

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe that we have reached the end of our *final full week* of term. As always, it has been an incredibly busy and rewarding week at Bishopstone, with lots of wonderful learning taking place across the school.

One of the great privileges of my role is being able to spend time in classrooms, seeing learning first-hand and sharing in the excitement of your children's discoveries. This week, it has been fantastic visiting both Acorn and Dragonfly class. The children are settled, engaged and enthusiastic, and both classrooms have been buzzing with activity.

In **Dragonfly Class**, the children had a fantastic opportunity to bring their history learning to life during their visit to the Swindon Museum on Thursday. They impressed the museum staff with their knowledge of the Anglo-Saxons and were fascinated to learn about the discovery of an important Anglo-Saxon who had been buried at Brimble Hill. Experiences such as these help children make meaningful connections with their learning and develop their curiosity about the past. Photographs from the visit have been shared via ClassDojo. This afternoon, the classroom took was an even calmer place as the children continued their artistic journey, exploring colour and creativity through their art work.

Meanwhile, in **Acorn Class**, the children thoroughly enjoyed a Teddy Bears' Picnic as part of their exploration of the number three. They have also spent time developing their creativity with playground chalks and, importantly, strengthening friendships across all three year groups whilst exploring this term's school value. It has been wonderful to see the caring relationships that are developing between our youngest learners. **Looking ahead to next term**, Acorn Class will be learning about polar bears. Mrs Tylee would be very grateful for any polar bear-themed resources that you may be able to lend, including toys, figures, storybooks or non-fiction texts to enrich the class's learning. Last week, we were delighted to welcome **Claire Clark** to our Thursday Thankfulness Assembly to share her world of work with the children. They were fascinated to learn about the robots that she maintains and programs, asking some fantastic questions about her career in technology and engineering. We are always keen to broaden the children's understanding of the world beyond school and inspire them with different career pathways. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to come in and share your profession, hobby or area of expertise with the children, we would love to hear from you.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the **FOBS AGM** on Tuesday evening. It was encouraging to see so many people willing to share ideas and support our school community. There was lots of enthusiasm and a range of exciting (and interesting) suggestions for future events, including a Fireworks Disco, Christmas Craft Fair, Bingo Nights and Quiz Evenings. Events like these not only bring our community together but also play a vital role in raising funds that directly benefit our children. In recent years, FOBS has helped to fund educational visits, enrichment opportunities, treats for the children and additional resources for classroom and playground. If you are able to support an event, volunteer some time, or would like to become more involved with our PTA, please do get in touch. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a real difference.

Congratulate our attendance champions this week, with the highest attendance achieved by **Years 1, 3 and 4**, all reaching **100% attendance**. Well done to all of the children and thank you for your support in ensuring children are in school every day and ready to learn.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy some well-deserved family time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Smith

Unmissable events coming up

October

20th – Parents Evening

20th – End of Term 1

21st – INSET Day for staff

November

2nd – Term 2 begins

6th – Flu Vaccinations