



News and Information

Date: 27th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing turn out of people attending our community Jubilee Big Picnic yesterday! It was incredible to be able to have so many people joining us to celebrate and watch the children showcase some of their songs, dances and facts about the common wealth countries that they had been studying. We were also treated to some of our talented musicians on the drums and guitars. It has been lovely to see some new people coming forward to enquire about learning one of these instruments after being inspired by our musicians and the students from Sir Henry Floyd. It was such a lovely afternoon and it was wonderful to see all the children enjoying a well earned ice cream as part of the celebrations.

As well as the Big Picnic, there have also been the Jubilee competitions running with winners being announced for each event. There were so many sparkly and creative crowns and tiaras arriving at school yesterday it made it incredibly hard for the staff to select winners. In Key Stage 2, there were some very creative 30 second videos including parents being roped in to dress up as the Queen and pet dogs acting as the Queen's corgis. A huge well done to everyone that entered and to our selected winners!

This week has also seen some of our Year 6 children venture off to Skern Lodge in Appledore. They have experienced a range of thrilling activities and appeared to have thoroughly enjoyed their time. I am sure they are all looking forward to a good nights sleep in their own beds to recover from their adventures. The children who didn't take part in the residential have had an equally busy week. They took part in a traversing wall session at Sir Henry Floyd and came back buzzing from their experience. They have also been hard at work, designing and painting our new outside storage and what an amazing job they have done!

Last week was also a busy week, children in Year 2 made us extremely proud with their efforts in their SATs tests, we couldn't have asked for anymore from them. Well done!

We wish all our community a very well deserved break over half term and hope that you are able to enjoy some time with friends and family whether that be for celebrating the Jubilee or just enjoying time together.

Ms Martin—Headteacher

Key Dates coming up:

June

W.b. 6th—School Sports Week—children in PE kit

W.b. 6th—Phonics Screening Check

Wednesday 8th—Reception trip to Amersham FSC Centre

Thursday 9th—Year 5 parent meeting—Skern & 11+ (2:45pm)

Saturday 11th—Summer Fayre

W.b. 13th—Year 4 Multiplication tables check; Year 1 Assessment Week

Tuesday 14th—Year 4 Multi-skills event

Friday 17th June— Sports Day

Thursday 23rd—Reception vision screening with the school nursing team.

Wednesday 29th—Race for Life Event

July

Friday 1st - School Reports will be sent out via ParentMail.

Tuesday 5th—Transition Afternoon to new classes

Wednesday 6th—Transition All day to new classes.

Thursday 7th—Year 6 visiting Doncaster Church for Reflective experience.

Monday 11th—Guinea Pig Talks for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Thursday 14th—FOBS—Disco.

Monday 18th—Year 6 Leavers Party

Wednesday 20th—Year 6 Leavers Assembly to parents.

Wednesday 20th—School closes at 1pm for the summer holidays.

Term Dates September 2022—July 2023

For those looking to plan ahead for next year, please see our term dates for next academic year.

Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday.

Due to the additional bank holiday for the Queen's jubilee falling within the half term, Buckinghamshire County have instructed schools to take this additional day at another point in the year. As suggested by county, Bierton CE Combined School will take this additional day on the last day before the summer.

School will therefore finish for the summer at 1pm on Wednesday 20th July.

Term	Open on morning of	Close at end of afternoon of
Autumn	Tuesday 6 th September 2022	Thursday 20 th October 2022 at 3.15pm
-	Monday 31 st October 2022	Tuesday 20 th <u>December</u> 2022 at 1pm
Spring	Thursday 5 th January 2023	Friday 10 th February 2023 at 3.15pm
-	Monday 20 th <u>February</u> 2023	Friday 31 st March <u>2022</u> at 1 pm
Summer	Tuesday 18 th April 2023	Friday 26 th <u>May</u> 2023 at 3.15pm
-	Monday 5 th June 2023	Friday 21 st July 2023 at 1 pm

Inset Days as follows

Friday 2nd September 2022
Monday 5th September 2022
Friday 21st October 2022
Wednesday 4th January 2023
Monday 17th April 2023

Literacy at Bierton

Listening to your child read

Listening to your child read is an important part in the development of their reading skills including their fluency and comprehensions. Comprehension has different skills within it and to help with this we need to ask our children different types of questions.

Summarising

KS1

Can you retell the story in order of the events?

What happened in the story?

KS2

What is the main idea of the story?

What do you think was the most important part of the story?

Did something happen that changed the outcome of the story?

Predicting

KS1

Looking at the front cover what do you think this book will be about?

What will happen next?

What do you think will happen at the end of the story? What makes you think that?

KS2

What do you think will happen in ...?

What is the character going to do next? How will their actions affect the story?

Authors purpose

KS2

Why do you think the author chose this setting?

What do you think of the title? Did the author make a good choice?

Why do you think the author chose to write this story?

What was the message the author was trying to convey?

Self monitoring and self correction

KS1

Does that sound right?

Does it make sense?

Do I need to reread it to help me understand?

KS2

If you don't understand something what strategies could you use to help you?

Inference

KS1

How was the character feeling? What clues can you find to help you?

What have we learnt about the character?

KS2

Do you agree when the character chose to ...?

Tell me about some of the emotions the characters experience.

Retrieval

KS1

Who is the main character?

Where/when is the story? How do you know?

Which is your favourite part of the story?

KS2

Find the part where...

Tell me three facts you have learnt

Playtime at Bierton - OPAL



Opal This Term

This term has seen our playground grow from strength to strength as the summer sun has started to shine. We have introduced a some new areas of play which has given the children more variety in their play.

We have continued to have weekly discussion in class about play where we have talked about how to keep our play safe and ways we can help others to keep their play safe.

Over the last few weeks we have had our sandpit installed. The children have really enjoyed exploring the sand and making sand castles.

The children have continued to amaze us with their play ideas and the way they have taken responsibility for the equipment and everyone's safety.



We would like to thank everyone who has sent us a gift from the Amazon Wishlist. Receiving packages is exciting and all the items are able to go straight on the playground to be used.

If you would purchase from our Wishlist the link is below. Please pass on the link to anyone who would like to donate.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/23XBPX7UXM58W?ref=wl_share

What is our favourite part of playtime?

This term, the most popular activity on the playground is riding on the wheeled items. We have a wide range of bikes, scooters and other wheeled items which we have great fun riding on. The best part about a wheeled vehicle area is that it is on a slope so when you have pushed to the top you can come down really fast.

Year 6 Community Project.

A small group of year 6 were given the enormous task of painting the new playtime storage shelter. After painting the inside of the storage tree green so that it blends in with the surroundings, they set to work designing a mural for the side panel. They wanted the shelter to blend in with the natural environment so they looked at designs that featured flowers and insects. After some designing, they drew the mural on the wood and started to paint. The finished design is spectacular and will be enjoyed by children at Bierton for years to come. This group of year 6's have worked hard as a team to complete this project and should be proud of their hard work.

What is next?

As the weather turns warm for the summer we are looking forward to some warmer lunch times.

We are looking forward to summer days on the Bierton Beach, making dens to shade from the sun and reading in the reading shed.

Over the summer we will be introducing summer sports on the MUGA to give the children a range of experiences.

This half term the OPAL team will continue to review and make plans for next year.

Donations

A big thank you to everyone who donated this half term. We have received so many items which we will be able to use on the playground.

We still need:

- **Old sheets and curtains for den building.**
 - Dolls
 - Lego
- **Clothes pegs (old or new)**

If you have any of these items to donate please drop them to the school office anytime during the school day.

If you have anything else which you think we might be able to use on the playground please email Play@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk

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Here are some of our highlights from this half term.





Jubilee Picnic





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