



Newsletter

01/03/2024

Headteacher's Hello

Dear parents and carers,

We're looking forward to World Book Day next Thursday. The children have chosen a book from the selection previously advertised and are busy reading it time for next week. On the morning of World Book Day, the children will gather with all the other children and member of staff who have read the same book as them, to discuss the book and do related activities. On this day, children can choose to come to school dressed as a character from the book they have read, or bring in a prop relating to the chosen book. Additionally, on Tuesday we are welcoming author, Denise Parker, to lead some workshops for the children.

Over the past few months, we have been busy restructuring our operations team, which has involved some new recruitment. We're delighted to welcome Mrs Ivy Sy to our team as our HR Officer from Monday 11th March. Our operations team now looks as follows:

HR Officer	Finance and Administration Officer	Marketing and Admissions Officer	Facilities and Site Manager
Mrs Ivy Sy	Miss Jessica de Boissiere	Mrs Jemma Chawla	Mr Tom Murray
Human Resources Health and Safety Data Protection Business supplies and services Governor support Office administration	Accounting and finance Pupil administration Attendance School Meals Extra-curricular clubs admin Office administration	Admissions Marketing and events (including website, educational visits, school lettings) Pupil records Office administration	Site health and safety Security Internal and external maintenance Energy and services Site management for lettings

We are in the process of reviewing the names of our school houses. Currently named Red, Blue and Green House, the children voted last half term to change the names. The School Council are busy seeking ideas from their classmates for suggestions for new names, and the staff have also been consulted. If you have any suggestions you would like to share, please email them FAO Miss Macklearn to the school info address by Friday 8th March. A few things to consider:

- We need three names that have a common link
- If naming after people we need to ensure fair representation. Learning about inspirational role models is incorporated into our Collective Worship schedules and across our curriculum.

We will collate all the suggestions and short-list them, and then the children will vote for their final choice later this term.

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Macklearn



Newsletter

School News & Attendance

Attendance

Friendship, 95.00%, Endurance 99.00%, Peace 98.33%
 Forgiveness 93.33%, Reverence 93.00%, Service 98.67%
 and Justice 91.382%.

Year 6 Viking Day!

On Thursday 14th March, Year 6 will be taking part in a Viking Day linked to their current theme and history topic. Mr King (our resident Viking expert!) will be talking to the children about how Vikings lived, their weapons and food. We do not expect children to dress up however they are welcome to if they have something appropriate to wear. Many thanks, Miss Sweeney

Attention tools



Some children find it easier to concentrate and focus on learning when they are able to use an attention tool (fiddle toy). Please do not send these items into school unless their use has been agreed as part of a child's learning support plan or following a discussion with Miss McAvoy. Where children are using an attention tool, it should be silent and hygienic and must be used as it was designed without distracting other children from their learning. Thank you for your support.

Break time snacks

Children in the juniors may bring in a snack for break time. Please remember that our policy states that this snack can be fruit or vegetables only. This means that cereal bars or other such items are not permitted. Children in the infants will be provided with fruit or vegetables at break time. Thank you.

School Trips

Unless otherwise stated, children should wear school uniform for school visits (this includes school shoes). Children should bring a bag (school bag or other) to carry their packed lunch and water bottle in. If details vary to this they will be provided below within the specific trip section.

Year 6

Bowles Activity Centre residential trip will take place between Monday 24th June and Friday 28th June 2024. If paying by instalments the third instalment is due today, 9th February 2024. **Any remaining balance is due by all attendees, regardless of payment method, by Friday 8th March.** Visit your child's SCOPAY account to make payment. We cannot extend this payment date as our final invoice is due the day after.

Year 5

Isle of Wight residential trip will take place between Tuesday 7th to Friday 10th May 2024. If paying by instalments the fourth instalment is due by 19th February 2024. **Any remaining balance is due by all attendees, regardless of payment method, today, Friday 1st March.** Visit your child's SCOPAY account to make payment. We cannot extend this payment date as our final invoice is due the day after.

Year R

Visiting Whitton Library on Friday 8th March. Please send your child in with their library card to enable them to loan books. **We need volunteers to come with us (approx. 09:15 – 11:45am), if you're able to join please contact the school office ASAP, thank you.**



Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Scarlet Fever

You will have seen from communications earlier in the week that we have had some suspected and confirmed cases of Scarlet Fever in school recently. Please see attached information. As a precautionary measure, we have implemented extra handwashing and cleaning of high touch points during the day.

Mental Health Support Team Networking Coffee Mornings

Come along to a coffee morning to network with other parents, share ideas and experiences and hear advice from trained professional including Miss McAvoy (Inclusion Leader and SENCo), Mrs Rogerson (Wellbeing Officer and Arleta (Children’s Wellbeing Practitioner)

Wed 27th March 08:45 – 09:30am in the School Library



If you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding of children who attend Bishop Perrin CE Primary School, these should be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Mr Corke. In his absence, concerns should be reported to the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Miss Macklearn. The School’s Safeguarding Governor is Lucy James

Celebrations and Achievements

Celebration certificates:

CLASS	
Friendship	Sienna & Sorcha
Endurance	Nate
Peace	Kai
Forgiveness	Aimee
Reverence	Sophia
Service	Aleh
Justice	Amy

And finally...

Parent Forum

Please find the first 2024 Parent Forum Minutes [here](#).

Y3 Class Assembly

Just a reminder that it will be Year 3’s class assembly on Thursday 21st March.

‘Helping children with...’ series of webinars for parents

Achieving for Children’s Mental Health Support Teams are delivering a series of webinars for parents of primary aged children. The **‘Helping Children with ...’** series of webinars will cover a range of common difficulties experienced by children and will aim to share evidence-based strategies to help parents and carers support their children with these difficulties. Below is a list of webinars on offer over the coming months. In the third and fourth columns of the table below, you will find the sign up links. Please note that sign up links will be added a month before the webinar dates.

Helping children with ...	Overview of webinar	Morning 9am	Evening 6pm
Worries	The ‘Helping children with worries’ webinar will help you learn ways to support your child in dealing with their big feelings, worries and fears. This webinar will give you practical ideas on how to help your child to think more positively and develop their self-confidence. You will also be introduced to some helpful cognitive behavioural therapy concepts.	08 March 2024 9am MHST workshop: Helping children with worries 8/3/24	07 March 2024 6pm MHST workshop: Helping children with worries 7/3/24
Resilience	The ‘Helping children with resilience’ webinar will support you in understanding how children develop resilience, while exploring a variety of helpful coping skills, and what you can do as a parent or carer to help them be their most confident self.	22 March 2024 9am MHST workshop: Helping children with resilience 22/3/24	21 March 2024 6pm MHST workshop: Helping children with resilience 21/3/24
Friendships	In this workshop we will learn how to support our children develop their friendship skills: learning to communicate better, repair difficulties, and negotiate solutions when relationships between peers are tricky.	19 April 2024 9am MHST workshop: Helping children with friendships 19/4/24	18 April 2024 6pm MHST workshop: Helping children with friendships 18/4/24
Challenging behaviours	Children often communicate their needs through their behaviours. The ‘Helping children with challenging behaviours’ webinar will help you to learn about the different factors that can impact children's behaviours, build or strengthen positive relationships by reinforcing the importance	17 May 2024 9am MHST workshop: Helping children with challenging	16 May 2024 6pm MHST workshop: Helping children with challenging behaviour 16/5/24

	of giving positive attention. You will also learn strategies to establish home rules and boundaries to create a safe and structured environment for your children.	behaviour 17/5/24	
Screen time	In this workshop we discuss the positive and negative impact of screen time and gaming on a child's mental wellbeing. We will share the recommendations for screen time based on age, how to have this conversation with your child in a positive and effective manner and a simple and effective way to manage screen time.	06 June 2024 9am MHST workshop: Helping children with screen time 6/6/24	05 June 2024 6pm MHST workshop: Helping children with screen time 5/6/24
Sleep	The 'Helping children with sleep' webinar introduces a number of key concepts and strategies to support you in creating a healthy bedtime routine for your child. This webinar focuses on the importance of sleep due to its impact on child development and wellbeing, and explores key components in enhancing sleep quality.	28 February 2024 9am MHST workshop: Helping children with sleep 28/2/24 28 June 2024 9am MHST workshop: Helping children with sleep 28/6/2	27 February 2024 6pm MHST workshop: Helping children with sleep 27/2/24 26 June 2024 6pm MHST workshop: Helping children with sleep 26/6/24

*All Webinars are 60 minutes long, with 15 minutes at the end for questions and answers.

***Please have a pen and paper handy for the webinar.**

How to sign up

Parents and carers can sign up to the webinars by clicking on the sign up links. This will take them to a google form where they will need to provide their email address, the school their child attends, and the year group their child is in.

Who to contact

If parents have any questions, they can contact the school who will direct queries to the allocated MHST practitioner.

Cooking Together!



FREE Family Cook and Eat
A BRITE Box and Welcare Project



**Cook and eat a delicious
BRITE Box recipe together!**

Thursday 14/03/24 3.30-6pm

or

Thursday 04/04/24 11.00-1.30pm

**Book your FREE place here:
<https://tinyurl.com/bdhvp9ub>
or scan the code by 7th March**



**WelCare House, 53-55 Canbury Park
Road, Kingston upon Thames KT2 6LQ**



POP . ROCK . JAZZ . MUSICALS

SING!

BE A PART OF OUR CHOIR

We're excited to confirm that the RMT Choir is back! Weekly rehearsals will start in the Summer Term, and we are offering two free taster sessions in March.

FREE Taster Sessions - attend one or both:

- Thursday 7 March
- Thursday 21 March

4.30 - 6.00 pm

The Exchange, Twickenham

Year 5 - Year 7

For more information, please go to:
www.richmondmusictrust.org.uk





Children

STORY WRITING COMPETITION

Do you like writing stories, poems or comics and pictures?

You can use your creativity and imagination and write your own story on **one sheet of A4 paper**, and bring it to Whitton library desk by the end of Tuesday **5th March 2024**. This year's theme is simply number **50**

Please don't forget to add your **name, age** and **contact details** on the back.

Winners in each age category will be announced on Tuesday 12th March 4.30pm (after the Owls visiting event at the library!)

Categories: 4-7years, 8-11years, 12-15years

1st prize : £20 voucher

2nd prize: £10 voucher

3rd prize £5 voucher



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