

## Farewell

Dear all,  
Goodness. Here we are at the halfway point of the Autumn Term and my very last newsletter. I have thoroughly enjoyed sharing the highlights of my week with you over the past two years.  
I will remember fondly how warmly parents welcomed me when I joined the school. Supportive parents are a real strength of BPS and I am sure you will extend the same welcome to Mr Tagg.  
With the support of passionate and committed colleagues and governors, I have been proud to lead and drive change at BPS and I am sure the school will continue to go from strength to strength.  
The children of BPS will all hold a special place in my memories. In the future when I hear of them reaching milestones and achieving their dreams I will feel proud that I was a small part of their journey.  
Thank you for all your good wishes and lovely gifts.  
Wishing you all a restful half term.  
Mrs France

## Reminders

Both the school and nursery will be contributing to the Christmas Advent Doors within the National Trust grounds at Stowe. Over the next two weeks can all children provide at least one milk bottle top, that has been decorated on the inside to make part of a peacock tail. We are also collecting the cellophane parts from sweet wrappers to decorate the body. These need to be handed into your class teacher.

## Poetry Competition

On Thursday we held the final of the house poetry competition. The standard exceeded all our expectations and we were entertained by amazing performances. Every finalist will receive a certificate to recognise their hard work and fabulous performance. However hard the decision, we had to choose winners.



These were:

KS1 - Amaelia W

LKS2 - Patrick W

UKS2 - Hope L

Overall winner: Sullivan G

The winners have each received a book of poetry, with the overall winner receiving tickets to Stowe Landscape Gardens, kindly donated by the PTA.

## PTA News

- Don't forget the Waitrose green token scheme during October - we are in 1st place with a week to go! Every token counts!
- Bags2School packs have gone out. Collection is on Tuesday after half term. You can also use normal bin bags.
- We now have a recycling point in reception for print cartridges and also contact lenses. Both will raise money for us.
- The children's Christmas card designs will be sent out after half term in book bags, with orders to be placed online by the 11th November.

## Nursery

For the final week before half term the Swans have been looking at favourite toys and games, Cygnets family celebrations and the Chicks my feelings. Please add anything to your child's learning journal over the half term holidays. We really appreciate the comments that you add to your child's work in their learning journal. Over the half term holidays please check your child's spare clothing for both name, size and it being weather appropriate. We will always reunite any items that are named whilst those that are unnamed are a bit more of a challenge!



## Foundation 2

This week the children have been enjoying the Halloween hotspots and learning through related books such as Pumpkin Soup and Room on the Broom. In phonics, they have been learning the sounds ck, e, and u with some children moving on to h, b, f and ff. In Maths we have focusing on sorting objects by size, colour, pattern and shape. After half term, the children will be learning about fireworks and Guy Fawkes Night. In phonics, we will move on to the sounds r, h, and b with some children moving on to l, and ll. In maths we will be comparing groups within 5.

At home:

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

Practise spotting s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r, h, b, f, ff around the house, objects that begin with these sounds and in reading books.

Talk about Halloween/fireworks/bonfires and the weather.

Practise jumping and playing ball games.

Have lots of fun and a good rest too!

Reminders:

We will be sending PE kit and Welly walk kits home for washing, please return these on Monday 4th November.

Over half term, please check all items of Uniform, PE and Welly walk kit are clearly named

F2 Team

## Year 1

Our first half term in Year 1 is now complete! We are so proud of all of the children, they have made incredible progress across all areas of the curriculum and are becoming independent and successful learners. We are ready for a week off now – we hope you enjoy your half term break!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Down in the Jungle parent craft. What fun we had making our parrots and other rainforest creatures. We are all ready for our trip to The Living Rainforest on November 14th where we hope to see some of the amazing animals that we have been studying.

## Year 2

Year 2 spent a fantastic afternoon sewing with their parents last Friday. The children achieved brilliant results for their fish coasters with the amazing support that the parents gave.

Thank you everyone who came along - we hope that you enjoyed a chance to work alongside the children and experience life in a classroom! Many of you said how much pleasure you took from simply sewing with them and want to do more.



On Monday, we also had a fabulous free workshop given by Caroline Donnelly from Anglian Water to support our topic of Water, Water Everywhere! Please discuss with your child how clean water gets into your home - and where the dirty water goes!

## Year 3



Year 3 have had such a busy week! On Wednesday we had a fantastic Stone Age craft day, thank you to all the parents that came to support. We have also been practising for our Diwali assembly which we performed to KS2 on Thursday. The children did themselves proud with a range of reflective poetry, retelling the story of Rama and Sita and sharing facts that they had researched about Diwali. In addition, we have been incredibly impressed with the quality of house poetry entries from Year 3. Huge congratulations go to Jayden and Jemima in Keller class for reaching the final. Well done to all our entries! We wish you a restful half term.



## Year 4



What a busy half term we have had! This week, eight children represented our school at the Bisi Badminton tournament at Buckingham School, coming 2nd out of nine teams. This means that they will progress to the finals at Stoke Mandeville in the Summer. Well done to them all. Next half term we will be carrying on with our 'How Did They Discover That?' topic, moving on to the Geography element, exploring South America and the rainforests. To this end, we will be exploring artists who have depicted the rainforests in their work to help our children to create collaborative collages, inspired by the sights and sounds of the rainforests. For this, we will be using recycled materials, so please can you collect any sweet wrappers, biscuit wrappers, and glossy magazine scraps for us to us. Finally, we hope you have a restful and happy half term holiday.

## Year 5

In year 5, we have had a very busy week. We have enjoyed practicing for our WW1 assembly which will be held after half term; the children have produced some lovely poems and writing which they will be performing on the day. Also, poetry competition finals were held this week and we were so proud to hear the children perform with such enthusiasm. The standard was extremely high this year and we would like to thank parents for supporting their children with their entries at home. In Science, we have continued to investigate materials and have been examining how materials dissolve. In Maths, we have been looking at and interpreting tables and graphs. The children will be moving onto multiplication and division after the holiday. We hope you all have an enjoyable half term!

## Year 6

We are really proud of Samuel, who wrote the following passage about Mrs France, and stood up in front of all of the children to read it in assembly:

*"Over the past few years, this person has been a role model to many people across the school. She is kind, considerate and always helps others as much as she can. This person is a brave and inspirational leader, who never gives up, no matter how hard the task may seem. She is always persevering which, as we know, helps us to succeed. This week's superstar certificate goes to Mrs France"*

After half term, we will be resuming our Victorians topic and continue to read our class novel Street Child. We hope you all enjoy the half term holidays.

## November

4 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bags to School
7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Remembrance Performance to Senior Citizens
10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday
11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Remembrance assembly to parents
14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Rainforest Trip
15 <sup>th</sup>	Thornton Trail X Country Race  Children in Need  Year 2 Fire Engine Visit
18 <sup>th</sup>	F2 Parents Maths workshop 9am
19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & 4 Hockey (selected children)  Year 2 Reading Workshop
20 <sup>th</sup>	Open Classrooms
29 <sup>th</sup>	F2 Park Visit  Year 6 Parentcraft 14.00-15.30

## December

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