



Bethany CE Junior School

Newsletter: February 2024

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

Headteacher Welcome

Welcome to our February newsletter. As I am sure many of you will know from Mr Howieson's (CEO of Coastal Learning Partnership) letter, the Headteacher of St Clement's, Mr Poole, will be leaving at the end of the academic year. He will be greatly missed from the school and community. I have worked alongside Mr Poole since 2016 and I shall miss having him 'next door', greatly. We have been there and supported each other for the past 8 years - as well as reminding each other of reports etc we have to do! I wish Mr Poole all the luck for the future.

I am excited to be working at St Clement's once more, having started out as a newly qualified teacher there in 2007 with a Y1/2 class (Earth class as it was called back then) and becoming Assistant Head at St Clement's in 2013.

I hope you all have a lovely half term.

Mr Woodward

Safeguarding <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/separation-and-divorce/>

How to help children deal with divorce or separation

Separation and divorce aren't easy.

There may be bad feelings between the parents and their families. Children can pick up on this, which may confuse or upset them, or even lead to them blaming themselves for a break-up. It's important to empathise with them.

To support children during a separation and help them with their worries, you should:

- remind them that both parents love them
- be honest when talking about it, but keep in mind the child's age and understanding
- avoid blame and don't share any negative feelings the adults have about each other
- keep up routines, such as going to school and having specific mealtimes and bedtimes
- let them know they can talk about their feelings with you - explain that it's OK to be sad, confused or angry
- listen more than you speak - asking questions will help them to open up.



Half Term Activities

Please see the following link for half term ideas from BCP Council:

<https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/news-hub/news-articles/half-term-activities-for-all-the-family>

E-Safety Day

During Internet Safety Week at Bethany, pupils in year 5 and 6 had the pleasure of hosting Matt from AFCB at our school. AFCB delivered insightful sessions, guiding the pupils through essential information surrounding online safety. Emphasising the distinction between personal information and content suitable for sharing, these sessions gave the children an understanding of what information can be shared online and highlighted the importance of keeping private details safe.

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 1st 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	93.8%
3SD	95.1%
3RH 	95.8%
4KW	93.1%
4EW	94.4%
4SW	93.3%
5SB	94.5%



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5BD	88.5%
5AB	92.1%
6PM	95.3%
6KR	93.6%
6JW	93.8%

Arbor Parent App

Thank you to those who have downloaded and are using the Arbor app. It is the best way to sign up and pay for clubs and trips. We will be starting to use in app messages after half term rather than just email. Please ensure you have your notifications switched on for the app so that you receive any messages we send you.

If you haven't already, please download the app from the app store for Iphone or play store for Android.

Coffee Mornings

Coffee Morning dates:

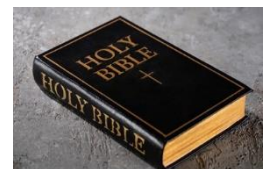
Chatting Faith - Tuesday 20th February and Tuesday 23rd April

Regular - Tuesday 12th March and Tuesday 30th April

All will be held in the Oasis room from 9am (just so we can get all the children in and settled first). All welcome!

Bible Quote

Psalm 37 v. 3-6



Trust the Lord and do good. Live in the land and feed on truth. Enjoy serving the Lord, and he will give you what you want. Depend on the Lord; trust him, and he will take care of you. Then your goodness will shine like the sun, and your fairness like the noonday sun.



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Diary Dates

Friday 9th February: Inset day (school closed to children)

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February: Half Term

Monday 19th February: First day back for children

Tuesday 20th February: Chatting Faith Coffee Morning (9am)

Friday 23rd February: 4EW Swimming

Monday 26th February: 5BD Curiosity Project

Thursday 29th February: Y4 Romans Day

Friday 1st March: 4KW swimming

Monday 4th March: Red Arrows Worship (Y4/5/6)

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day (dress up as favourite book character - if you wish)

Friday 8th March: Maz Evans (author) visiting Bethany

Friday 8th March: 4KW swimming

Tuesday 12th March: Coffee Morning (9am)

Wednesday 13th March: Bikeability (Y5)

Friday 15th March: Red Nose Day - wear something red

Friday 15th March: 4KW swimming

Monday 18th March: Y3 Easter party @ Marsham Court Hotel

Thursday 21st March: Curiosity Project in London

Thursday 21st March: 4EW Ukulele performance to parents in the hall

Friday 22nd March: 4SW Ukulele performance to parents in the hall

Friday 22nd March: 4KW swimming

Monday 25th March: 4KW Ukulele performance to parents in the hall

Monday 25th March: Rags2Riches clothes collection

Wednesday 27th March: Interhouse gym competition

Thursday 28th March: Half day - finish @ 1:30pm

Friday 29th March - Monday 15th April: School closed - Easter holidays

Tuesday 16th April: First day back for children





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Welcome to your library

Our libraries are friendly, welcome spaces in your local community where you can meet others, take part in activities, get a warm drink, or spend some quiet time away from your home.

As well as the events listed here, all libraries have regular activities for adults such as reading groups, games clubs, knitting and craft sessions and coffee get togethers.

Activities for children and families include Wriggle & Rhyme, Toddler Time, Lego and games clubs, with lots more during the school holidays.

Ask at your local library for details or check our website.

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult

Most of our events are **free** but please ask at your local library for booking details

★ **booking required**

More details about all these featured events and more are available from local libraries, their facebook pages or on the events tab on our website bcpcouncil.gov.uk/libraries



What's on in libraries



Features

- Home Library Service
- LGBT+ History Month
- Shakespeare Week
- British Science Week

January to March 2024

bcpcouncil.gov.uk/libraries



For children and families



★ = booking required

January

Tue 2	Maps creation station Christchurch drop-in
	Beginners' chess club Tuckton 3.30-4.15pm
Mon 8	Creatures creation station Christchurch drop-in
Sat 13	Lego Club Ensbury Park 10am-12.30pm
	World Logic Day Riddles, sudoku, jigsaws and other puzzles Springbourne 9.30am-12.30pm, drop-in
Mon 15	Landscapes creation station Christchurch drop-in
Tue 16	Word Search Day Hamworthy
Thu 18	Winnie the Pooh story time Winton 2.15-2.45pm
	Make a Winnie the Pooh collage Hamworthy
	Winnie the Pooh craft Castlepoint until Sat 20

Book Trust Storytime in all libraries

Enjoy a fun storytime and be part of the national poll for BookTrust's Storytime Award, gifted annually to the best book for sharing with under 5s.



Head down to your local library to cast your vote, find fun activities and meet new friends. You might even see the BookTrust Owl! Here are a few special storytimes: ask in your local library for others.

Sat 20 Jan **Parkstone** 10am-12.30pm
 Thu 25 Jan **West Howe** 10.30-11am
 Mon 29 Jan & Fri 2 Feb **Highcliffe** 11-11.30am
 Sat 3 Feb **Canford Heath** 10.30-11am

Mon 22	Flags creation station Christchurch drop-in
Tue 23	Ask our experts: knitting skills for all Ensbury Park 5.45-6.45pm
Sat 27	Big Garden Birdwatch Hunt Southbourne 9.30am-1pm

National Storytelling Week Jan 29 - Feb 6

Special storytimes all week, ask in your library for details.

Fri 26 **Make your own story** Canford Cliffs 2.30-3pm

Mon 29 **All about boats and the sea** Creekmoor all week
 Share a story and tell us one Parkstone 4-5pm all week
 Building Stories' Minecraft themed activities Bournemouth drop in all week

Thu 1 **Stories and storytelling** Poole 9.30-10am Winton 2.15-2.45pm

Fri 2 **Mixed up fairy tales** Boscombe 10-10.30am

Tue 6 **Winnie the Pooh and the Blustery Day** Charminster 2-3pm

Children's Mental Health Week 3 - 11 Feb

Sat 3	Make your own Jar of Happiness Parkstone 10am-12.30pm drop in Collect happy thoughts, memories, pictures and sayings to give you a boost when you need cheering up
Mon 5	Drop in craft Canford Heath until 10 Feb Make 'Feeling Faces' Canford Cliffs until 9 Feb
Tue 6	Chat with 'Wired Therapy' Parkstone 5-6.30pm Mental health and well being for parents and young people (age 11+)

February

Lunar New Year: the year of ... the dragon

Tue 6	Lunar New Year crafts Hamworthy 3-4pm
Tue 6	Dragons at Toddler Time Southbourne 10.15-10.45am
Thu 8	Dragon story time and craft Winton Library 2.15-2.45pm
Fri 9	Scales and tales storytime Bournemouth 10-10.30am
Fri 9	Drop in dragon crafts Bournemouth until 10
Sat 10	Lunar New Year dragon craft Canford Heath 10am-12 noon Creekmoor 9.30am-1pm Poole 10.30-11.30am Chinese lanterns Oakdale 9.30am-1pm Celebrate the Lunar New Year Parkstone 10am-12.30pm

Half term 10-17 February

On all week: Dramatic dragons and lucky lanterns Boscombe
 Rockets and robots Bournemouth
 Crafts and treasure hunt Branksome
 People we love: hearts crafts Canford Cliffs
 3D trees and Chinese vases Christchurch
 Bee Happy week Creekmoor
 Drop-in crafts Hamworthy
 Dazzling dragons Highcliffe
 Lunar new year Kinson
 Caterpillar crafts Oakdale
 Valentine's crafts Southbourne
 Under the sea crafts and treasure hunt Westbourne

Sat 10	Love LEGO Southbourne 9.30am-1pm Ensbury Park 10am-12.30pm
Mon 12	Dragon puppet making Highcliffe 10am-6.30pm Drop-in crafts Rossmore 2-4pm Lunar New Year crafts Tuckton 3-6pm
Tue 13	Drop in Valentine's craft Canford Heath 2-4pm Explore Learning Winton 10.30-11.30am Valentine's Day Toddler Time Southbourne 10.15-10.45am Lunar New Year Dragon craft West Howe 3.30-4.30pm
Wed 14	★ Poole Museum on the Move: Fears and Foes! Boscombe 10-11am Thu 15 Canford Heath 10.30-11.30 am Become an explorer and go on a sea voyage in the library! Through stories, art and artefacts, learn about ships' food and life on board - and watch out for sea monsters!
Thu 15	★ Chinese Dragon craft Broadstone 10.30-11.30am Ages 4 to 11
Fri 16	★ Explore Learning Telling the time Castlepoint 10-11am ★ Signals and codes with the Royal Signals Museum Poole 10-11.30am ★ 100 years of Disney Charminster 10-11.30am ★ Delightful dragons toddler time Highcliffe 11-11.30am Go wild with Upton Country Park Parkstone 10.30am-12 noon

Mon 19	'This is me' craft station Canford Cliffs until Fri 23
Mon 26	Costume Swap - get World Book Day ready! Southbourne until 2 March
Tue 27	Pokémon Day puzzles and crafts Springbourne

March

Tues 5 **Make a tiny book about your day!** West Howe 3.30-4.30pm Ages 4-11

World Book Day Thursday 7 March
Dress up as your favourite book character and join in with our special storytimes for World Book Day. The librarians will be dressed up too!

British Science Week 8 - 17 March

A ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths

British Science Week quiz Canford Heath until Sat 16 for adults
Exhibition: Scientists in and around Dorset Poole until Sat 16
Opening the eggs! Creekmoor Fri 8 until Fri 15

Sat 9	Fossil Fun with The Etches Museum Parkstone 10am-12noon
Tue 12	Fun experiments - dress for mess! West Howe 3.30-4.30pm Ages 8-11
Thu 14	Maths activities and puzzles for Pi Day $\pi = 3.14159265$ Springbourne, drop in
Fri 15	Toddler Time with Purrfessor I-Cat Meownton Bournemouth 10-10.30am
Sat 16	Drop-in with the Queekett Microscopic Club Poole 10.30am-3pm Time-themed crafts Southbourne 9.30am-1pm

Shakespeare Week 18-24 March

On all week:
 'Shakespeare' photo booth and activities Bournemouth
 Make the Globe Theatre and Shakespeare's ruff Canford Cliffs
 Picture hunt Ensbury Park
 Shakespeare Week craft Kinson
 Shakespeare Week fun activities Boscombe
 Make your own Globe Theatre Parkstone

Tue 19	Make Lego Shakespeare characters for a play in your theatre Parkstone 3.30-4.30pm
Sat 23	Spring and Easter themed Craft Club Parkstone 10am-12.30pm Also on Sat 30 Royal Signals Museum: coding and ciphers Creekmoor 10am-12.30pm Book & DVD sale and coffee morning Ensbury Park 10.30am-12 noon Easter Eggstravaganza games and crafts Charminster 10am-12 noon Easter treasure hunt and craft Canford Heath 10am-12 noon
Tue 26	Easter crafts West Howe 3.30-4.30pm

Easter holidays 29 March-12 April

Sat 30 **Art in the Park - drawing from nature** Ensbury Park 10.30am-12 noon
 ★ **Plant Pizzazz** - decorate a planter and plant seeds Highcliffe 10-10.45am
 ★ **Easter crafts** Broadstone 10.30-11.30am Canford Heath 10am-12 noon

All holiday: Bournemouth Eggscape to Hawaii!
 Branksome Easter treasure hunt & crafts
 Castlepoint Easter bunny bookmarks
 Creekmoor Join the Eggstravaganza
 Hamworthy Easter bonnet competition & treasure hunt
 Kinson Easter crafts, egg and treasure hunts
 Tuckton Easter treasure hunt
 Westbourne Easter crafts and treasure hunt

Ask in your local library for details of activities after the bank holiday