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Staffing Update

As many of you will know, Miss Reddaway, who was previously the teacher in Adventurers, has been on maternity leave looking after her daughter. Understandably, she did not want to return to her full-time role and therefore she will be leaving the school at the end of the term. To complete her maternity leave, Miss Reddaway will be in school on Thursdays before the end of the term leading some intervention groups, so the children will have an opportunity to see her again.

Mr Orridge has been covering Miss Reddaway throughout her maternity. Mr Orridge and his partner Robyn are also very excited about the birth of their first child in July. He has decided that he would like to take the opportunity to be a supply teacher next year so he has more flexibility around spending time with his family and enjoying fatherhood! We hope to see Mr Orridge in the next academic year on a supply basis continuing to work alongside children in our school.

After interviewing last week, we have appointed Mrs Kelly Johnson to join our teaching team in September. Mrs Johnson is an experienced teacher who has been working in Birmingham and is relocating to the South West with her family. We are trying to make arrangements for the end of term so that Mrs Johnson can be in school to meet her new class before the summer holidays.

In our Voyagers class, Mrs Maslen has decided to reduce her teaching commitment to two days a week. Last week we also appointed Mrs Jodie Jennings to work alongside her for the other three days in the Voyagers class. Mrs Jennings is another experienced teacher who has been working in Exmouth for many years. Living locally, she is very excited about joining Bishopsteignton and was full of praise for the school and the children. Once again, we are keen to make arrangements for Mrs Jennings to meet the class before starting in September.

Preschool Update

We have been enjoying the sunshine, planting seeds that we can watch grow and looking at animal life cycles. We have also been finding out lots of interesting facts about bees. Half term will soon be upon us. We break up on Thursday 26th May and return on Monday 6th June. **Yeash Burkill- Preschool Lead**



End of the School Day

We would like to remind parents that, in order to keep our everyone safe at the end of the school day, we ask that children do not climb on any playground equipment. We very much appreciate your support and understanding with this matter.

Y6 SATs

The Y6 SATs returned this week after they had been suspended for the last two years. We just wanted to say how amazingly proud we were of our Y6 children for the calm and confident way they approached this tricky time of the year. Fuelled by 237 pieces of toast from the SATs breakfast club, they all showed tremendous maturity and positivity throughout. Now it's time to have a good rest this weekend!

Y4 Beesands Residential

At the end of last week, the Y4 children enjoyed an amazing residential at the Forest and Beach setting near Beesands. We were blessed with some amazing weather for the two days in which the children did not stop! As well as some fantastic Forest School experiences they also had a go at archery, completed a bat walk at dusk and had a superb picturesque walk to the seafront for fish and chips. A night away from home sleeping in a tent is another experience in itself that many of us will never forget! We were so proud of the children and managed this fantastic adventure making memories that will last a very long time! A special mention to Mr Jeffery, Mrs Maslen and Mrs Rice taking time away from their own families to support our children and make this trip possible.



Pupil Voice

In our assembly we were thinking about INDEPENDENCE- what it means to us outside of school and why it is important. We often talk about the children becoming more independent and it was fascinating to hear what the children understood by this and how they make connections to their one lives.

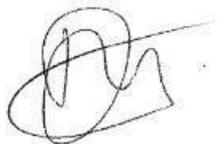
'I think it's important to become independent because you can gain trust and responsibility from your adults at home. When you're older, being independent helps being able to find jobs and moving away from home. It also helps in secondary school as they expect more to be done independently.' Evie- Y6

***'Being independent now is important because if you always ask for help before you try then you never try to solve your problems.'* Layla- Y1**

***'You need to do things like make your own breakfast when you get older.'* Amelia- Explorers**

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



**Dave Killoran
(Headteacher)**

FUTURE DATES FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 27th May 2022	Queen's Jubilee- day in lieu
Monday 30th May– Friday 3rd June	Summer Half Term