

# Bassingbourn Community Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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#### Dear Parents / Carers

We have had another great week of learning in school. On Wednesday, Angela Jukes, our RWInc Phonics consultant, visited us to work with phonics teaching staff alongside Mrs Parrett, Miss Gregson and myself to support us with the RWInc programme implementation. Mrs Jukes was pleased with the progress made to date with increased staff expertise and phonics progress in year groups. Mrs Parrett, who has taken up the reading provision during Miss Brady's absence, will continue to update parents and carers regarding the RWInc programme and reading in school.

We thank you for your ongoing support as with all things new, it takes time to iron out the initial implementation process. We are very fortunate to have the support of the RWInc programme and the New Wave English Hub. I would like to take this opportunity to also thank our staff team for their can-do attitude for taking on such a significant endeavour of launching a new phonics programme and a reading curriculum this year. This, as you may already know, has been praised positively in our recent Ofsted report.

Have a lovely Weekend,

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#### Rock Steady

We are very excited to tell you all, that Rocksteady will be starting to come in on Wednesday afternoons from the 5th of February between 13:15-15:45. They are a music company where parents can sign and pay for their children to have group band instrument lessons. Ultimately there will be several bands of mixed year groups playing throughout the afternoon. The band playing from 3:15- 3:45 will be after school club band which the parents will sign up for.

Before this happens, they have a launch day which is happening next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January. The following timetable for this is as follows:

Brand Representative arrival for set up 08:30am Whole school assembly – 9am KS2 Workshop – 9:40am KS1 Workshop – 10:30am Relaxed Drop-in Session - 11:10am

Further information regarding Rocksteady Music school can be found on <a href="https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/">https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/</a>

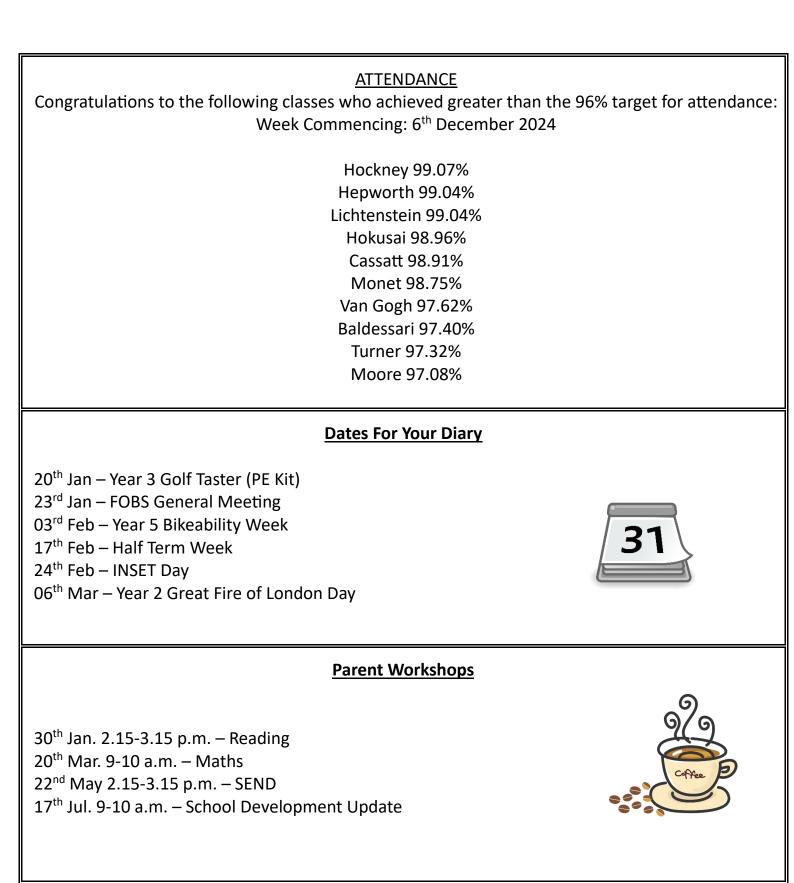
# This Week's Celebration Awards

Effie, Emely, Joey, Ricky, Xander, Bertie, Franklin, Lilli, Kayana, Caitlin, Declan, Ivy, Ellie

#### Presentation Award



Gracie, Saskia, Amelia, Demi-Rose, Stefany, Ellis-James Sayuna, Sapphira, Stanley, Annabel, Rupert, Remy



# PE ROUNDUP

Pupils have been working really hard in PE so far this term. To ensure pupils are able to engage fully with their lesson, please ensure pupils have the following PE kit:

- Black or white Trainers (not plimsoles)
- Socks
- White polo T-shirt
- Tracksuit Top (colder months blue or black please try and ensure it does not have a zip)
- Shorts (blue or black)
- Tracksuit bottoms (colder months blue or black)
- No jewellery

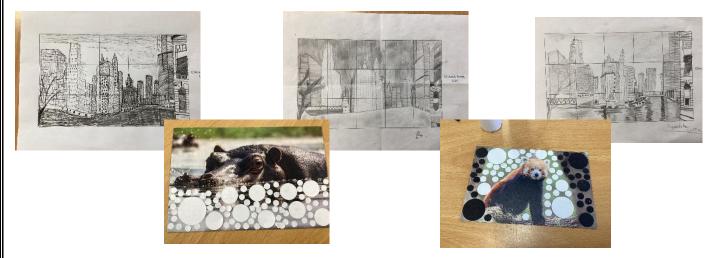
If you are unsure about what day your child has PE, please check with their class teacher.

Thank you for your ongoing support Mr. Mikelson

# Year 6 News

Year 6 have had a very successful return to school after Christmas and have continued learning about our class artists: Stephen Wiltshire and Rachel Whiteread. Last week, we learnt about how each artist developed their love of art and choose different ways to represent their work. Rachel uses a variety of techniques to be creative and 6WD learnt a new style each day. One of our favourites was using dots to highlight and block out space on a design.

6WE continued developing their knowledge of how to use scaling to increase the size of their designs. Following Stephen's highly detailed and intricate focus on detail, we learnt how to maintain detail as our art increased in size. This term we are now looking at colour and how we can use that to impact our designs and art.



Whiteread and Wiltshire Class.

# Uniform Reminder

- Black shoes
- Black or white socks / tights
- Black or charcoal trousers, knee length skirt or charcoal grey pinafore dress (Black or charcoal tailored shorts in warmer weather)
- School summer gingham blue dress / blue gingham playsuit in warmer weather
- School sweatshirt or royal blue / navy cardigan or sweatshirt
- White polo shirt or shirt with collar
- Hair shoulder length or longer must be tied up at all times (to prevent the spread of headlice and to avoid being caught up) with suitable hair clips and bands that are navy, blue or black
- Children can only wear plain gold or silver stud earrings which must be removed for PE days
- No nail varnish, makeup or other jewellery please unless it is of a religious nature and agreed with the school

