

We have made it through the first full week of the Spring Term. I think adults and children alike are glad it is Friday today. It is hard getting back in to a routine after a break and super hard after Christmas when we have all probably been less active than normal.

We began the week with a big emphasis on our Manners Curriculum. The focus has been on respecting your own and other people's property, especially school property. The children have focused on how to pass books and pencils appropriately to another person, how to shut doors and how to keep cloakrooms tidy. I am happy to report that I have seen a significant improvement to the cloakrooms over the week. I hope you see the benefit of this at home too. Please help us to reinforce the manners at home, if we are all doing the same thing the manners will become second nature to the children.

We waved off our first trip of the year on Wednesday, as Year 3 visited the Verulamium Museum in St Albans to bring their topic to life and on the same day Year 4 had a super start to their new Anglo Saxons topic by dressing and eating as Anglo Saxons for the day. The smell of broth and fresh bread coming from Year 4 was mouth watering.

We held our final Open Morning on Thursday and again it was incredibly well attended. Our Year 6 ambassadors were very informative and professional when conducting their tours and many parents who are not familiar with our school spoke highly of what they saw.

Mrs France

Sports News

Year 5 and 6 children had a brilliant time on Monday at the Buckingham basketball festival. With great belief and perseverance, our two teams achieved great success by finishing 4th (despite not losing a single game!) and 7th.



Manners Matter

The manner we will be focussing on next will be:

Good partner talk.

Please support us by reinforcing this at home with your child emphasising these key points.

Body language

Eye contact

Voice level

Positive praise

Reminders

BPS Club

Breakfast and after school club bookings need to be submitted on correctly completed forms, for each individual child, at least one complete week prior to your child attending. This enables both staffing and food to be correctly sourced. Unfortunately last minute bookings, without the correct notice requirements, cannot be guaranteed.

Please ensure that all payments are at the same time as bookings are submitted to ensure debts are not accrued.

We are also seeking donations of complete games and any colouring books or pencils and crayons. Please hand them on to club or the school office if you can help.

Nursery

Welcome back after the festive holidays we hope that you had time to enjoy your family. If you have any unwanted completed toys now that new ones have been received please feel free to donate them to nursery.

This half term the whole nursery will be following a winterish theme as we are sure snow will appear at some point. Many of the children will enjoy the opportunity of experiences open to them. Please ensure that your child has both size and weather appropriate clothing that they can manage.

If you require any changes to any sessions this must be submitted on a change of session form with half a term's notice and this is not a guaranteed change until you have received written confirmation via email.

To allow us to conduct an internal audit of your child's learning journal please can you return it to over the next week?

Foundation 2

Welcome back to the New Year and an exciting Spring term! Thank you so much for all the lovely gifts and we have been enjoying hearing about all the amazing things the children have been up to over the Christmas holidays. We have now started our new topic called 'Fabulous Fantasy' beginning with a focus on Traditional tales. This week we have been learning about teen numbers in maths and describing characters from the Gingerbread man in literacy. We have also been sharing and discussing other Traditional tales throughout the week. Next week, we will be continuing with place value in maths - consolidating our concept of number. In literacy we will be studying The Three Little Pigs and Cinderella.

At home:

- Reading and discussing traditional tales
- Writing sentences about characters or settings.
- Practise recognising teens numbers and describing how many tens and ones are in each number.
- Practise our manner of the week - Respecting our own and others' property
- Practise being a 'Creative Chameleon' - having your own ideas and discussing them.

Reminders:

Please send PE kits and Welly Walk clothing back into school.

Please let us know if you cannot view your child's observations on Target Tracker Link.

Year 1

Year 1 have had a fabulous time as we launched the Incredible Me! Topic. As we returned for the Spring Term we followed a series of clues to help to rescue lots of superheroes. We warmly invite all parents and carers to join us for our parent craft on Tuesday 12th February (2:15-3:15pm) for some superhero junk modelling. We would be grateful if you could send in any empty cereal boxes etc. for this project.

Year 2

We have started the week with a great day making bread. We promised Mrs France we would be careful -not like the maid who lived in Pudding Lane! This term we are going to be learning about the Great Fire of London. The children are very excited to hear all about the ferocious fire that destroyed London. We are amazed by the facts they know already!

We have been learning exciting facts as well as looking at how different houses were in the past. We look forward to an action packed half term!

Year 3

Year 3 had a fabulous time on Wednesday at the amazing Verulamium Museum in St Albans. They all took part in workshops dressed as Romans (emperors, citizens and slaves) involving finding items for a specific Roman shopping list, e.g. toga, frying pan, surgical tools, a child's charm necklace. The children were horrified to learn that the Romans went to have a bath with lots of other people! They investigated how the Roman people lived, what they wore, ate and what happened to them when they died. We walked across the park to the Hypocaust to study the fantastic mosaic and underfloor heating system in situ, comparing it to the Celts houses. We are now looking forward to studying the Romans in more depth back in school.

Thank you to the parents who generously helped us on the trip.



Year 6

We have been pleased to welcome back the children from the holiday and hope you all had an enjoyable and restful time. This week we have been doing a Science Week looking at categorisation and evolution of different organisms. The children have loved finding out more about different living animals and plants. This has also led to some fantastic writing by the children.

Next week, we are having a Desert Day to launch our topic 'Welcome to Camp Green Lake: Does the Punishment Fit the Crime?' We will be looking at deserts around the world and dressing as desert explorers!

Year 4



Year 4 got off to a Super Start with our Anglo Saxon Day, The children looked amazing in their costumes and, I hope, thoroughly enjoyed the day. Highlights included discovering that Buckingham dates from Saxon times; trying their hand at preparing either bread or vegetable broth; learning about food and drink in Anglo Saxon times; researching pastimes and of course our Anglo Saxon Feast.

Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make this such a memorable day for the children.

Year 5



Welcome back after Christmas, we hope you enjoyed some family time over the break.

Year 5 have had an exciting start to 2019 with an aeroplane journey to China!

Children all received their boarding cards and then boarded the BPS Airways flight to China, enjoyed refreshments on route and explored the tourist highlights. We shall return from China in time to go to Condover.

We have also been creating dragon eggs using Papier Mache and hope that these will hatch into fully grown dragons in time for Chinese New Year.

January

14th	Year 5/6 Boys Dodgeball
15 th	Nursery Stay and Play
16th	PTA Meeting Maids Moreton Village Hall 7pm
17th	Nursery Stay and Play
21st	Year 5/6 Dodgeball Girls
22 nd	KS1 Reading Workshops
23rd	Robin Hood Panto
24th	Young Voices Genting Arena

February

1st	NSPCC Number Day
5 th	Internet Safety Day
9th	Nursery Open Morning
11 th	Parents Evening – 4-7pm
12 th	Parents Evening – 4-6pm
15 th	Break up for Half Term
25 th	Children Return to School



Sun 13 Jan 2019 // 3pm - 5pm

Free event—donations welcome

Join the fun. Bring your friends and family.

Crafts // Games // Activities // Celebration //

Delicious Food for the whole family

For more information contact Jo at families@bpchurch.uk

Theme:
'THIS IS ME'



I AM ME



Would your child like to learn to play the piano or the violin?

I am delighted to tell you that I have a couple of spaces available for new students this term.

I specialise in teaching beginners and primary school children and I provide a fun but structured approach to musical learning, encouraging students to improve their instrumental skills and to expand their general musical knowledge.

Lessons are during the school day and are 20 minutes long, costing £11 each.

If you are interested, please give me a call on 07789 050257 or email me on rachel.e.fountain@googlemail.com.

