



# Bethany CE Junior School

Newsletter: March 2024

God's hope in us to make a difference: For Ourselves, For Each Other, For the World.

## Headteacher Welcome

Welcome to our March newsletter. This is certainly proving to be a busy month! On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, we had a visit from a Red Arrow Pilot, then on Thursday we had World Book Day, next Friday is Red Nose Day and on the same Friday we have the author, Maz Evans, coming to visit us! It was fantastic to see the energy and love for reading the children demonstrated on World Book Day!

Our next parents evening will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Booking is available online now. We look forward to seeing you then.

## Knole Road Closures - 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March

We have received a letter from BCP Council to notify us that on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March, Knole Road will be closed to all traffic from 8am-6pm on both days. This is to apply a micro asphalt surface.

## AFC Bournemouth Book Donation

On World Book Day, AFC Bournemouth donated 40 books to our library as part of the partnerships with the Premier League and the National Literacy Trust. Thank you, AFC Bournemouth!





## Red Arrow Pilot

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, Sqn Ldr Tom Hansford (a Red Arrow Pilot) came to talk to Y4/5 and 6 about life as a pilot. The children listened intently and were enthralled by his stories and facts about the Red Arrows. From how they fill the coloured dye to flying over Buckingham Palace during the King's Coronation. Thank you Sqn Ldr Tom Hansford!


## Reminder: Dog Waste on the Pavements

Many parents/carers have noticed that there has been a dramatic increase of dog waste near the school. If you wish to report it, please use this BCP Council website: <https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/communities/animal-health-and-welfare/dogs/dog-waste>

## Attendance

Each month, we will update you with the attendance figures for each class from 1<sup>st</sup> September. We aim to have attendance above 96%.

It is clear that attendance at school, as is typical during the colder months, has dropped. We will be striving to encourage good attendance at school and if you need any help with this, or if there are any barriers you are facing, please let us know.

Class	Attendance
3AH	94.2%
3SD	95.1%
3RH 	96.1%
4KW	93.8%
4EW	94.4%
4SW	93.7%
5SB	94.6%
5BD	89.0%
5AB	92.1%
6PM	94.8%
6KR	93.5%
6JW	93.8%



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## Coffee Mornings

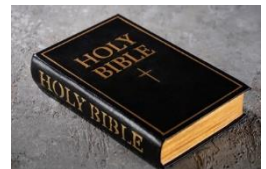
On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, we will be holding a coffee morning in the Oasis room from 9am (just so we can get all the children in and settled first). All welcome!

Next coffee morning:

- Chatting Faith Coffee Morning - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April
- Coffee Morning - Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April



## Bible Quote



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

*John 3:16*





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# Safeguarding

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

School is often a time chock-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that's a lovely thing to do – it does come with some risks attached. Our guide can help parents and carers to consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

### INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up; just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

### REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

### MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

### ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could arm an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

### PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to always meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are "worth sharing". Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

### IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

### CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school: even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you really want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as those images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

### CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

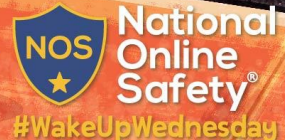
When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

### THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting: it respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

### Meet Our Expert

Gabriella Russo is a safeguarding consultant with more than 30 years' experience working with children, families, and adults in education, local authority, and mental health settings, both in the UK and internationally. She has developed online safety training for local authorities and foster care agencies across Britain and is the online safety expert for FosterWiki.



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## School Council - Recycling



**School Council**

This year as a school council we have 3 goals that we want to achieve. These are:

1. Continuing with our recycling schemes
2. Saving energy around the school
3. Making an environmentally friendly quiet area in the playground.

We recycle 6 different items at Bethany and these are:





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## Pringle Tubes

We **CANNOT** accept tubes that are not from the Pringles brand.



## Rags 2 Riches clothing collection

So far, from our 2 collections we have raised over £180. This is amazing and we will be using this money to help improve our playground.

Our next collection is in March. Remember these are the things we can recycle.



### Items we do not accept are.





## Diary Dates

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March: 3RH and 3SD Science Museum Trip

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Coffee Morning - 9am

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Y5 Bikeability

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March: 3AH Science Museum Trip

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Maz Evans - author visit

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March: 4KW Swimming

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Y3 Easter Party @ Marsham Court Hotel

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March: 6JW Parents' Evening

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March: 6JW Parents' Evening

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March: 6JW Parents' Evening

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March: Curiosity Project in London

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March: 4EW Parent ukulele performance in hall

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: 4SW Parent ukulele performance in hall

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: 4KW swimming

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March: 4KW Parent ukulele performance in hall

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Rags2Riches clothes collection

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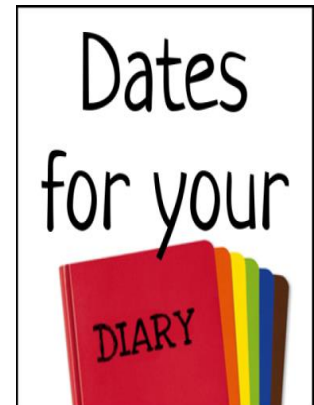
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Parents' Evening

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Interhouse gym competition

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March: half day - finish @ 1:30pm

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April: School closed - Easter holidays

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April: First day back for children





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