

Message from Mr Tagg

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been both a busy and poignant week in school with the Remembrance services and assemblies and a whole host of activities across the school. I'd like to say a huge thank you to the children and staff of Year 5 for planning, preparing and delivering three very moving and reflective assemblies to local senior citizens, parents and pupils. We received so many positive comments about their presentations and the tone was just right for both the participants and audiences. The school collectively supported The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal with sales of poppies and other items proving to be very popular. We will announce a total of monies raised once we are told by our local branch. Thank you also to Mrs Jenkins and the children of BPS who attended the Remembrance Service in Buckingham on Sunday, either as representatives of the school or other local organisations. Your presence was noted and appreciated and we are proud that you were part of the event.

Year 1 enjoyed an exciting trip to The Living Rainforest on Thursday, thankfully not having to travel to South America itself but to a purpose built centre near Newbury. Whilst there they enjoyed looking at a wide range of plants and animals from the region all linked to their learning in school. Thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who made the trip possible and to the children who represented the school so well throughout the day.

During the week I have been fortunate enough to visit many of the classrooms in the school and I have been impressed by the range of learning and work taking place as well as the calm and focused attitude of the children. I have been pleased to see how they are enthusiastic about their learning and the pride that so many are taking in their work, presentation and successes during lessons. It has also been great to see even more children taking a pride in their appearance and looking smart in their uniforms.

Next Friday, at 9.00am, I'm hosting the first of our Open Forums for Parents and you should have received a letter inviting you to attend and to put forward potential agenda items. I'm very much looking forward to meeting all those able to attend and to engaging in a two way dialogue about the school and how we can all work together to continue to make it a successful and happy place for our pupils.

PTA News

- Christmas raffle tickets have gone out in book bags. Please can you return all money, stubs and unsold tickets to your class teacher by Friday 29th November, in an envelope marked for the attention of the PTA
- We are supporting a number of Christmas events and activities. If you can help at the Christmas Fayre, Santa Fun Run, Christmas Raffle stall or attend the Christmas Parade, then please get in touch with the PTA- pta@bps.bucks.sch.uk or speak to one of the Committee. Full details sent out on ParentMail yesterday.
- The Sun launches a free books scheme on the 27th November. This is perfect for our library project. Please save any tokens, and if you know any shop that will accommodate a collection box, or establishment that will save us their papers, then please get in touch. We need to collect 3,500 tokens by the end of January!
- We still need a large shed! If you have any ideas or contacts, then please get in touch!

Nursery

Please can we ask all parents to ensure that your child's parent consultation documents and learning journals are returned by Tuesday 18 November. The children have been having lots of fun accessing the outdoor areas across all rooms and exploring Autumn activities.

This week's link is for a document that provides guidance for your child's development and when it may happen: <https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/0778-What-to-Expect-When-2018.pdf>

Foundation 2

This week we have been learning about Remembrance Day as well as how we can keep healthy. We also discussed and wrote about our favourite sports and did some super drawings! Our dancing in PE was also very impressive! In maths we have been comparing non-identical objects using the terms same, more, less and fewer. We have been so proud of how many phonics sounds the children now know after our assessments this week! Next week, some children will be revising some of the phase 2 sounds whilst others will move on to phase 3, starting with j, v, w, x. We will be continuing to learn about sports, exercise and keeping healthy and in Maths we will be focusing on one more/less as well as creating number stories.

At home:

Check your child's reading record to see which sounds they need to practise.

Please fill in the home learning sheet sent home last week so that we can add any comments to your child's profile.

Please read at least three times a week and record this in the reading record.

Talk about how to keep healthy and safe, and favourite sports as well as why we have Remembrance Day. Can your child tell you which foods are healthy/unhealthy?

Dance to music

Practise comparing amounts using same, more, less, fewer.

Reminders:

Parent Maths Information session Monday 18th November 9am-9.30am.

Year 1



We had an amazing trip to the Living Rainforest. The children thoroughly enjoyed seeing the exotic plants and especially the animals; we are super proud of their behaviour – well done Year 1! The children showed great

respect during the Remembrance day assembly that was led by Y5, learning about why we wear poppies and the importance of keeping memories alive. Thank you for all of your donations to the Poppy Appeal and for your contributions to the Children in Need cake/savoury sale.

Year 2

Thanks to all of you who read recipes and cooked with the children last week. We have enjoyed sampling a few! Noah was busy - look at these fantastic cakes!

In Maths, we are now learning about money; recognising coins and notes, adding amounts and calculating change. Please encourage your children to handle some money when you go out shopping and support their learning. We are adding using a number line method and counting on in tens and ones



Year 4

This week, the children have enjoyed using atlases to find out about South America and reference sources to explore the rainforests. They have linked these discoveries to our Art project, looking at artists who have been inspired by the rainforest. In English, we have started work on a new text, The Land of Never-believe, exploring the fictitious island using drama and art, ready to write in character.

Our girls' cross-country team went to Thornton College to compete in the inter-school trials so we wish them all the best of luck! Finally, could we politely request that you check, with your children, that they have pens and pencils in school, as some have now run out. Many thanks.

Year 3

Year 3 have had another busy week. In English we have been writing our own creation myths based on how fire was created. The children have enjoyed making up their own goodie vs baddie characters and we have loved their ideas of how fire was 'stolen' and 'shared'. In maths we have been looking at multiplication and division. Please continue to support your child with their target times tables and related division facts at home. We would also like to remind children that reading records are expected to be given in for marking every Wednesday with at least five recorded reads, this can be a mixture of both parent and pupil comments. Can we also please ask that full PE kits are in school daily with jogging bottoms and a dark coloured jumper for outside PE. Many thanks for your support with this

Year 6

This week, we have been learning about the lives of significant Victorians, including Dr Barnardo, Charles Dickens and Florence Nightingale. We prepared presentations and shared these with the class. In preparation for our Victorian Christmas Carol concert, we have started learning traditional carols.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we have the school nurse coming in to discuss the changes we experience during puberty.

Please encourage your child to regularly use Times Tables Rock stars, as we are finding poor times tables knowledge is causing lots of children to struggle with fractions in maths. We also encourage regular use of readtheory.org to improve comprehension skills.

Year 5



performance.

Year 5 and 6 children also took part in the remembrance parade in Buckingham on Sunday and were brilliant role models for the school. Our thanks to parents for supporting this event.

We are incredibly proud of the Year 5 children for their performances of the remembrance assembly this week. Following on from their excellent performance at the end of the week to members of the community they once again put on a poignant reminder of WW1 and the reason why we remember. Our thanks also go to Dhilan Collin for playing the Last Post and Reveille for the per-

November

10 th	Remembrance Sunday
11 th	Year 5 Remembrance assembly to parents
14 th	Year 1 Rainforest Trip
15 th	Thornton Trail X Country Race (selected children) Children in Need Year 2 Fire Engine Visit
18 th	F2 Parents Maths workshop 9am
19 th	Year 3 & 4 Hockey (selected children)
20 th	Open Classrooms
21 st	Open morning for prospective Nursery, F2 and Year 3 parents
22 nd	Open Forum meeting for Parents
27 th	Open afternoon for prospective Nursery, F2 and Year 3 parents
29 th	F2 Park Visit Year 6 Parentcraft 14.00-15.30

December

2 nd	Open morning for prospective Nursery, F2 and Year 3 parents Year 4 Christmas unwrapped KS1 Skipping (selected children)
4 th	Christmas Fayre
6 th	Christmas lights switch on Year 1 Christmas Craft 9-10.30am Chicks & Cygnets Christmas singalong – 9-11am
9 th	Nursery Swans Nativity – KS2 hall 9.30-10.45am F2 walk to post box Y 5&6 Badminton (selected children)
11 th	Nursery Chicks and Cygnets Christmas party
12 th	F2 Christmas performance to parents
13 th	Year 5 final swimming Year 3 Shadow Puppet performance to parents (am) Swans Christmas party Santa Fun Run
14 th	Christmas Parade 10-11.30am
16 th	Celebrate Hanukkah Tennis Y3/4 (selected children) Year 6 Christmas Performance 6-7pm
17 th	Whole School Christmas Lunch F2 parent craft session Year 4 DT afternoon
18 th	KS1 Nativity at Church rehearsal KS1 Nativity Performance 6-7pm
19 th	Break up for Christmas Holiday

*Maids Moreton
C of E School*
Proudly invite you to their traditional

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 23rd November 1-3pm

*Magical Santa's Grotto & Experience!
£4 - Bookable on the day (places limited)*

Christmas Market - jewellery, candles, unicorn gifts,
wood turning, Body Shop, Usborne Books and lots more...

Mulled Wine & Roasted chestnuts Carousel
Glitter Tattoos Children's Crafts & Games
Cakes & Refreshments Bottle Tombola & Raffle



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Heart Strings Orchestra Presents

A DANCE THROUGH THE MUSIC OF TIME



A concert of international dance music to get your toes tapping
Charleston - Csardas - Polka - Sarabande - Tango and more!

Saturday 16th November 2019 at 7pm
The Radcliffe Centre, Buckingham MK18 1EG
Tickets £5 (under 16s £3) includes refreshments
For tickets telephone Rachel Fountain on 07789 050257