



The Buzz this week ...

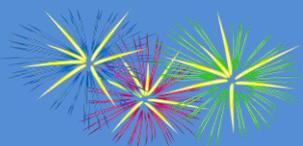
I hope you all had a restful half term. The children have settled back in really well, and we have had a busy week with lots of events.

Year 4 had a very informative trip to the Tank museum; Year 5 had an exciting trip to the cinema where they got to watch a new live action film! Several students were able to participate in the Bronze Ambassador Sports Leadership training day while a selection of our year 3 & 4 pupils had the opportunity to take part in a TAG rugby tournament at the Purbeck School. A very busy week indeed!

I would like to say a big thank you on behalf of the Rotary Club for the shoe boxes that we received; we were able to handover 8 filled shoe boxes that will be sent out to disadvantaged children around the world.

Finally, thank you to everyone who attended our PTFA coffee afternoon today, I know the PTFA would love to hear from any other parents that want to get involved – please contact the School Office with your details if you can spare some time to help out.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.



Strengthening Families Programme

The Strengthening Families Programme for families with children aged 6-10 starts in Bovington on Saturday 9th November 12-2 (free to attend and includes lunch). Families tell us that this programme really helps build relationships with their children and give them tips for a more relaxed home environment. Attached is a flyer and further information, including an application form.

Parents Consultations



Parent consultations are next Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th. You still have time to book your appointment via Parentmail. Please note that we will **not** have a crèche provision at the school for parent's evenings.

Childrens Christmas Dinner



This year the children's Christmas dinner will be on **Thursday 19th December 2019**. To book a Christmas dinner for your child please go on-line at: <https://dorset.mealselector.co.uk/> or call the Chartwells office on 01202 691038

Road Safety

We have had 2 incidents reported to us this week of poor driver awareness during school drop off and pick up times. Please help to keep your children safe by ensuring that you park in the designated drop off/pick up area (not the three Bears carpark) and please also drive at 5mph around the school area taking care to look out for children as well as other vehicles. If your child walks scoots or cycles to school by themselves please can you ensure that they are aware of how to safely cross roads and road safety in general. Thank you. Please take care and be aware!

Key Dates:

11th & 12th November – Parents Evening

15th November – MUFTI day. Children to wear spots - £1 donation.

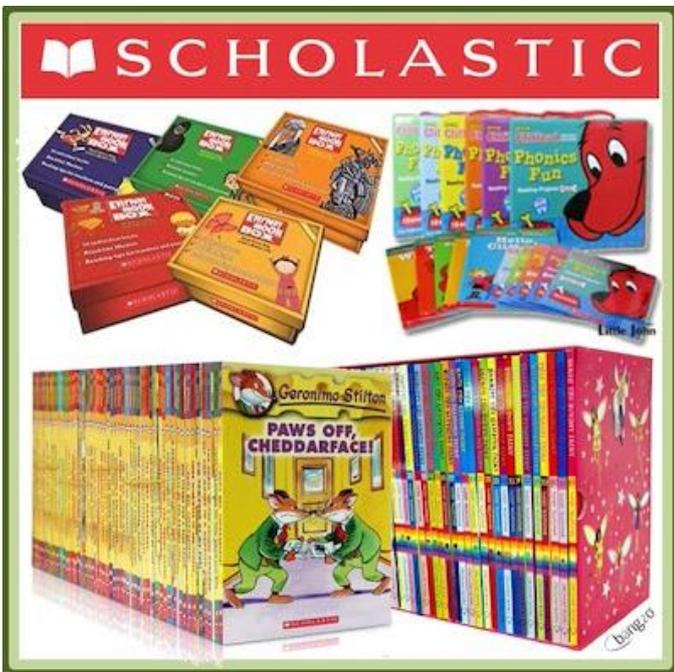
18th November – Open Ceremony – Parents Invited 9.30am

22nd November – Teacher Training Day – **No children in school**

10th December – Flu Vaccination

12th December – School Disco

13th December – Christmas Jumper day – Mufti - £1 Donation



The children will be bringing home Scholastic magazines this week. If you would like to place an order please use the online link shown on the back of the magazine. These make great Christmas presents and our Academy receives a percentage from our parental sales that enables us to order books for our children in the library.



Children in Need

Friday 15th November 2019

Wear something spotty for a £1 donation to help disadvantaged children.

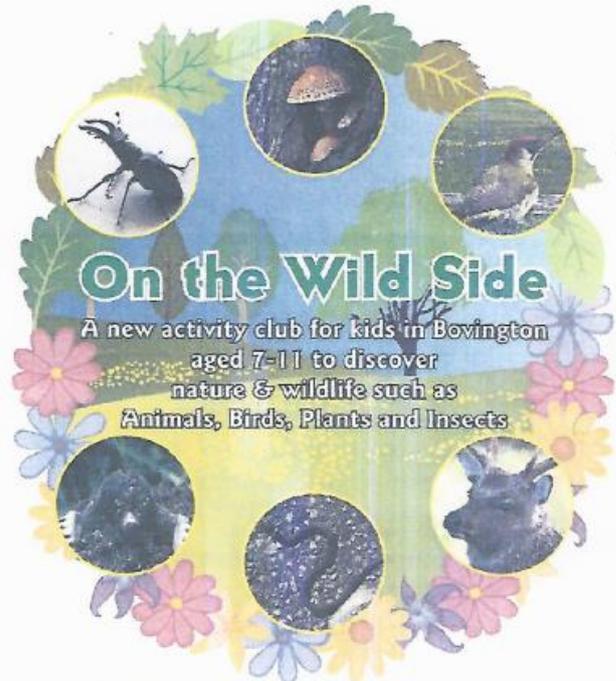


Bikeability



Year 5/6 Children - Is Father Christmas bringing your child a bike for Christmas this year? There will be a Bikeability - Road Safety course being held in Bovington Academy the week of **10th February**

Bikeability is today's cycle training programme. It's about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads. Bikeability gives everyone the skills and confidence for all kinds of cycling. Please register your child's interest with the school office.



On the Wild Side

A new activity club for kids in Bovington aged 7-11 to discover nature & wildlife such as Animals, Birds, Plants and Insects

Where: Community Room, 21 Cologne Road, Bovington

When: Saturday mornings, once per month (subject to weather)

Cost: £2 per session to cover incidentals and the use of Community Room

For further information and to book your kid's place.

Please call Rachel on 01929 462423

Make Every day Count!

In order for children to gain the most from their education we need attendance to be of a high percentage.

Why is it important that your child attends school every day?

A child who has good attendance – above 98%

- Understands lessons better
- Achieves better results
- Finds it easier to sustain friendships
- Can have good self-esteem and confidence

A child who has unsatisfactory attendance below 95%

- Finds it difficult to join in with lessons
- Falls behind with their learning
- Finds it difficult to maintain friendships
- Has lower self-esteem and confidence

What can you do to help?

- Avoid taking term time holidays
- Make medical appointments outside of the school day
- If your child seems anxious about going to school please speak to the class teacher
- Develop back up plans for getting your child to school if something comes up