

**Bitterne Church of England Primary School**  
**Weekly Newsletter**

**Love**

**Trust**

**Forgiveness**

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**Message from the Senior Leadership Team**



Our Year 6 children have been thoroughly enjoying their residential trip to Marchants Hill, taking part in a wide range of activities including climbing, the leap of faith (jumping from a high platform!), buggy building, hiking, and many more. The children have shown fantastic resilience, teamwork and determination as they tackled each new challenge. A huge thank you to Mrs Bailey, Miss Carey, Mrs Bax and Mr Palmer for giving up their time to accompany the children — these memorable trips simply wouldn't be possible without staff volunteering to go.



The remaining Year 6 children have also had a wonderful week in school with Mr Thomas, taking part in teamwork challenges, baking, art and sports activities. It's been lovely to see them working so well together and enjoying a variety of experiences.



We were delighted to welcome so many Reception parents to our Phonics Workshop, led by Mrs Sullivan and Miss Scriven. Parents had the opportunity to learn more about our Pip and Pap Phonics Programme and how best to support their children's reading at home — thank you to everyone who attended.

This week, the Senior Leadership Team have enjoyed visiting maths lessons across the school. It was fantastic to see the training from our recent INSET day being put into practice, with children confidently applying their knowledge to problem-solving challenges. We've also been so impressed by the children's efforts to improve the presentation of their work — many have proudly shared their books and earned Headteacher's Awards for their outstanding effort.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs Johnson

## Collective Worship Update

This week in Collective Worship we carried on thinking about our theme of Thankfulness. We looked at the Christian value of Peace and how it might fit in with our school's Christian values

We also thought about World Mental Health Day and about how we talk about our feelings, what we can do to manage and them who we can talk to about them. The children also enjoyed wearing something yellow with their uniforms to raise awareness.



We learnt all about Asiya in the story, **The Proudest Blue** by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali. Through the calm confidence of wearing a hijab and responding with composure to unkind comments, Asiya demonstrates inner peace and dignity in the face of adversity.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YLFzDfVuWUA>

## Years R Phase Leader Update from Miss Scriven

It has been wonderful getting to know our new Year R children over the past few weeks. They have settled into school life remarkably well, and we are so proud of how confidently they have embraced each new experience.

We've had a fantastic start to our *Pip and Pap* phonics sessions, and the children are already showing great enthusiasm for learning new sounds. They are enjoying our daily Dough Disco and Pen Disco sessions, helping their fine motor and mark making skills! Much of our learning has been taking place outdoors, where the children have enjoyed creating Autumn Soup in the water, building obstacle courses and putting on wonderful performances on our outdoor stage!



Our focus story, *Conker the Chameleon*, has provided a lovely way for the children to begin talking about their feelings using the *Zones of Regulation*. It's been wonderful to see them begin to talk about their emotions.



A big thank you to all the parents who joined us for the Phonics Workshop last week — we really appreciate your support. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our **Year R Parent Open Afternoon on Friday 17th October**. It will be a great opportunity for you to see all the wonderful things your children have been doing!

### **Dogs on School Site**

We would like to remind all parents and carers that **dogs are not permitted on the school site at any time**. Recently, we have noticed a small number of dogs being brought onto the premises.

In line with the equality act, the school fully recognises that Assistance Dogs are essential for some individuals, however, no other dogs should be brought onto the site. If you believe there is a genuine need for a dog to accompany you or your child, please write to the Headteacher to request permission; medical evidence may be required to support your request and you should refrain from bringing the dog on site until permission is granted.

Please note that any dog allowed on site must be a registered Assistance Dog, and proof of registration will be required before consent can be granted.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and comfortable environment for all members of our school community.

### **Launch of Our New School Facebook Page**

We are excited to announce the launch of our new school Facebook page! This will be a fantastic way to keep families and our wider community updated and to celebrate all the wonderful things happening in school.



Please ensure you have completed and returned your child's photo permission form so that we can include photos of school events and achievements.

Keep an eye out for the launch — we'd love for you to follow, like, and share our posts to help spread the word and celebrate our school community together!

### **Exciting News – Theatre is Coming to Bitterne CE Primary!**

We are delighted to share that M&M theatre company will be visiting Bitterne CE Primary to perform *The Wizard of Oz* for our Key Stage Two pupils!



The performance will take place in the morning of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, and it promises to be a truly magical experience for the children. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to enjoy a live performance of music and theatre right here at school.

We feel very fortunate to be able to offer such a wonderful cultural experience and hope that all the children are inspired and entertained by this special event.

### **Reminder: School Photos**

Individual school photos will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform. They do not need to wear their PE kit even if it is a PE day. Sibling photos will take place later on in the year and further information will be available nearer the time.



## Reminder: Harvest Festival

You should have received letter about Harvest Festival, this will take place on Thursday 23 October at Holy Saviour Church in Bitterne from 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, so please do come along to help the children celebrate. There are food donation boxes in reception if you wish to make a food donation. Many thanks for your support with this.



## Bitterne Friends United School Disco

Please remember to book your child's place at the school disco via the link <https://forms.gle/2YWn9zvKtRpZoz4CA>

Please ensure that you complete the form fully and pay using the SUMUP payment link. Any questions, please contact Bitterne Friends at [pta@bitterneceprimary.net](mailto:pta@bitterneceprimary.net)

## Dates for your Diary

- **13 October:** Individual School Photos
- **17 October:** Year R Parent Afternoon, 2.30pm-3.15pm
- **23 October:** Harvest Church Service, Holy Saviour Church, 2pm-3pm
- **23 October:** PTA School Disco, 4.45pm-7pm
- **11 November:** Parents Evening 3.15pm-6pm
- **13 November:** Parents Evening 3.15pm-6pm
- **21 November:** Year R Parent Afternoon, 2.30pm-3.15pm
- **12 December:** Year R Parent Afternoon, 2.30pm-3.15pm

## Weekly Celebrations

- This week's House Cup awarded to Brook with 2465 points.
  - Congratulations to these children who have been awarded Star of the Week: Ariya; Edith; Jessica B; Noah T; Reyansh; Emilia; Lucas; Valentina; Samuel A; Evie H; Remy B; Raya
  - Group Award goes to: Year 6: Orient and Laurel
  - This week's best attendance goes to Harlequin with 98.1 % and Emerald 98.1%
- Well done everyone!**

**BITTERNE PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

**LEARNING  
THROUGH  
SPORT**

**DODGEBALL**

# **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**



## **CLUB TIMETABLE**

**MONDAY- FOOTBALL YRS 3-6**

**FRIDAY- FOOTBALL YRS R-2**

**STARTING MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER**

## **CLUBS INCLUDE:**

**FOOTBALL**

**PRICE- £5.50 PER SESSION**

**BOOK TODAY!**

[learningthroughsport.co.uk/bitterne/](https://learningthroughsport.co.uk/bitterne/)

## **MONDAY & FRIDAY**

**3:15 pm - 4:15 pm**

**All bookings must be made in  
advance**

