



Bassingbourn
Community Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

On behalf of everyone at Bassingbourn, I wish you all a wonderful half-term break. It has been another successful and productive half term with our steadfast focus on school improvement. I would like to thank our staff team for their willingness to embrace changes and work with the leadership team to bring about the much-needed rapid changes. We are beginning to see the initial impact of the journey and are grateful for your ongoing patience. I know there is much more to be done. We have started to tackle the most urgent teaching and learning priorities since January and will continue to work on all other aspects as time progresses.

Our Year 4 pupils braved the weather this week to visit West Stow as part of their history learning. These enrichment opportunities bring learning to life and support pupils to truly experience their learning. It is our commitment to provide a broad and engaging curriculum with wider experiences linked directly with learning. Thank you to the Year 4 team for their commitment supporting the visit. We are looking forward to our Year 5 camp next half term. I know the Year 5 team has been busy finalising the provision.

Ms Luu

Interim Executive Headteacher

Gate Access

We have been looking into our morning drop off and afternoon collection arrangements. We appreciate that the 'one way' system around school may not be convenient for all and so we would like to change this to allow parents and children to enter and exit at either gates. We will monitor this alteration over the coming half term to determine its effectiveness.



This week's Celebration Award winners are:



Clarissa, Oliver, Dalton, Josh, Rupert, Bel, Rowan, Renae, Oscar, Jacob, Peter and Bertie

Head Teachers Awards



Amelia Gonsalves Sharks
Leo Hadnett Rainbowfish
Katherine Ives Y1 Starfish
Isabelle Windsor Y1 Turtles
Francesca Woodfield Y2
Mason Winkley Y2
Sophie Paley Y3 Dolphins
Betty Chilton Y3 Orcas
Luca Standen Y4 Sea Otters
Orla Dutton Y4 Penguins
Priya Barton Y5 Stingrays
Oscar Winstanley-Brown Y5 Manatees
Jess Briggs Y6 Narwhals
Lily Chappell Y6 Octopus



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ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following classes who achieved greater than 96% target for attendance:
Week Commencing: 13th May 23, 2024

Sea Otters 98.62%

Sharks 97.39%

Seahorses 97.14%

Turtles 97.08%

Octopus 96.67%

Dolphins 96.4%

Dates For Your Diary

27 th -31 st May	Half Term
6 th & 7 th June	Year 5 Camping Event
7 th June	Year 2 Woburn
10 th June	Inset Day
11 th June	Year 3 Stotfold Mill
14 th June	School Disco
W/C 17 th June	Sports Days
24 th – 28 th June	Year 6 Grafham
5 th July	EYFS Willows Farm

PE ROUNDUP

Well Done to Niall who was awarded 'man of the match' at his football match last weekend.



Please continue to send in and share your sporting achievements with us, we look forward to celebrating them

Please remember swimming starts after Half Term.

Mr. Mikelson

Message from Katy Cooper, Chair of FOBS

Search for a new Chair of FOBS

We thought it would be helpful to provide further details on the role of Chair for FOBS.

If you are interested and would like to share this role between now and October when committee members are elected, we are able to co-opt members into a role. This will allow for succession planning and to get an insight into the role and plan for next year's fundraising events.

If we are unsuccessful in finding a new Chair to take over the role, there is the possibility that FOBS could fold. If this happens, we may need to call an EGM to discuss the future of FOBS.

Being involved in FOBS and having been Chair for several years has been a great way to develop a range of skills which I have also used in my workplace and can be beneficial on a CV.

Chair

How many— Can be shared between two Co-Chairs

What the role involves—

- Trustee for the Charity—named on Charity Commission
- Signatory for the bank account
- Co-ordinate dates for meetings and events
- Organise the Agenda for meetings, co-ordinate with the Secretary
- Chair meetings in an efficient and timely manner ensuring that everyone is able to contribute
- Welcome and involve new members
- Write the annual report in cooperation with the Secretary
- Liaise with SLT

How much time involved— Attendance at all meetings and events. Time to co-ordinate tasks and communicate between School and Committee. Time to meet with SLT.

Commitment—At least one year.

Update from General meeting held on 22nd April.

At our general meeting we were provided with an update on the school courtyard that FOBS were asked to support and fundraise towards.

The Courtyard is no longer a priority and we have been asked if FOBS would help support the new phonics screening and reading programme that the school would like to use. Those in attendance at the meeting on 22 April agreed that FOBS would be happy in principle to support this, however we would require further details on costings before an agreement in full is made. FOBS have already donated £5000 towards the Courtyard, which it be used towards the phonics screening and reading programme once a full decision is made.

This topic will be on our general meeting agenda for July.

Preloved uniform sale

Thank you to everyone who popped along to our pop up preloved uniform sale last week, many items were rehomed. We hope to do another in the future.