

Bude Primary Academy Head of School – Mrs Sarah Robinson

Friday 20th October 2023

Well, what a fantastic first half term! I am thrilled with the ongoing curriculum opportunities that staff have provided for our pupils. Take a look through our celebration booklet 'The Splash' and you will see so much active and outdoor learning which helps our children to thrive.

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Our motto is 'Respect, Learn, Achieve' and we do this with a creative approach - whilst having fun. We also showcase examples of pupil leadership. This is something the children relish and take very seriously. Hope you all have a wonderful half term break and we very much look forward to welcoming you back into school on **Tuesday 31st October**. Have fun, stay safe!

Staffing updates

Leila, in Poppy class, leaves to begin her maternity leave today. We wish her and her family all the best with the new addition, exciting times.

Miss Thorne, currently supporting in Sandymouth, is moving to Poppy class after half term and we have also recruited Rachel Hawkins to cover Leila's maternity leave.

After school clubs

The after-school clubs next term will be: Monday – Year 5 & 6 girls football Tuesday – Year 3 & 4 basketball Wednesday – Year 5 & 6 basketball Wednesday – Street Dance with Kaylie Thursday – Year 5 & 6 boys football Thursday – Lego league club (selected pupils only)

<u>PE</u>

A quick reminder from Mr Brown. This year we will be completing PE in all weathers and with winter fast approaching it would be great if all children could bring a coat for outdoor PE lessons and if possible, a spare pair of older trainers in case of wet conditions.

Parents' evening

Parent evening meetings are now available to book on the Arbor app. The dates and times are below: <u>Tuesday 7th November</u> Year 5 and 6 - 2pm - 5.30pm Poppy class and Year 3 and 4 - 3.30pm - 6pm

<u>Wednesday 8th November</u> Year 3 and 4 - 2pm - 5.30pm Year 5 Crackington and Year 6 - 3.30pm - 6pm

<u>Thursday 9th November</u> Year 5 Widemouth class with Mrs Miles – 3.30pm – 6pm

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Parents hub

Did you know......Our school "Parents hub" is located at the Infants school; Emma Thomas is based there, and it is where the Friday Drop In is situated.

There is a huge amount of second-hand uniform, shoes and coats for parents to access as well as the Hygiene bank where there are cleaning products, toiletries, nappies, sanitary products etc etc

We have a limited parents library too with various books to help with everyday parenting issues. We are always grateful for donations too.

When we come back after half term we will be on menu -Week 3

Change of menu on Thursday 3rd November.



Year 5 swimming lessons

Swimming lessons for year 5 will be starting on Monday 6th November for one week. They will go everyday for an hour lesson.

Please give permission on ParentPay for your child to attend.

<u>Diary dates</u>	
Monday 30 th October	Inset day – no school for pupils
Tuesday 31 st October	Pupils return to school
Monday 6 th – Friday 10 th November	Year 5 swimming lessons
Monday 6 th November	Year 6 boosters begin
Tuesday 7 th November	Year 6 height and weight check
Tuesday 7 th & 8 th November	Parents' evening – all years
Thursday 9 th November	Parents' evening – For Mrs Miles (Widemouth)
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th November	Year 6 swimming lessons
Wednesday 15 th November	Tempest individual photographs
Wednesday 15 th November	BPA PTA meeting
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas dinner, Christmas jumper day
	Outdoor carol concert
Tuesday 19 th December	Last day of autumn term
Monday 1 st -3 rd July 2024	Year 6 Bristol Residential

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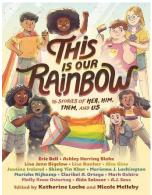


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PSHE and RSE learning

As part of our PSHE and RSE learning we have lessons on inclusivity. We make children aware of diversity and promote acceptance of all the wide variety of people in our society. It is also a requirement of the school curriculum (in the RSE documentation) that we teach children about a range of types of relationships. We recognise that our children are growing up in diverse culture with many different types of families; it is important for us to educate our children so that all families and pupils feel accepted and represented. This is a statutory requirement and forms part of the Equality Act Protected Characteristics.



This year we are going to share the same books together in assemblies and have follow up discussions in class. This term there are 2 assemblies and stories. One for Years 3 & 4 and one for Years 5 & 6

Year 3 & 4 Wednesday 1st November "Stacey's Mom" By Nicole Melleby

This short story explores how a primary school aged girl feels when her friends realise, she is attracted to her friend's mum. We will focus the discussion on her feelings of isolation and embarrassment, and how she feels better when a friend accepts her for who she is.

Year 5 & 6 Wednesday 15th November "Come Out, Come Out Whenever You Are" by Eric Bell This short story explains how a Middle School boy feels about his peers finding out that he is gay. It focusses on how a homophobic bully makes him feel and how he decides to stick up for himself. Our discussion will focus on why the bully's use of language is unacceptable and how this makes the boy feel.

If you would like to view these texts prior to the assemblies, pop into our school office to arrange a suitable time. We thank you for your continued support. Mr Whelan.

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