



17<sup>th</sup> January 2020



## The Buzz this week ...

It's been another very busy week here at Bovington Academy.

Year 5 have been fortunate enough to start weekly swimming lessons at the Army pool and are looking forward to improving their swimming skills over the coming weeks.

Two of our Year 6 pupils started an exciting 7 week STEM club at the Tank Museum this week, STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. This club is designed to extend their classroom learning, stretch the children's knowledge and skills in various STEM based challenges and activities as well as enhancing interpersonal skills. We thank the Tank museum for offering us this wonderful opportunity.

Lastly, every week children are chosen for 'Star of the week'. This is awarded for outstanding work or showing our school values. They are rewarded with a certificate in our Sense of Accomplishment assembly and then they have hot chocolate and biscuits in the Head teacher's office. Well done to all!



We hope you all have a restful weekend.

### Payment Reminders:

Please make sure you are up to date with all PGL, Carey Camp, Bus and Kids Club payments. To pay please log on to [www.sims-pay.co.uk](http://www.sims-pay.co.uk) alternatively please call the school office if you require a barcode.

### Safeguarding the Children Regarding Sickness/illness

The school **MUST** be informed as soon as possible by telephone on the first day that a child is sick.

This should be followed up with an email or letter explaining the reason for the absence, on their return.

We consider it a top priority to be aware of where your children are during the school day – please help us by letting us know if they can't be with us.

01929 462744 or [office@bovington-aspirations.org](mailto:office@bovington-aspirations.org)



### Donations:

Do you have any spare board games you could donate for us to use in our Afterschool club provision? Any donations would be grateful received.

### Winter Clothing

Can you please ensure that your child has their Winter coat in school each day. If there are light showers the children will be going outside during break and lunchtime.

### **Key Dates:**

23<sup>rd</sup> January – Parents are invited into school to meet with the SLT & MLT – 2.30pm & 6pm in the school hall.

4<sup>th</sup> February – Class Photo's

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 & 6 – Bikeability

17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February – Spring Half Term

24<sup>th</sup> February – Children back in School



## Bikeability

(Year 5&6)

Did Santa Claus bring a bike this Christmas?

If you would like to raise your child's awareness of road safety, then sign up for Bikeability. The Bikeability Level 1 course aims to develop mastery in cycle handling in an off-road environment and prepare riders for cycling on the road. Bikeability is government-recognised, practical and professional training. Level 1 will take place in School on Monday 10th February, the cost is £16. On successful completion of Level 1, the children will complete Level 2 free of charge on Tuesday 11th February. All that is needed is a roadworthy bike and a helmet. Please sign up at the School office. This is a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness of road and cycling safety.



## Outdoor Play Equipment

Reminder – Please do not allow children to play on the outdoor play equipment or in the Reception play area when picking up your children from school.

Please note that the school gate will be closed at **3.30pm** at the end of the school day.



### INCREDIBLE YEARS

#### Parenting Programme for Parents/Carers

Helping you to develop children's School Readiness, Emotional Regulation,

Social and Friendship skills for life

This is a fantastic opportunity to join us for a ride on the rollercoaster that is parenting! It's about new ideas, warning of pitfalls and helping you find out what will work best for your family, in a fun and friendly way.

#### **Tuesday Evenings**

**6.30 – 9.00pm, term time only,**

**at Wareham Children's Centre,**

**21st January – 28th April 2020**

**For more information please contact**

**Purbeck Family Partnership Zone on**

**01305 225729**

### 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