

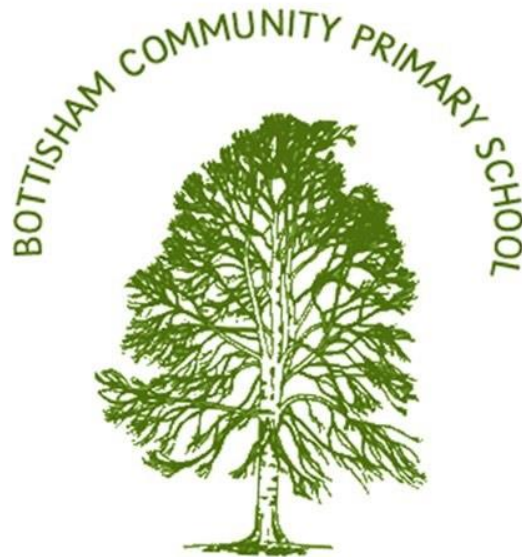
BCPS News 21.04.23



Welcome to this fortnight's edition of our school newsletter!

Friday 21st April 2023

Headteacher Update



Welcome back to the start of the summer term! I hope that you had an enjoyable and restful break over Easter. We have much to look forward to in the term ahead as we move towards the end of the academic year. You will find below a list of key dates for your diary and the class newsletters will also flag any upcoming events for specific year groups. This time of year is the start of our assessment window with the KS1 and KS2 SATs taking place in May and the Y4 Multiplication Check and Y1 Phonics Check in June. If you have questions about any of these assessments, please do speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to talk them through with you. This term also focuses on transition as we start to look towards the next academic year. We will be supporting our Y6 pupils as they move on to secondary education as well as welcoming new children and families joining our Nursery and Reception classes in September.

We would like to say thank you to parents and carers for working with us to transition to the new online ordering system for school meals. The feedback from the children has been very positive this week about being able to have the meal of their choice and there have been lots of empty plates which is a good sign!

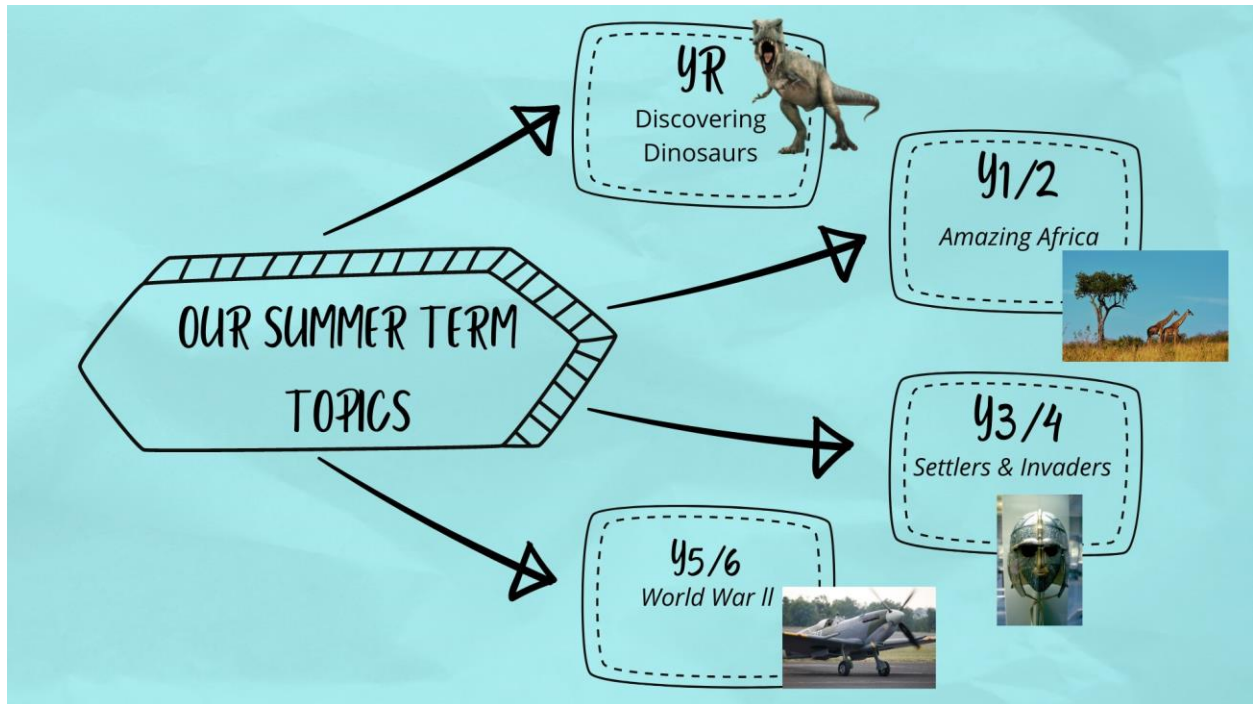
Mrs Johnston

Dates for the Summer Term

Summer Term 2023 Diary Dates

17 th April	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
18 th April	Spring term begins
19 th April	Y3/4 Swimming
24 th April	Y5/6 Swimming
25 th April	Y6 NHS Dental Checks
26 th April	Y3/4 Swimming
27 th April	Maple Class Assembly
1 st May	Bank Holiday – school closed
3 rd May	Y3/4 Swimming
5 th May	Coronation Celebration Day
5 th May	PTA Coronation Cake Stall
8 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
9 th – 12 th May	Y6 SATS
11 th May	Y1 Sports Festival @ BVC
15 th May	Y5/6 Swimming
19 th May	Hazel Class Assembly
22 nd May	Y5/6 Swimming
25 th May	Beech Class Assembly
29 th May – 2 nd June	HALF TERM
5 th June	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
12 th June	Y5/6 Swimming
13 th June	PTA Father's Day pop-up shop
15 th June	Y3/4 Sport's Festival @ BVC
19 th June	Y5/6 Swimming
21 st June	Y3/4 trip to West Stow
21 st June	YR / Y6 NHS Height & Weight check
22 nd June	KS2 French Theatre company visit
26 th June	Y5/6 Swimming
26 th June	Class allocation 2023/23 shared
28 th June	Y6 production
28 th June	YR Assembly
29 th June	Birch Class Assembly
3 rd / 4 th July	Y6 transition visit to BVC
3 rd July	Class swaps
4 th July	New YR Stay and Play sessions
4 th July	Cedar Class Assembly
6 th July	Whole school art exhibition
7 th July	PTA Summer Fair
7 th July	Pine Class Assembly
11 th July	New YR Teddy Bear's Picnic
13 th July	YR / KS1 Sports Day (am)
14 th July	KS2 Sports Day (am)
17 th July	Reports sent home
17 th July	PTA Disco & Y6 Leaver's BBQ
18 th July	Y6 Afternoon Tea
19 th July	Leaver's Assembly

Summer Term Topics



Thank you PTA!



A huge thank you to our hard-working PTA who were incredibly busy over the Spring term with fundraising events. We are thrilled to share with you that as well as supporting our library refurbishment project, the PTA have also provided funding this term for our whole school theatre visit, resources to support Design and Technology lessons, new books for all class reading corners, games for wet play times and the all-important eggs for our Easter Egg hunt! We are also very excited about an upcoming art project which the school will be taking part in and which the PTA are supporting - in the same style as 'Cows about Cambridge' but this time with giraffes! More information on this will follow over the coming months. Keep an eye out for more PTA events this term - lots more fun things are planned!

Coronation Celebration



On Friday 5th May, we will be celebrating the coronation in school with a non-uniform day. If they would like to, the children are invited to come to school wearing red, white or blue - or a combination of all three! Non-uniform in other colours is also fine. During the day, we will be taking part in coronation themed activities, finishing off the afternoon with a special coronation-themed PTA Cake Stall.

Staffing Update



We are pleased to share with you the news that Mrs Sands give birth to a baby girl just before the Easter holidays. All are well and enjoying time together as a new family.

We are also pleased to welcome back Mrs Salters and Mrs Jones to Sycamore Class. Many of you will remember them from when they covered Mrs Sands last year. It is lovely to have them back at BCPS!

We will be saying goodbye this term to Cherie Norton, one of our midday supervisors, who leaves us at the end of this month. Cherie has been at BCPS for many years and will be missed by both staff and pupils although we know we will still see her around!



**Do you enjoy swimming, cycling and running?
Have you ever thought about doing all three one after another?**

If so, why not enter our friendly, but competitive junior triathlon being held at Impington Sports Centre on 4th June

More information and how to enter can be found here:

<https://www.cambridgetriathlonclub.com/races/rob-mclean-junior-triathlon/>

Be quick, because entries close on 4th May!

Nursery Places - September 2023



Do you have a child who will be three in September 2023?

We currently have some spaces available in our wonderful Nursery Class, Acorns, for September 2023. We are able to offer provision from 9am - 3pm Monday to Friday with the children in Nursery also able to access our wraparound care at the start and end of the day. We accept 30 hour funded childcare places as well as universal 15 hour provision and can offer a mixture of whole days, mornings and afternoons. The children at Acorns have access to a superb Early Years provision which helps develop their independence and learning to prepare them for the transition into school. If you would like to find out more, please contact the school office on 01223 811235.

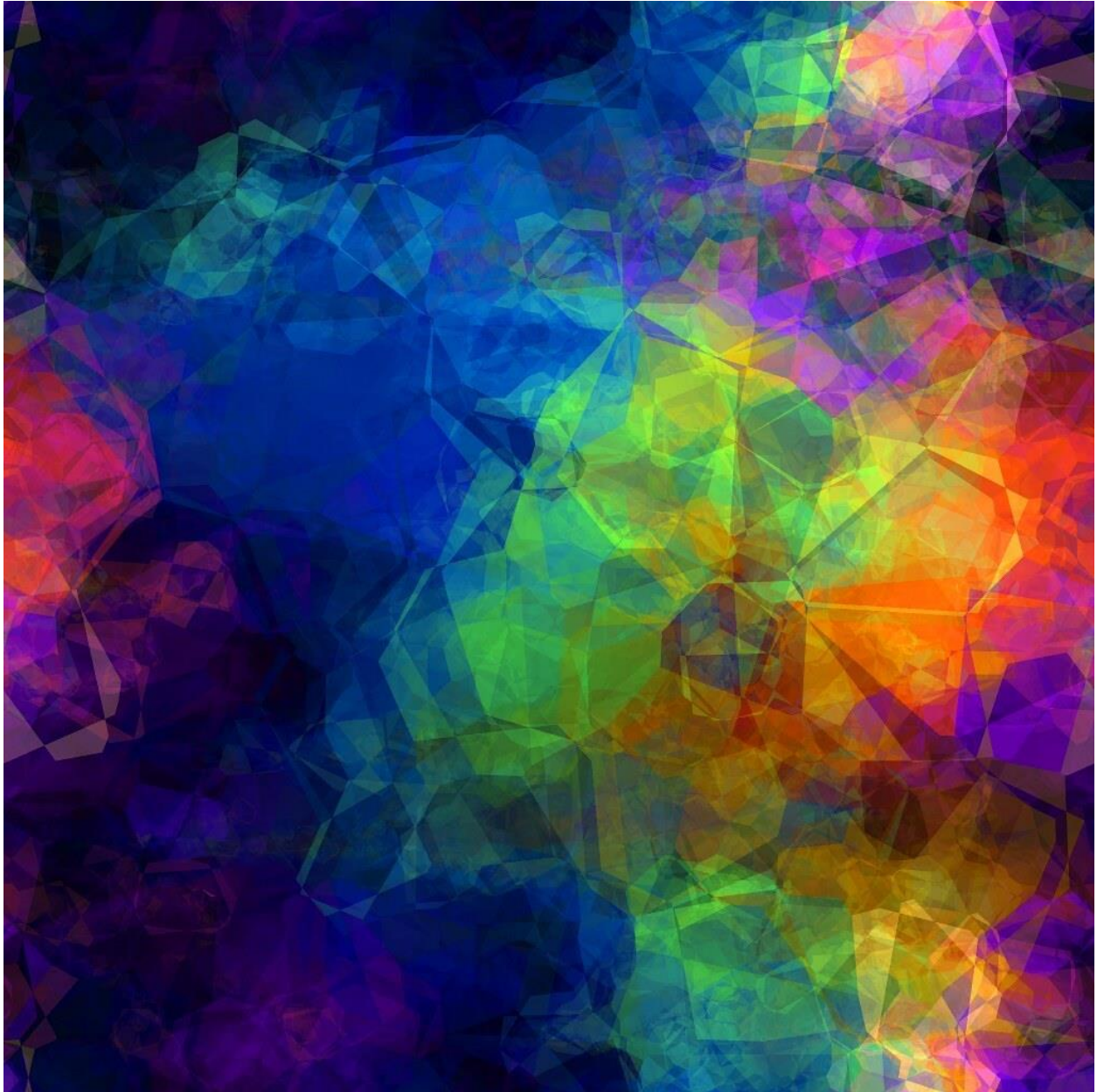
Are you worried about a child, family or friend?

Child Protection involves taking steps to safeguard children and young people at risk of, or suffering from neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse. It also means protecting children from witnessing Domestic Abuse and Violence as well as supporting families who are in financial or medical difficulties. It is vital that **everyone** takes personal responsibility to look after children, families and friends and report their concerns. If we all watch out for each other then we will ultimately support and protect the future lives of our children.



If you have a concern about the safety and welfare of a child at our school, you can email our confidential address on safeguardingconcerns@bottishamprimary.org.

Term Dates 2022-23



Autumn Term 2022

Thursday 1 September - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Friday 2 September - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 5 September - Start of term

Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October - Half term

Wednesday 21st December - End of term

Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4 January - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Thursday 5 January - Start of term

Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February - Half term

Friday 31 March - End of term

Summer term 2023

Monday 17 April - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 18 April - Start of term

Monday 1 May - May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June - Half term

Monday 5 June - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 19 July - End of term

Contact Us



Please get in touch if you have any queries - our office team will be happy to help

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