



Bitterne Park Primary School

October 2022 Newsletter



Inspire, Thrive, Achieve

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our October newsletter and the first day of this half term. It is lovely to see all of our children settling back into the routine of school so well.

Curriculum and Enrichment

National Poetry Day

On Thursday 6 October we celebrated National Poetry Day! The theme this year was 'The Environment'. Our children wrote and performed some beautiful poems around ensuring our planet is preserved for years to come.

Watch this space to see the finished poetry - we will be collating an anthology from across the partnership!

School Council

Each class has now elected a new set of school council representatives. In order to undertake the position, the children prepared and presented a speech explaining why they would make a great candidate for the role. All children cast a vote and we are pleased to announce the list of children who were elected below:



Well done to these children and thank you to all who applied!

Year 1: Avaneet (1M) Reuben (1M) Isabelle (1A) Noah (1A) Marnie (1P) Edward (1P) Sophie (1H) Barnaby (1H)
Year 2: Esmé (2M) Luke (2M) Ella (2H) Noah (2H) Maddie (2BH) Quentin (2BH) Maddie (2KM) Toby (2KM)
Year 3: Georgia (3GH) Bertie (3GH) Mabel (3CH) Kian (3CH) Lana (3P) Kellen (3P) Alex (3W) Gabriel (3W)
Year 4: Aislynn (4S) Evan (4S) Surumyaa (4P) Isaac (4P) Vinny (4CH) Isabel (4CH) Matilda (4M) Evan (4M)
Year 5: Sophie (5P) Tristan (5P) Isla (5S) Albie (5S) Laura (5W) Arujan (5W)
Year 6: Jack (6H) Oli (6H) Poppy (6Q) Jude (6Q) Harper (6S) Brooke (6S) Lewis (6T) Ava (6T)

This year, the children will be working on 'Experience Passports' – compiling a list of opportunities and initiatives that should be available to all children in school. They will also be working alongside our Eco Council to maintain our Eco Green Flag status.

House Captains 2022-2023



Congratulations to the following children for becoming this year's House Captains and Vice Captains:

Centaurs

House Captain: Charles

Vice Captain: Tula

Sports Captain: Callum

Vice Sports Captain: Jack F

Phoenix

House Captain: Bethan

Vice Captain: Sophie

Sports Captain: George

Vice Sports Captain: Anya

Unicorns

House Captain: Colbie
Vice Captain: Isabelle B
Sports Captain: Olive
Sports Vice Captain: Jenson

Dragons

House Captain: Oli
Vice Captain: Emily R
Sports Captain: Lucy H
Sports Vice Captain: Eli L-D

Captains will support their house teams in our three half termly competitions – one academic, one charity and one sport based.

House Winning Achievements



Charity - Shoe Box Appeal

A massive thank you to all of you who supported The Rotary Club Shoebox Scheme. This year we received over 172 shoeboxes and I am sure will make lots of less privileged children very happy this Christmas.

Dragons 1st - 46 boxes

Centaur 2nd - 45 boxes

Unicorns 2nd - 45 boxes

Phoenix 4th - 36 boxes

Physical – Cross Country

Dragon – 1st

Phoenix – 2nd

Unicorn – 3rd

Centaur – 4th

Knowledge – Times Tables

Phoenix – 1st

Centaur/Unicorns – Joint 2nd

Dragons – 4th

House Points

Centaur – 184 points

Phoenix – 160 points

Unicorns – 153 points

Dragons – 146 points

Overall achievement for all Competitions

Centaur – 1st

Dragons – 2nd

Phoenix – 3rd

Unicorns – 4th

Parents' Meetings

Thank you to all of our parents for attending the parents' meetings earlier this month. Hopefully you have all had a chance to catch up with your child's class teacher now.

We look forward to watching all of the children continue to progress over the course of the year.

Thank you for all of your support.

P.E. kits

Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school at all times and that it is labelled.

Please remember that earrings should be removed on your child's PE day or your child needs to be able to remove them themselves. Hair should be tied back for all PE lessons.

Below are the P.E. days for each year group:

Monday – Year 1

Tuesday – Year 2

Wednesday – Year 3 and Year 4

Thursday – Year 5

Friday – Year R and Year 6



Backpacks

Backpacks should not be brought into school. Children should bring in a PE kit which should stay in school until the end of each half term and their bookbag. Unfortunately we are getting lots of backpacks on the ground in each corridor which is causing health and safety issues.

School Applications

Deadline for September 2023 entry:

Year 7 (secondary school) places: **31 October 2021 at 23:59**

Year R (infant/primary school) places: **15 January 2022 at 23:59**

Please ensure you have submitted your applications on time and used all 3 preferences. Late applications can result in your child missing a place at your preferred school.

Appointments in school time

We appreciate that it is not always possible to make doctor/dentist/hospital appointments outside of school time. If your child does have an appointment during school hours please ensure you notify the school office and the class teacher as far in advance as you can. Please do not be offended if you are asked to provide evidence of the appointment as we require this to approve the absence.

School Messages (collection arrangements)

School is a very busy place especially at the start and end of the day. Please note that the office cannot guarantee that messages received after 3.00pm will be delivered in time for the end of the school day. Please

plan as far in advance as you can, as we want to keep our children safe and last minute messages do not support this.

INSET Day Reminder

Thursday 25th May 2023

Friday 26th May 2023

Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday, 1st November - School Photographer
- Monday, 5th December – Year R and Year 6 Height and Weight Checks
- w/c 13th March – Year 5 Bikeability
- w/c 13th March – Year 5 swimming for 3 weeks
- w/c 10th July – Year 6 Residential to Skern Lodge

Best wishes



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