

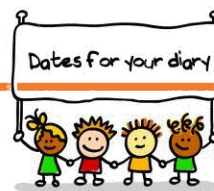
Bitterne Park Primary School

OCTOBER

Dear Parents

Welcome to our October newsletter. It is lovely to see all of our children settling back into the routine of school so well.

Some highlights of the school year so far include Year 6 visiting to Price Waterhouse Coopers and Year 5 enjoying an exciting day at Calshot Activities Centre.



Dates for your Diary

- Monday, 6th November - School Photographer
- Friday 10th December – Reading Rockets Information for parents
- 21st to 28th November – Book Fair
- Friday 24th November – Nasal Flu vaccine
- Wednesday 29th November – Young Shakespeare 'Macbeth'
- Monday 4th December – Year 6 Christmas Showcase 2:30pm
- Tuesday 5th December - Year 4 Christmas Showcase 2:30pm
- Wednesday 6th December - Year 3 Christmas Showcase 2:30pm
- Thursday 7th December – Coffee Morning 8:30am
- Thursday 7th December - Year R Christmas Showcase 2:45pm
- Friday 8th December - Staff Inset Day – School closed to children
- Monday 11th December - Year 5 Christmas Showcase 2:30pm
- Tuesday, 12th December – Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 'Big Foot' Panto
- Tuesday 12th December – Years 5 and 6 Mayflower Pantomime Trip
- Wednesday 13th December – Years 3 and 4 Mayflower Pantomime Trip
- Thursday 14th December – Christmas Dinner Day
- Thursday 14th December - Year 2 Christmas Showcase 2:45pm
- Thursday 14th December – PTFA Christmas Film Club
- Friday 15th December - Year 1 Christmas Showcase 2:45pm

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Celebrations at BPPS

School Council Representatives

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: Zoe (1A), Ethan (1A), Theo (1S), Olivia (1S), Freya (1B), Freddie (1B)

Year 2: Wren (2BF), Joss (2BF), Savannah (2F), Ethan (2F), Lois (2M), Rafe (2M), Maisie (2G), Gabriel (2G)

Year 3: Jessica (3W), Leon (3W), Phoebe (3M), Barney (3M), Maddie (3O), Loro (3O)

Year 4: Betsy (4C), George (4C), Tilly (4D), Benjamin (4D), Ava (4M), Eddie (4M), Isabelle (4T), Sam (4T)

Year 5: Tabatha (5S), Rauri (5S), Zach (5W), Olive (5W), Milo (5M), Lottie (5M)

Year 6: Finn (6T), Mollie(6T), Sam (6S), Layla (6S), Jackson (6Q), Kelda (6Q)

House Captians



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

	<u>Centaurs</u>	<u>Dragons</u>	<u>Phoenix</u>	<u>Unicorns</u>
House Captain:	Alice	Tara	Josiah	Poppy
Vice Captain:	Tristan	Sophie	Chloe P.	Florence
Sports Captain:	Joey	Bobby	Ethan	Dougie
Vice Sports Captain:	Heaven	Jackson	Jessica	Joshua

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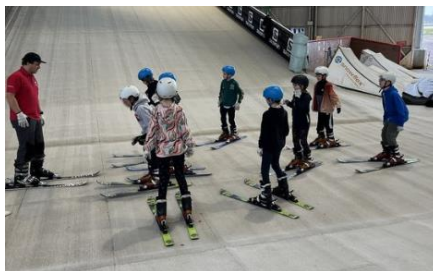
Year 6 Trip to Price Waterhouse Coopers

As part of PWC's Primary Insight Day, the children had the chance to meet with and question professionals, hear about their careers, experience a live workplace and develop some essential skills for the future. It was a great opportunity to delve into the world of finance and accounting. The children worked collaboratively in small teams to compete in various listening, teamwork and problem solving activities, from code-breaking to budgeting.



Year 5 Trip to Calshot

Year 5 had a fun packed day at Calshot Activity Centre earlier this month. Their balance, coordination, agility and bravery were all tested as they participated in archery, skiing, rock climbing, bouldering and the low ropes. They took to the challenges brilliantly and showed great improvement in all activities. In particular, they demonstrated excellent communication and team work skills on the low ropes to solve the problems they were tested with. Well done Year 5!



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Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be on **Thursday 7th December**. We hope this will be another way to drop in and have an informal chat and coffee with a member of the senior team.



PTFA

Many thanks to the PTFA for their continuous fundraising efforts. We are looking forward to the Christmas events coming up, including seeing the children's final Christmas card designs and the annual BP Christmas Film Club. If you are interested in supporting the PTFA with any upcoming events, please contact Erin, the Chair, on ptfa@bpslive.net

Pip and Pap Workshops

Our Pip and Pap workshops continue this half term on:



Tuesday – Year 2

Thursday – Year R

Friday – Year 1

We look forward to seeing you there!

PE days

Please ensure your child has their correct PE kit in school for the day they have their lesson. Ideally they need to leave their kit in school and take it home to wash at the end of each half term.

Monday	Year 1
Tuesday	Year 5
Wednesday	Year 6
Thursday	Years 3 and 4
Friday	Years R and 2



Draft School Travel Service and Post-16 Travel Service Policy Consultation

Please follow this link to contribute your views towards this consultation:

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/council-democracy/have-your-say/draft-school-travel-service-and-post-16-travel-service-policy-consultation/>

The closing date is 27th November 2023.

Curriculum News at BPPS

Year R



In Year R, we have been learning all about our senses! We have had great fun playing and exploring different items such as jelly, coco pops and shaving foam. We then applied our Science learning to create our own superhero capes using our sense of touch. There have been some fabulous creations and the children have loved being creative with their designs.



Year 1

In Maths, we have moved on to addition and subtraction! We have been using lots of resources to help our understanding. We have started the half term by reading 'Lost and Found' and thinking about the penguin in the story. We have explored different 'Found' posters and looked at their features, ready to work towards creating our own 'Found' posters later in the half term. We can't wait to see the outcomes!

Year 2

Year 2 have been reading the Rainbow Fish and will be retelling the story with a twist. Where will their story be set? Who will their character be? Who will they meet? These stories will make great reading once they are published.

We are also learning about the rainforests around the world and their different layers. We can't wait to find out more!



Curriculum News at BPPS

Year 3

We have been learning to use adverbs and fronted adverbials to make our sentences more exciting and help to describe the beastly tempers of our farmers.

We are now reading the book 'Guess who's coming to dinner' and thinking about our use of formal and informal language and the effect on the reader.

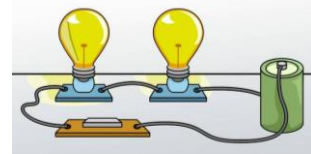


Year 4

In History, we have learnt and uncovered some fascinating facts about Skara Brae: a Neolithic settlement in the Orkney islands that has much archeological importance. We will now be learning about the Romans and Roman Britain.



We are also busy exploring learning about electricity and circuits. Will our circuits be successful?

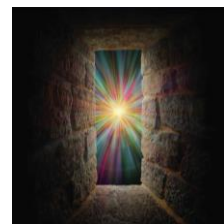


Year 5

Within the classroom, Year 5 have continued to explore literature that creates fear and tension. They have considered different ways to create these effects and thought about what writing techniques they can use. They have written their own story with the focus of creating fear and tension.

Year 6

We have been writing a story about a portal, focusing on the use of powerful language and varied sentence types to ensure cohesion throughout the piece. Where will our stories take us?



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Enrichment at BPPS

House Competitions



Knowledge - This half term's knowledge competition is focusing on our map reading skills. The children will be exploring the different OS map symbols and understanding their meaning.



Charity - We have been continuing to support The Rotary Club Shoebox Scheme. The return date for boxes to be brought into school was extended to **Wednesday 1st November**. Many thanks for all your contributions with this.

Following this, we are going to be supporting Basics Food Bank, thinking about those people in our community who may need extra support this Christmas time. We would very much appreciate **non-perishable** food items to be brought in to school by **Thursday 7th December** so that we have time to make the donations before the holidays.



Sport – The sports competition will be basketball shoot out, which the children will complete in during their PE lessons.

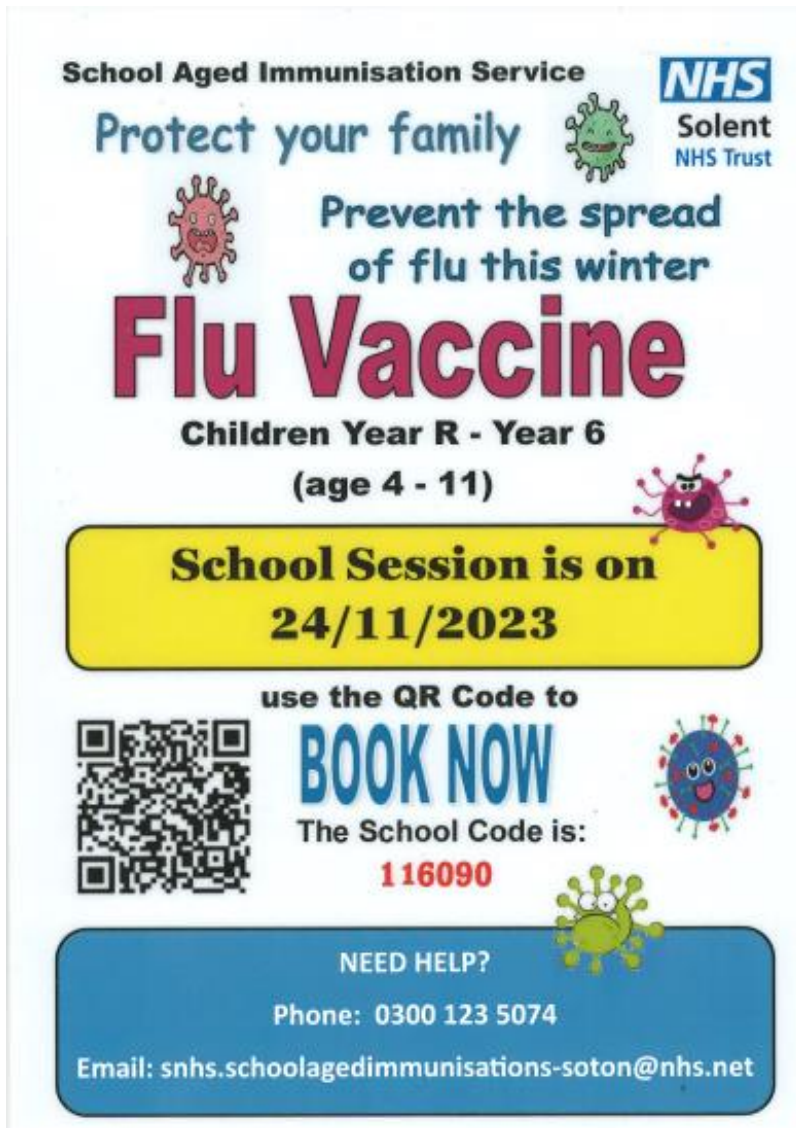



Creative – We would like the children to continue with their house flag designs, being as creative as they wish! Please can they bring in their flag designs, created to represent their house using their house colours, by **Friday 10th November**.


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NHS Flu Vaccinations

On Friday 24th November, the NHS will be coming in to school to offer a nasal flu vaccination for your child.



School Aged Immunisation Service  Solent NHS Trust


Protect your family 

Prevent the spread of flu this winter

Flu Vaccine


Children Year R - Year 6
(age 4 - 11)

**School Session is on
24/11/2023**

use the QR Code to 

BOOK NOW

The School Code is:
116090

NEED HELP? 

Phone: 0300 123 5074
Email: snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-soton@nhs.net

This QR code will become active on Friday 10th November.



Parent Questionnaire Feedback

Many thanks for your feedback on our parent questionnaire. The Senior Team will be in touch to discuss your comment.

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