



School Newsletter

Nurture, flourish and succeed together as a loving family of learners.

Friday 17th September 2021

Weekly Update

Dear Parents

Parent Forum Meeting

Thank you to all the parents and staff who joined me virtually or live on Thursday afternoon. The meeting included both Bradford and Black Torrington parents and I was pleased to also be joined by Mrs Bunning, Principal and SENDCo at Bridgerule Church of England School. This meeting gave us an opportunity to share with you the ways in which the two, and three schools, are planning to work more collaboratively over the coming year. An update was given on the progress made to recruit a teacher and two teaching assistants. I am pleased to report we currently have three applicants for the teacher vacancy and two applicants for the teaching assistant roles at Black Torrington. The closing date is 23rd September and I will keep you informed of all development and progress.

We continue to do the absolute best for our children and will ensure that every step is taken to make the right choices for all three schools in the Ruby Country Hub.

Sadly, Phil Whittle, Interim Chair of Governors for the Local Stakeholders Board, had difficulty managing to link in and so did not join us.



Class One

This week Class One have been getting outdoors with their learning and making the most of the sunny weather. They had a fantastic first PE session back with Mr Pugh and explored prehistoric art with Mrs Tucker-Grant

Our CRAFT value this week was **cooperation** so the children have been working together in English and transformed into verb detectives. In Maths they have been helping each other consolidate their place value knowledge.

We have also been reading with Class Two and building up our star stickers for reading. Everyone should now be bringing a book from school home to read. Please make sure you record whenever you read with your child at home.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday. Please see the Dojo for the Curriculum Newsletter which explains all the learning we have planned this term.

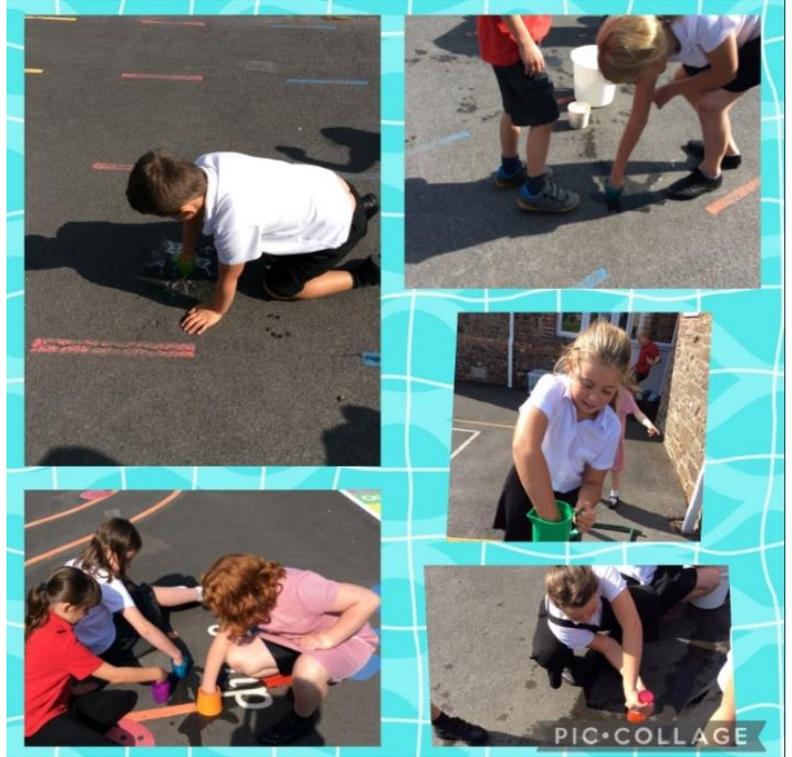
Miss Lovering

Class Two

Class Two enjoyed some practical science investigating on Tuesday. They were looking at whether liquids are compressible, whether they flow and what happens to them when they are in a container.

The children have also been learning about why the Roman Empire was so powerful and researching different Roman Emperors.

In English we are studying a text called Escape from Pompeii and have looked at what happens when a volcano erupts. Please look out for the Curriculum Information Sheet on the Dojo. This details all the subjects and areas of learning for the term.



Mrs Tucker-Grant



Star Learners

Well done Harlan and Stan for super Maths learning this week.

Congratulations to Flossy and Lily for being deserved recipients of the Star Award this week.

Welcome Mrs Jordan



Bonjour! My name is Vicki Jordan. I teach French across the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust but am very lucky to be based at Bradford School. I have taught French and Spanish in Primary and Secondary schools in Hampshire and Cornwall. I have very much enjoyed getting to know your children and the staff at Bradford. We have started to practise introductions in French and talk about all the countries that speak French across the world. It would be great if you could ask your child to teach you what they have been learning in school. French lessons will take place every Friday afternoon. Today we started to learn this song: [\(43\) Bonjour Monsieur - YouTube](#) .

On the 26th September it is European Day of Languages. Every year we celebrate the wealth of languages spoken across Europe. We have some exciting activities planned for next Friday to celebrate in school. If you can teach your child a phrase or

some words in another language, they can share these with the rest of the school on Friday. We are also entering the European Day of Languages T-shirt competition. There are prizes for all entries and the best entries will be entered into the international competition, where the winners will receive a t-shirt of their own design. The children will receive more details next Friday. The deadline for entries is **Monday 4th October**. I look forward to seeing the creative entries from Bradford School.

Bon weekend!
Mrs Jordan

Thank you

I have been extremely impressed to see how well the children have settled down into their new classes and how hard they are all working. They are getting to know their new teachers, Mrs Tucker-Grant and Miss Lovering, and the classrooms and learning environments are looking superb. We can't wait to invite you in soon.

Thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend.
Miss Sunita Chauhan

Mrs Carter – Administration News

Arbor Parent Portal

A massive thank you to all of the parents who have already logged in to the new Arbor Parent Portal. We are over the moon with the sign-up rate so far. If you haven't had chance to sign up yet we would be very grateful if you could spare a little time over the weekend if possible. If you have any problems, please contact Mrs Carter. With only a few parents left to sign up we will be able to start using the portal quicker than expected.

Permissions and Up to Date Details

As we start a new academic year we need to ensure that all details we hold for your child/ren are up to date e.g. contact numbers, medical information and parental permissions. The column on the right lists the permissions we hold for your children. If you would like to withdraw any of the permissions listed please contact Mrs Carter by Monday 20th September. If we do not hear anything from you the current permissions will carry on for this academic year.

If you have signed up for the parent portal you will be able to edit and amend Student Contact Details, Parent and Guardian Contact Details and Medical information. Mrs Carter will then be notified of the changes made. If you are not on the portal yet, please contact Mrs Carter who will make the changes for you. We cannot stress how important it is that we have up to date information relating to your child/ren. Thank you.

Administer First Aid

Internet Access

Photograph Student

Photos in Local Media

Photos on School Website

Sale of Group Photos

School Visit

Emergency Medical
Treatment

Local Off-Site School Visit

Electronic Newsletter

Class Dojo

Google Additional Services

Outdoor Activities Club Thursday

Starting from next week, please can the children attending Outdoor Club bring old clothes to school that they can get dirty, ready to change into after school.

If you have any half packets of seeds or any spare bulbs we could have to plant in our garden, please could you send them in to Mrs Tucker-Grant. Thank you!

Morrisons – It's Good to Grow

If you or a family member shop at Morrisons we would be very grateful if you could sign up for their 'It's Good to Grow' initiative and select Bradford as your chosen school – information below, thank you.

FREE gardening equipment for your school

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help your school get everything they need to get growing. Download the Morrison's app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose the school you'd like to donate them to.

Your chosen school will be able to exchange their Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment to get kids growing.

<https://my.morrisons.com/blog/community/good-to-grow/>



Free Fruit and Vegetable boxes offer Devon's children a healthy start

The past 18 months have been a struggle, particularly for those families with young children who face financial challenges of being on low incomes.



Worrying about money can have a real impact on someone's physical and mental health, and make it difficult for families to eat healthily. [So we're encouraging two and a half thousand eligible families in Devon to sign up to receive a seasonal fruit and vegetable box this Autumn](#) as part of an initiative to help raise awareness of the government's Healthy Start scheme, which is due to go digital later this year. The 'Get a Healthy Start' box contains fresh fruit and vegetables and simple plant-based recipe ideas, with tips on how to swap or add ingredients (including meat and fish) and prevent food waste. The box will also contain free vitamins and information on how to apply and make the most of the Healthy Start scheme.

The Healthy Start scheme provides eligible families who are pregnant or have children under the age of 4 years old, with financial support to spend on cow's milk; fresh, frozen or tinned fruit and vegetables; fresh, dried, and tinned pulses; infant formula, and free vitamins.

Recent research has shown that just under a third of households in Devon with children are experiencing food insecurity, but at the moment, only around half of eligible families are signed up to the scheme, which means many are missing out on much needed support.

For more information on Healthy Start [please visit the NHS website](#) or [fill in this online form to order a 'Get a Healthy Start' box](#).

Flu Clinics for Medically Vulnerable Children

Dear Parent

This year your child will be offered a free flu vaccination in school and we will shortly be sending communication via the school with regards to consent for this. However, we are aware there are some children that due to an underlying medical condition are at increased risk from the flu virus – if you believe that your child is in the category and you would like the opportunity to book them into an early community clinic, please contact our single point of access (SPA) on 0300 247 0082 or email at vcl.immunisations@nhs.net.

Please note this is an extremely busy time for our phones and therefore if you are struggling to get through, please don't hesitate to contact us via e-mail and someone will return your call.

Best wishes

School Age Immunisations Team
Virgin Care Services Limited
Telephone: 0300 247 0082

e: VCL.immunisations@nhs.net
w: www.virgincare.co.uk

Diary Dates

Monday 27th September

12.45 to 2.45pm – Cross Country at Holsworthy Community College for Years 4 to 6
(more details to follow)

Thursday 30th September

1.30pm – FOBs Meeting

Mrs Carter
School Administrator