

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Another week has passed and with it an announcement from Boris Johnson that the easing of restrictions has been postponed until 19th July. Sadly, this has meant we have had to cancel and postpone some events over the next 5 weeks, please see below.

Sports day will now be held on Wednesday 21st July, providing restrictions ease on the 19th July.

Year 6 camp out will now happen on site rather than at Bampton. **Year 6 Queens Theatre performance** has been cancelled however there will still be a year 6 leavers assembly within school on Thursday 22nd July – more information will follow.

Please see below the exciting learning that has taken place in school this week:

Pre school learning this week:

Academic: We have been learning about the Rainforest, in particular the forest floor and the tree frogs that live there. We have learnt that tree frogs are 'Arboreal' meaning they live in trees.

Innovation: The children have been seeing how far they can jump like frogs and thinking of ways they could improve their distance.

Community: The children have been cheering their friends on when practising their sports day races. The children have also been very caring to our new and younger children, helping them to settle in. Some preschool children have demonstrated helpfulness in showing our new children where resources are, and where they belong when tidying away. They have been great role models in demonstrating our routines too.



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Key dates:

Whole school beach trip 6th July Pupils school reports out 19th July Year 6 camp out 8th – 9th July on Clawton grounds Sports Day Wed. 21st July Year 6 leavers service 22nd July



Character: The children have been tidying well this week, demonstrating our virtues of service and helpfulness. One group gave the mud kitchen a super clean.

Hedgehogs learning this week:

Academic This week we enjoyed a visit from Nicky in preschool who keeps bees! She told us lots of interesting facts about how they make honey and work together in the hive. The children were very curious and asked lots of sensible questions.



Character The children have continued to demonstrate the character virtue of service this week. Wendy showed us how to make a home for bees to encourage the pollinators into our garden.

Innovation After learning about bees the children became very creative and resourceful. They designed a hive using the loose parts and made junk model

Community The children really enjoyed becoming nature detectives at Beer Mill on Thursday and did a fantastic job of earning their Inspiring Adventurer badges. We looked for different colours in nature, carried out a scavenger hunt and explored the creatures up at the pond. A huge thank you to Elaine and Mrs. Vickery for organising such a fantastic day.

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Squirrels learning this week:

Academic: Squirrel class had Mrs Sharpe teaching them on Monday as Mrs Vickery was on a course. They enjoyed their day getting to know her better; let us hope she enjoyed it too! **Innovation:** Squirrel class have raised froglets! We checked our tank and some of our tadpoles have grown legs and are hopping around!

Community: Squirrels have learnt about food chains this week. They were determined to find creatures which would eat us and eventually decided that lions, sharks and crocodiles should be at the top of the food chain!

Character: Squirrels have been thinking of service as the character virtue this week. Some of the children have been great at litter picking on the field, others have handed out books without being asked and everyone has been very helpful.

Foxes learning this week:

Academic: This week we have been learning about compasses and different points particularly North, South, East and West which has linked into our maths work on coordinates.

Community: Foxes demonstrated a range of skills at Beer Mill on Thursday and have done a fantastic job at earning their inspiring adventurer badge for their certificates. All the children participated in all the activities. We enjoyed finding all the creatures in the pond and the scavenger hunt.

Innovation: This week we have looked at how we can create an earthquake proof building, and the how the structure would need to be to enable it to withstand an earthquake.

Character: This week the children demonstrated a range of character virtues whilst we were visiting Beer Mill. These virtues included leadership, kindness, resilience and determination plus many more.

Badgers learning this week:

Academic: The class have been learning how to multiply fractions this week in maths. In English, we have been thinking about the key features of news reports, as we start our final writing unit.



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Community: We had a fantastic day at Beer Mill on Thursday. The class were brilliant on our hike, exploring areas of the farm that the school have not been to before! They were very attentive to Elaine, learning about a wide variety of native and non-native plants.

Character: There have been many fantastic displays of service this week, with lots of the children helping around the school, offering to help set up for lessons and supporting their friends! **Innovation:** Badger class have been very excited about a new editing software that we can use on the Chromebooks. We are exploring how to create words in front of our videos, putting background music in and how to embed photos.

As always, you have my best intentions.

Kind regards,

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Mrs. Rachael Sharpe.