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Bassingbourn
Community Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

We can't quite believe the end of the year is almost here. We are certainly making the most of our last half term.

EYFS are enjoying swimming. It has been wonderful to see them develop their water confidence at such a young age. We have also introduced rolling snack - children are developing their independence by toasting their own bread, making their own cereal and learning to cut and prepare their own foods such as cucumber and dip!

Year 1 have been growing potatoes and they have finally been harvested! What an incredible harvest it was. The children will be making their own potato salad and will be enjoying feasting on their home-grown veggies. We are very proud of the children for completing their phonic screening tests!

Year 2 have been working on recognising time in outdoor maths using chalk to draw clocks. In science, they set up their bean seed investigation using plastic bags and paper towels to observe over time how the germination process works.

In Year 3, the children are enjoying swimming and are already making great progress! They have started a DT unit focused gears and pulleys and are beginning to see how they are used in lots of machines around the UK.

Year 4 had a brilliant day taking part in the mini Olympics on Tuesday; it was amazing to see their wonderful teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the day.

Year 5 have been word processing in computing, they started to learn about the geographical location of Bassingbourn including the County; they are looking forward to learning about the History of Bassingbourn.

It's been a busy week in Year 6 with pupils taking part in a survival treasure hunt. They were given the task of hunting for assets that would help them to survive in the wild, like hunter gatherers in the Mesolithic period. Children found a range of useful resources including, flint for weapons or nettles and elderflowers for food and kindling for firewood.



Mrs Coles

DATES

June

28th & 29th

Sports Day

30th

School Disco

July

11th

Y3 trip to Stotfold Mill

12th

Move Up Morning

14th

Break the Rules Day

14th

Y6 Leavers Picnic

19th

Last Day of Term

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Headteacher's Awards

Elliott S, Mason M, Elliott S, Oliver W, Betsie C, Elaina C, Finley S, Francheska L, Daisy D, Mason M, Taysia H, Evie K, Evanna G,

School Development and Pupil Voice Accelerated Reader

The Education Endowment Foundation has completed a research study around the impact of Accelerated Reader (AR) in KS2 classes. Unfortunately, their findings were that the scheme did not positively impact on the progress of the children. We have been monitoring the impact of AR within our own setting and we have noticed a decline in the children's engagement with the programme. A pupil voice was carried out with children from year 4 and 5, here is a summary of some recent pupil voice:

- AR is not motivating anymore.
- There are not enough non-fiction books out there.
- The quizzes are timed and do not always give us enough time to answer or look back in the book which is frustrating.
- You can only do one quiz for a book, sometimes we would like to re-read the book and have another go but we can't.

Our aim at Bassingbourn is to create life-long love of reading with our children, and we no longer believe that Accelerated Reader is the platform to support this. Therefore, we have decided that we will not be continuing with AR when the subscription ends on 30th June. The children who took part in the pupil voice came up with some great suggestions about what would motivate them which will be taken into consideration along with research.

Lunch Times

We are very excited about the developments underway to our outdoor areas. As well as our new willow dome classrooms and eco garden, we are also in the process of introducing a wider range of fun activities at lunch time. Our preference is always to listen to our pupils preferences and we are basing our plans around their requests and ideas.



Safeguarding

Sadly, children across all primary school ages accidentally access inappropriate online material. Please ensure your devices have all of the tightest parental controls set up. For more support with this, please see the following:

[Using parental controls \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](http://thinkuknow.co.uk)

Staff Updates

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Sadler and Mr Milkelson who will be joining us next week. Mrs Sadler will take on the role of School Business Manager and Mr Milkelson will be our new Sports Lead.

Mrs Worboys has made the difficult decision to leave her role as Teaching Assistant at the end of term after being presented with an exciting opportunity to become a producer. She is saddened to be leaving but she knows the door is always open to her. Mrs Shrimpton has decided to leave her role as School Administrator to pursue her passion for counselling but will continue to work with us in a slightly different capacity. More information to follow!

Mrs Cockman, Mrs Tolliday and Miss Woor will be leaving their roles as Class Teachers at the end of term, they have all been extremely committed to their roles in their time with us. We would like to thank them for their dedication and support whilst at the school.

In the Autumn Term year we will be joined by some further new members of staff. They are: Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Emery and Mrs Maddison who will all be joining us as Class Teachers.

We wish our leavers well in their future careers and look forward to welcoming our new members of staff to the team!

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