

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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Happy New Year! The children have returned to school in a happy and settled way and have enjoyed their first week back. Despite a little uncertainty at the end of last term, Miss Searles managed her relocation to France safely. Mrs Tabby Goddard has joined us this term as Squirrels class teacher and we have also been joined by three new TAs: Mrs Byron, Mrs Gray and Mrs Banks who will be working with us temporarily whilst we try to recruit permanent members of staff. Adverts are now live on the Lincolnshire Recruitment website [Search results – Lincolnshire County Council](#), if you know of anyone who may be interested in these roles, please do encourage them to get in touch!

If you have a child due to start Reception in September 2022, please ensure that you complete your school place application by 15th January 2022 via [Apply for a school place – How to apply - Lincolnshire County Council](#).

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin

Cold Weather

With the weather turning colder once again, please ensure that children come to school with a warm coat, hats, gloves and scarves. Children should also have jogging bottoms for PE so that they keep warm.

Please ensure all items are named!

Key Dates

Term 3

Tues 4th Jan to Fri 11th Feb

w/c 10th Jan

Cosmic yoga club (R/Year 1) and Football club (Y2-Y6) sessions begin

w/c 31st Jan

SEND parents evening slots - days/times TBC

w/c 7th Feb

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This week's award winners are:

Hedgehogs Class

Arabella is awarded the handwriting award for her beautiful letter formation and trying her best when writing.

The excellence award goes to Jessica for coming back to school so well, ready and eager to learn.

Squirrels Class

Eddie for wonderful independent writing about his Christmas Day.

Laila-Mae for listening closely and answering questions about repeated addition.

Foxes Class

Brodie has achieved the Award of Excellence award for fantastic efforts during our first swimming session this term.

Yuan has achieved the Award of Excellence award for a wonderful attitude to his learning and for writing independent sentences in English.

Leah has achieved the handwriting award this week for always presenting her writing so beautifully.

Badgers Class

Noah for concentrating hard, being very focussed and working well in maths and English.

Lizzy for putting in a fantastic effort with her new maths topic on ratio.

Lily-Anna for insightful contributions in music.



PE for Term 2

Hedgehogs - Thursday

Squirrels - Friday

Foxes - Wednesday

Foxes - swimming - Thursday

Badgers - Friday

Please remember to send your child into school wearing uniform and with a separate bag for kit to change at school this term!



We understand that children are sometimes ill but we are celebrating attendance each week. If your child is well enough to be here, please ensure that they are!

This week's attendance:

96.2%

Hedgehogs Class

Over the next two weeks, Hedgehogs class are learning all about space. This links to our termly topic about Winter and Starry Nights. To launch our topic they played pass the parcel with a twist. In each layer a photo was hidden about the topic, this provided lots of discussion about what the children know or want to know. In the middle was a pile of non-fiction books all about Space for them to read. The children then voted on each photo about the topic they want to know more about. We then built a space station in the role play area which the children have thoroughly enjoyed piloting through space, narrowly missing planets on their journeys.



Squirrels Class

What a wonderful start to the Spring term. We have had some super discussions about our Christmas and the children have written fantastic recounts about their experience.

This week we have started our topic Bright Lights, Big City. We have identified the countries in the United Kingdom and named surrounding seas. We have also started our Science topic, Materials and their properties. We have collected and grouped examples of different materials and discussed their uses.



In Maths we have been recognising, making and adding equal groups. We then be making multiplication sentences from pictures and numbers.

Foxes Class

We have had a wonderful first week back after the Christmas holidays and the children have settled back into routine well. We have begun our narrative unit of *The True Story of The Three Little Pigs* where children have been using some fantastic vocabulary to build sentences.

Children also started their swimming sessions this week. Children behaved impeccably and they enjoyed their first session.

As part of our P.E unit last term, 'invasion games', we completed our final session this week. Children used all of the skills they learnt in a game of Bench Ball. They were so enthusiastic and showed a fantastic understanding of defending the ball!



Badgers Class

It was lovely to welcome all of Badgers Class back to school this week. I have been so impressed with the way they have settled back into class and are working hard in their lessons.

We have started a new topic this term called 'Blood Heart' which is all about the heart and the circulatory system. In the last few days we have learnt how to measure our own heart rate and facts about the heart. Yesterday, we spent time finding out about the different functions of blood. Badgers wrote their own questions and answers about blood and then turned these



onto 'fortune tellers' so they could ask each other lots of different questions about red and white blood cells, plasma and platelets.

