there are many things, they are not yet ready to know, which is why it is vital that some form of safety settings are in place. Doing something is better than doing nothing.

What happens online has an effect to what happens offline and what happens offline has an effect to what happens online.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

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- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need help and support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers with children of a similar age?

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



### UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS From Toddler to Teen

Understanding Your Child starts on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 From 12.30pm to 2.30pm Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child starts on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 From 1.15pm to 3.15pm in Bridgnorth at St Marys Bluecoat Primary School

Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024 From 09.30am to 11.30am in Shrewsbury at Sunflower House

Understanding Your Child starts on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm Virtually via MS Teams

The groups are delivered Virtually via MS Teams or Face to Face at a venue in Shropshire. All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays

SEND groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed to attend the groups.

To book a place on one of our groups or for further information on the groups we run please contact the Parenting Team by: Emailing: [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) or call us on telephone: 01743 250950

All our groups are free to Shropshire Council residents.



www.shropshire.gov.uk General Enquiries: 0345 678 9000

Stay up to date with news and information for children, young people and families by following the Family Information Service and the SEND Local Offer on social media. There's lots of information shared on a daily basis to support families in Shropshire, so why not give them a follow? If you have news and information you would like them to share about your service either tag them in to your post or email [ShropshireFIS@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:ShropshireFIS@shropshire.gov.uk)



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- Would you like to know more about why sleep is important for our health and emotional well-being?
- Does your child struggle with their sleep?
- Would you like to access help and support to improve sleep and bedtime routines?
- Would you like to meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences?

**SLEEP TIGHT WORKSHOP**

Starts Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams

The workshops are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shropshire. Our workshops run for 5 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the workshops we run please contact the Parenting Team by: Emailing: [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) Or call us on 01743 250950

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