



ENGLISH BICKNOR CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter
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C of E V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

'THROUGH GOD'S LOVE WE LEARN AND FLOURISH TOGETHER', CORINTHIANS 16:14.

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear families,

February places a big importance on mental health and well-being which is important for our whole community.

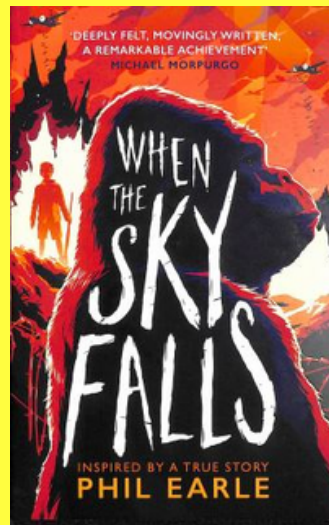
We place a strong emphasis on helping pupils understand their emotions, develop resilience and know that it is always okay to ask for help. Through assemblies, class discussions, My Happy Mind lessons and daily routines, children are being encouraged to talk about how they are feeling, to practise kindness, and to use strategies that support their wellbeing. These skills are just as important as academic learning and underpin children's ability to flourish.

As we approach half term, may this be an opportunity for everyone to pause, rest and recharge. Thank you, as always, for your continued support

Best wishes, Mrs Isaac

READING SUGGESTIONS

- ☒ When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle (Mrs Childs)
- ☒ Finding Bear by Hannah Gold (Mrs Isaac)



READING FOR PLEASURE VISION

'Reading sits at the heart of our school – through strong phonics and a love of books, every child learns to read, love reading and flourish both in school and beyond.'

We believe that reading for pleasure is one of the most powerful ways to support children's learning, wellbeing and imagination. When children enjoy reading, they read more often – and this has a lasting, positive impact on their vocabulary, understanding, confidence and overall achievement across the curriculum.

Our vision is to create a school where every child sees themselves as a reader.

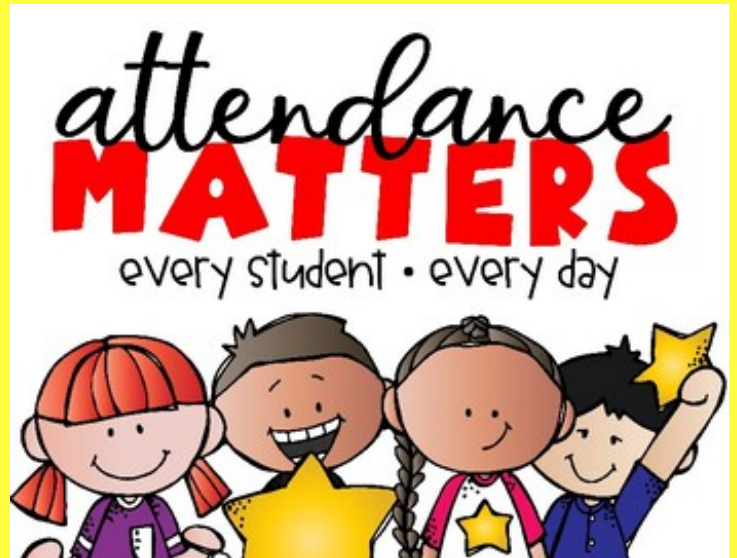


ATTENDANCE

Attendance remains a key priority, and we really appreciate your continued support in ensuring children are in school every day, on time, and ready to learn. The small routines make a big difference.

Unfortunately our attendance figures are well-below National figures.

We are keen to support all families. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like any help at all.



WORLD BOOK DAY

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day with the children and sharing our love of reading across the school on Thursday 5th March.

This year we invite the children to create a 'story in a jar.' Story jars should be brought in on World Book Day where there will an opportunity to share their creations.

The children are also invited to come to school dressed as a favourite book character. This can be as simple or creative as you like – a cosy outfit linked to a bedtime story or a favourite character is just as welcome as a full costume. The focus of the day is on enjoying books and stories, not on elaborate outfits. Children may prefer to bring a story prop or wear pyjamas for a bedtime story theme.

Children will receive their World Book Day book token, which can be used to purchase a £1 World Book Day book or to receive £1 off a book at participating bookshops.

Thank you, as always, for your support in encouraging reading at home.



OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE THIS TERM IS COURAGE



English Bicknor C of E School

Clubs

Monday - PROSTARS

Thursday - Boogie Bounce

The above clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Choir will take place during a lunchtime.

Child Care

Please contact the school office or Greenwood's Nursery if you would like further information on the breakfast club or after school club. Both of these are payable but provide a fantastic service and great value for money.

Dates for the diary

- 09/02/26 Children's Mental Health Week
Curriculum Enrichment workshops
- 10/02/25 Safer Internet Day
- 12/02/26 2-3pm parent handwriting workshop
- 13/02/26 'Wear Your SCARF to school'
Attendance letters home.
- 27/02/26 Mid-year reports to families
- 05/03/26 World Book Day
- 16/03/26 Collective Worship with Open the Book
- 23/03/26 Curriculum Enrichment workshops
- 25/03/26 Guitar performance for Oak Class parents
- 27/03/26 9am Easter Service
- 14/04/26 Whole School visit to Masjid E Noor Mosque
- 15-17/04/26 Viney Hill residential for Year 5
- 20/04/26 Collective Worship with Open the Book
- 11/05/26 SATS week (Year 6)
- 18/05/26 Curriculum Enrichment workshops
Collective Worship with Open the Book
- 22/05/26 FIFA World Cup Enrichment Day with Prostars
- 01/06/26 Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check week
- 08/06/26 Year 1 Phonic Screening Check week
- 08/06/26 Class photos
- 10/06/26 Year 6 Gloucester Cathedral leaver service
- 11/06/26 Class and Year 6 leavers photos
- 17/06/26 Sports Day