

Bassingbourn Community Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Carers

It was great to welcome parents and carers to our Open Classroom event this week. Parental feedback was appreciative of the opportunity to visit classrooms and see the wonderful work that pupils have done to date. Thank you for your support with our school development this term. It was so lovely to hear parents commenting on how positive changes have been noticed and their impact valued. One of the recent developments that we have been working on this term is to establish purposeful learning engagement so that pupils know their time in the classrooms is learning focused and their time outside during break and lunch is playing focused. That means we set clear expectations for classroom organisation and routines. It has been great to see this change has already made a difference to the engagement in class.

Headline feedback from the Rapid Improvement Group meeting in January.

1. The work undertaken by the Interim Executive Headteacher and Chair of Governors to instigate change is welcome and agreed to be both necessary and urgent.

2. The approach being taken by leaders and governors to go "back to basics" appears to be providing necessary clarity and understanding, particularly in relation to roles, responsibilities, support and accountability across the organisation.

3. Capacity within the Governing Body has strengthened, with clear plans and priorities surrounding their work moving forward.

4. Stakeholders including governors, staff and parents have benefitted from honest reflections regarding the current performance of the school and improvement priorities.

5. The school has taken pro-active steps to provide enhanced SEND capacity within school to counteract the backlog of progress in this area particularly. It is anticipated that this will expedite the necessary impact and change.

Amy Luu Interim Executive Headteacher



This week's Celebration Award winners are:

Charlie, Sapphira, Malachi, Stephen, April, Joshua, Emily R, Oliver, Freddie, Sam, Francheska, Bel and Philip.



Staff Updates

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss J Gregson to Bassingbourn after Easter. She will be visiting the school to discuss the provision before starting her role as our SENCo.

Miss A Moore who has been teaching Year 1 class, will be moving onto an Early Years role in a different setting from the Summer term. The recruitment process has begun, and we are scheduling interviews over the next couple of weeks. I will update you in due course. In the meantime, we would like to wish Miss Moore all the best and thank her for her contributions to the school.

Finally, Mrs A Clarke-Brooks would like to share her wonderful family news with parents and carers. Mrs Clarke-Brooks is expecting a baby in September and will be going on maternity leave at the end of this academic year. We would like to express our many congratulations to her and her family.

Key School Spring term dates for your diaries: 05th & 06th March Parents Evening 07th March World Book Day Coffee Morning - Cambridge Therapeutic Thinking - The Schools new behaviour policy and approach 13th March 15.30-16.00 - Subject Showcasing - Writing

Individual class dates for your diaries: 08th March EYFS parents stay & play 19th March Year 4 Production

World Book Day

This year's World Book Day theme is **READ YOUR WAY!**

Please remember that at Bassingbourn Community Primary School, we are planning to get comfy and cosy in order to enjoy lots of books and have some fun. On the 7th March, the children are welcome to come to school in pyjamas or their favourite comfy clothes.

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KS2 Playground Zoning

In our Competitive Zone, this week's challenge was see how many ping pong balls could be bounced into egg boxes.

Betsie Cavanagh was this weeks winner with 212, well done!!

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