

Newsletter – 7th October 2022



We're proud to announce our Stars of the week:

- [Duckling](#): Zack and Francis
- [Dragonfly](#): Natalya and Joss
- [Otter](#): Amelia and Dylan
- [Kingfisher](#): Alfie and Tyler

And our headteacher award winners are: Zackery, Emma, Henry W and Cherry

A message from Mr Barton



It's just a short newsletter this week, to keep you up to date with the essentials of what is happening in school.

Thanks so much to all the parents who have signed up very quickly for parents evening appointments for 1st and 2nd November. If you still haven't signed up, please do so now via the school office as the folders will no longer be in the playground.

Another date for your diary is our Christmas Performance at All Saints Church, Publow. As last year, there will be two performances on the same day, which will be Tuesday 13th December. The afternoon performance will start at 2pm and the evening one at 6pm, and they will last around 45 minutes. We haven't yet chosen the script for the show but I wanted parents to have the dates early as sometimes people want to book time off, and avoid other commitments for their children so that they can attend in the evening.

I'd also like to mention a slight change to the way we will now be engaging with Forest School. This won't affect Reception, but for the other classes we will be taking one year group at a time to Hidden Valley, rather than the whole class. As our school has grown, the class sizes are now a little too large to really get the benefit of a morning or afternoon at forest school, so the smaller groups should be able to get even more from the sessions. Teachers will also be able to make the most of their time in the classroom with the year group that remains back in school for the morning or afternoon. Every child will still, of course, go to forest school, but this will be spread over more sessions. Duckling class will be going next week, and Kingfisher will go across the day next Thursday, 20th October (Y5 in the morning and Y6 in the afternoon). Otter and Dragonfly will have their opportunity after the half term break, and details will be coming out to parents soon.

Meanwhile it has been another good week in school and a little hard to believe that there are now just two weeks to go until half term. On the next page there are some photos from the classes' Dojo posts to give you a flavour of what children have been up to in recent weeks across the school.

I hope you have a very good weekend.

Warrick Barton



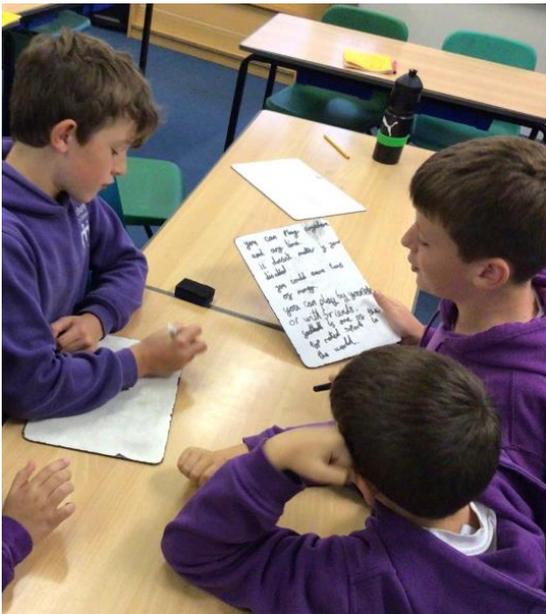
Duckling children (above) have been enjoying cooking and developing their social skills through play in their outdoor learning space.

Meanwhile Dragonfly (left) have been thinking about the five senses in science, and trying to identify crisp flavours using their sense of smell (and then taste!).



The North, South, West, East topic has been going well in Otter class, and they have been learning 8 points of the compass.

Meanwhile Kingfisher brought all their linguistic skills to bear when starting a unit on persuasive writing. Their mission was to convince each other of differing points of view, in a persuasive 'battle off'!



Would you like to find out more about joining the PTA or being a governor at the school? Please let the office know.

Upcoming Events

Week beginning 10th October

Monday 10 th	Tuesday 11 th	Wednesday 12 th	Thursday 13 th	Friday 14 th
<p>Tempest Photography to take individual and sibling photos (children attending Pensford only)</p> <p>Home netball match v Clutton (letters going to the team)</p>			<p>NO swimming for Kingfisher</p> <p>pm – Forest School for Duckling class</p> <p>Chew Valley football tournament (letters going to the team)</p>	<p>Parent Council meeting</p>

Week beginning 17th October

Monday 17 th	Tuesday 18 th	Wednesday 19 th	Thursday 20 th	Friday 21 st
		<p>Y4 cross country competition and away football match vs The Meadows (team events)</p>	<p>Forest School for Kingfisher (Year 5 in the morning, Year 6 in the afternoon)</p> <p>Baths schools netball tournament (team event)</p>	<p>Last day of term.</p> <p><u>Term 2 starts on Monday, 31st October</u></p>

Useful links and reminders

As usual, we're leaving a couple of links that could be useful to you in our newsletter.

If you need to book or cancel a **breakfast club** place, please [click here](#), or look up Breakfast Club under the Parents tab of our website.

Amazon wish list. If you would like to support our school by buying any books from our Amazon Wish List, please [click here](#).

School Attendance – a reminder

The impact of the pandemic is still with us in some ways, and all schools have been given refreshed guidance on attendance by the Department for Education. This guidance comes into force this year, and puts even greater emphasis on schools working with parents to ensure very high rates of attendance now.

Would you like to find out more about joining the PTA or being a governor at the school? Please let the office know.

We have sometimes had queries from parents about when they should or shouldn't send their child to school with certain illnesses. We have a standing item in the newsletter each week (below) on absence reporting, which should be helpful. The rule of thumb is that they SHOULD attend unless they feel so unwell that they will not be able to cope in the classroom. However, there is also some guidance about specific illnesses, and this can be found [here on the NHS website](#). We will follow this guidance when advising parents, and it is very useful if parents are familiar with it too.

Please also remember that if a child is unwell in the morning, but improves later in the day then they should come into school later on. Similarly, if a child is a little under the weather first thing then do let us know and we will keep a special eye on them and contact you if they need to be collected early.

Absence reporting

If you know your child will need to be **absent for school**, such as for a music exam or dentist appointment, or if under exceptional circumstances you need to request authorised holiday in term time, please [click here](#). You can also find this form under the Parents tab of the website. Note that it should NOT be used for unplanned absence (illness).

In the case of illness, this is our usual reminder to please be specific when leaving a message or reporting absence due to illness to the office. Below is a list of things that do **NOT** require your child to be off from school.

- They are tired
- They have a cold / mild stomach ache
- They are feeling 'unwell' but with no specific symptoms / pain.
- They are worried about something (but do let us know, so we can support them)

We hope this link provides some help as to when to keep your child at home and when not to: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Remember that if you need to notify us of any planned absence, please do this via our [online form here](#). **Many thanks to all parents for working with us in ensuring that your child gets their full entitlement to their education by attending school as often as possible. If you do need to request a short absence for a term time holiday, be aware that this can only be granted in truly exceptional circumstances. Any such requests must be submitted at least 2 weeks in advance.**

Although the vast majority of requests cannot result in authorised absence, we very much respect parents' honesty in telling us about any term time holidays.

Food On Our Doorstep (FOOD) club

Good-quality food at a low price

Bright Start Children's Centre Services run a weekly **Food On Our Doorstep (FOOD) club** at Keynsham Children's Centre, providing local families with good-quality food at a low cost, while also reducing food waste.

It costs just £1 a year for your family to become members.

Once you've joined, you can purchase a bag of tasty food items every week worth approx. £15 for just £3.50!

To become a member, you must live in Bath & North East Somerset and have a child aged 0 - 18.



Where and when

Keynsham Children's Centre
65 West View Road
Keynsham
BS31 2UE
Thursdays
1.00 – 3.00pm

Find out more

01225 395400
brightstartcc@bathnes.gov.uk or
Hayley_Smith@bathnes.gov.uk

 [BrightStartChildrensCentres](https://www.facebook.com/BrightStartChildrensCentres)
www.bathnes.gov.uk/childrens-centres

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Grassroots Sports Bristol

October Half Term Holiday Club

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We at **Grassroots Sports Bristol** in partnership with **Young Bristol** are delighted to inform you that we are going to be running a **Multi-Sports Holiday Club** at **BS14 Youth Club, Stockwood BS14 8SJ** from Monday 24th – 28th October 2022.

SPORT CLUB	CLUB OPEN TO	TIME	DATES	COST PER CHILD
MULTI-SPORTS This includes Football, Athletics, Cricket, Hockey, Basketball, Netball, Volleyball, Games, Arts & Crafts & Much More!	All children aged 5-12	Normal hrs: 9:00 - 3:00. Extended hrs: 08:30 - 4:30.	24 th – 28 th October	Weekly: Normal Hours - £70 Extended Hours - £95 Daily: Normal Hours - £21 Extended Hours - £26

For More Info or to book a place, please contact Jeff Dickens via: Phone – 07877287072 or Email - jeffreydickens@hotmail.com. Limited Spaces Available!

To Secure your place a **50% Deposit** is required by the **Friday 21st October!** You can do this by either contacting Jeff Dickens Direct or By Bank Transfer: ACC No -52293982 Sort Code 09-01-29

	Name: DOB:
	School:
	Home Address:
 Postcode:
	Home Telephone:
	Mobile:
	Emergency no:
	Medical requirements:

	*Payment enclosed:
	Parent/Guardian name:
	Signature: Date:

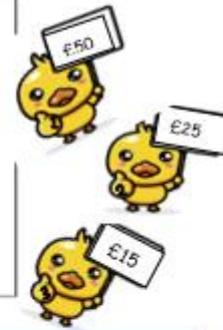
Booking Form

– Please hand form in on first day of club!

PENSFORD TENNIS CLUB AT THE
RISING SUN

DUCK RACE

SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER 2022



Come along to enjoy a Family Fun Day from 11am



HOW DO I BUY MY DUCKS? Note down this link to type into your browser to get to the online form

<https://forms.gle/S2ECJPFBPexfQzzH6>

Choose how many ducks you want to buy - you can buy as many ducks as you like!

The winners will be announced at The Rising Sun at the end of the race (starting time – 2pm) and contacted on Monday 10th October 2022.

ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE LINK – EMAIL pensfordtc@gmail.com FOR HELP



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week

w/c 10 October

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.

Bath Central Library

Storytime Sessions, Family Fun

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 11 October

Art in the Library - Sarah Targett, Charlotte Farmer, Jude McGuire, Kate Bernstein:

Monday - Saturday 3 - 29 October

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00 am 11 October
10.30 - 11.00 am

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Monday 11.00 - 11.30 am 10 October

Storytime Sessions, Family Fun

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 12 October

Digital All Social Media

Black History Month, October

World Mental Health Day, 10 October

Family Learning Festival, 15 - 30 October

**Children's Book Review 15 October
Bathnes Libraries Blog**



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