



Newsletter—Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are well and truly into the swing of the Summer Term now and the children are all working incredibly hard. The focus and concentration of the youngest children while they mixed paint to create different colours was a joy to behold one afternoon this week, as was the focus and thoughtful responses to a book being shared in Class Three. Every child has made progress since the start of the school year and they are continuing to do so. It's not all about work in the classroom however, and the footballers from Class Three are looking forward to their first football match this evening: a local derby with Umberleigh! We'll let you know how they get on next week.

This week in Collective Worship we have been thinking more about Service, with a focus on how this relates to respect. The children thought about how we show respect through acts of kindness, thoughtfulness and by looking after one another no matter what our individual differences are. I was so impressed with what they said - very much a reflection of how each of the children live out each day in school, showing a caring and considerate attitude to one another and a pride in their surroundings.

It has been saddening to discover that some older children in the village have been upsetting children from the school as they 'play out' after 3:30pm. We know that children 'fall out', but these incidences seem more akin to bullying than simple squabbles. I hope that this negative behaviour will stop and that the children from our school will be able to make the most of the longer evenings and nicer weather in their community without being picked on or upset.

Already this term, staff have been busy out of class with Mrs Laurence helping out with Swimbridge's Ofsted, and both Miss Trofa and myself being involved in various interviews for posts around the trust. Whilst these occasions do take us out of the classroom, they also provide important opportunities to work with colleagues across the trust and gain valuable experience that helps us to improve High Bick. Staff here have a wealth of experience and it is important that we can contribute to TEAM's development as well as that of the school itself. We will keep you posted on new appointments just as soon as we can.

It has been lovely to welcome Class One down to the old site for lunch again this week. To see the younger children playing with the older children is a delight and everyone was clearly having great fun in the sunshine. The opportunities for the older children to be role models for the very youngest children in the school are necessarily not as many whilst we are a split site, so it is important that we can plan for all of the school to be together as often as we can.

Have a lovely weekend,

Rob Norton
Head of School

Next week—W/C Monday 29th April 2024

| | |
|------------|--|
| Monday: | Lunchtime Choir Club |
| Tuesday: | No Lego Club KS2 Art Club |
| Wednesday: | Lunchtime Drama Club |
| Thursday: | Class 2 PE Lunchtime Eco Club Y6 SATs Club KS1 Sports Club |
| Friday: | Class 3 PE Class 4 PE Celebration collective worship, 3.00pm KS2 Sports Club |



Birthday Time!

Happy Birthday to Kenneth for the 29th and Ezra for the 3rd.

Year Six Residential

If you have not already done so, please return the consent/medication forms to the school office as soon as possible. Please let Mrs Goss know if you need another form.

The final balance payment must be made by **Friday 3rd May.**

Class One children are having a Super Hero Day!



You are invited to come into school dressed as a superhero of **your own** design for a day of superhero fun on:

Tuesday 7th May.

We would like this to be a fun opportunity for you and your child to create something of their design.

What will your super power be?
What colour will your costume be?
Will you have a cape or not?

We look forward to seeing your creativity and ideas.



What happened at school this week?

These questions are about what has been happening in each class this week and are designed as 'conversation starters' for you to use with your child. We hope that they will provide a useful prompt to encourage conversations about school - talking for just three minutes each day about school has been shown to have a great impact on children's learning!

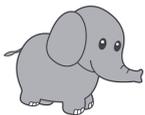


Learning Lions (Class One)

Can you make the numbers 11, 12, 13... 20 by making a 10 and then 1 more, 2 more... Breakfast cereal is a good tool to use with this challenge.

Why do we have to make sure we eat a healthy diet?

What places are special to you and why?



Exploring elephants (Class Two)

Can you name 3D shapes and talk about their properties?

Can you draw or write about how you 'Let your Light Shine'?

Can you write a story about a castle?

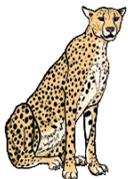


Inventive Impalas (Class Three)

Can you remember any words for different food in French?

How can you tell if a sentence is a question, exclamation, command or statement?

What have you learned about how Muslims pray?



Challenging Cheetahs (Class Four)

Can you talk to someone about solving shape problems?

What did you learn from the lifeguard visitors today?

Can you show someone how fluently and expressively you can read?

Home Activities and Homework Tasks

Class One – Reading.

Class Two – Reading for 15-20 minutes each day. Please log reading in yellow Reading Record books.

Class Three— Times tables, spellings, reading log book.

Class Four – Reading for at least 60 minutes (Y6) and 45 minutes (Y5). Study times table facts.



Next Week's Menu—W/C 29th May 2024

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| Cheese and tomato pizza, potato wedges, peas and carrots Apple sponge pudding | Beef lasagne, crusty bread, sweetcorn and peas Peaches and ice cream | Roast chicken, roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables Fruit platter | Mild chicken curry, rice and mixed vegetables Fruit crumble and custard | Oven baked fish, golden fries and vegetables Jammie dodger biscuit |

Class One

What a lot of busy bees class one has been this week! Our book of the week is Supertato, by Sue Hendra which has inspired us to learn about food. We've been investigating which foods are good to eat a lot of because they are healthy and ones that we should eat in moderation. The children have even been designing healthy lunchboxes. Our role play garden centre is finally ready to open its doors to new customers and employees. The children have been very creative with thinking of idea of what we need and how to set this up. Our maths learning this week has seen us explore numbers all the way to 20. We have been learning that 'teen' numbers are always a ten and a bit more. The reception children have loved all of our big number challenges!



Class Two

In Class Two this week, the children have continued to explore our topic 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets', considering any prior knowledge they may have finding out about castles across the ages. Year Two have immersed themselves within the story of Rapunzel and have been learning new vocabulary and discovering an alternative version of the story. In RE the children have been thinking about 'news'. They have considered how we hear 'News' and have discussed whether news can be good or bad. The children have thought about how Christians believe Jesus is good news and shared good news of their own. The children will be focusing on Sculpture this term in Art and they have started learning about Andy Goldsworthy and how he uses nature to create 3D pieces.

Class Three—Frankie and Megan

In science, Class 3 have been learning about sedimentary rocks and how they are formed. Some sedimentary rocks are limestone, mudstone, sandstone, clay and chalk. You can also find fossils in sedimentary rocks. In English we have been learning about how to identify different sentence types, for example questions, commands, statements and exclamations. A questions could be "did the Egyptians invent 60 minute clocks?" In topic we have been learning about Ancient Sumer and how they were the first civilisation. The Sumarians invented a clay board to carve into and write, they invented skyscrapers, roads, cities and the wheeled chariot.

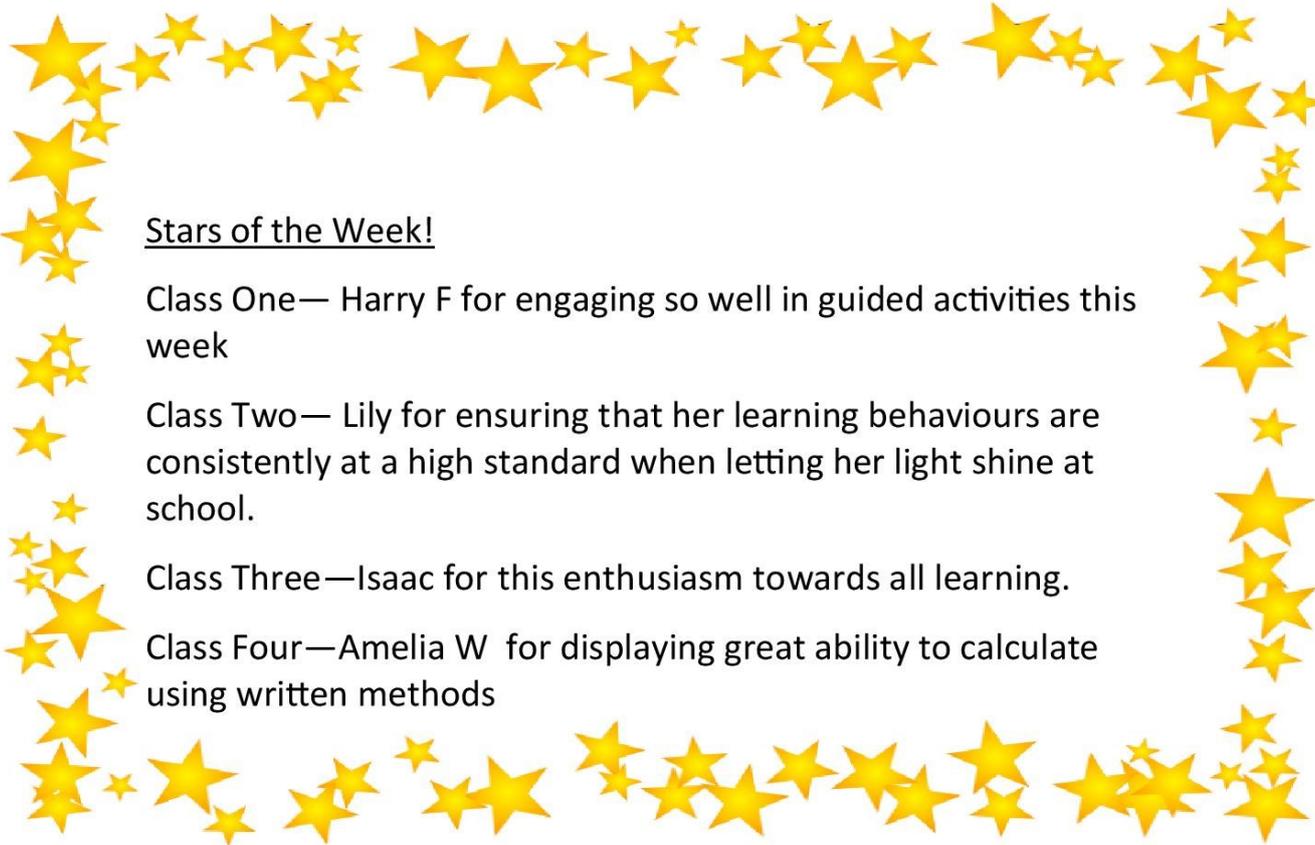
Class Four

Throughout the week, we have been working on lots more maths! We are revising our knowledge about calculating with fractions as well as how to find percentages of different amounts. Year Sixes are becoming very proficient with all of their maths! In RE we are learning about Hinduism and the life-styles of people who are Hindus. We have learnt about 'karma' and how Hindus believe that you can be reincarnated as an animal. Today, we have enjoyed a visit from two local lifeguards. They came to school in the large truck that they use on the beach and talked to us about how to be safe when we visit the beach. We learnt that if you are caught in a rip current you are likely to panic and your heart rate will rise so you must tip your head back and put your chest out to stay afloat. Once you are calmer reach up as high as you can and wave one arm with a clenched fist. On Thursday, we had Teams call with Sanjivini school in Mumbai in India. The children told us about their school and life in India. We then told them about our school and life in High Bickington. We are now contacting our pen-pals via gmail. Next week we are looking forward to some more maths!



Stars of the Week and Reading Stars

Certificates will be presented at Celebration Collective Worship on Friday 26th April, 3.00pm in the church.



Stars of the Week!

Class One— Harry F for engaging so well in guided activities this week

Class Two— Lily for ensuring that her learning behaviours are consistently at a high standard when letting her light shine at school.

Class Three—Isaac for this enthusiasm towards all learning.

Class Four—Amelia W for displaying great ability to calculate using written methods



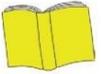
Reading Stars



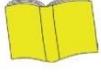
Class One—Oliver for working on your expression when reading this week.



Class Two— Arianwen for reading fluently with pace and for having a go at using expression.



Class Three—Elsie for her growing confidence and projecting her voice when reading to the class.



Class Four— Emilia for reading aloud fluently and expressively and for being a tremendous librarian



High Bickington school
PTA PRESENTS

June 15th 24

SUMMER NIGHT PARTY

Includes
Buffet Meal

Dance the night away to
Devons best rock and indie
band

The
GARDEN
CLUB

@ Libbaton
golf clubhouse

Ticket only, £20 | START 8PM | Over 18's only

Tickets from Nikki Pearce or

CALL on 07788821670



VACANCY FOR TEACHER
HIGH BICKINGTON C OF E ACADEMY

INVITATIONS ARE INVITED FROM BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CANDIDATES FOR THE ABOVE POST THAT WILL BECOME VACANT ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

JOB TITLE: CLASSROOM TEACHER (EYFS/ PRIMARY)

STATUS: MATERNITY COVER / PART TIME/ FIXED TERM UNTIL 31ST AUGUST 2025

HOURS: 0.44 FTE (X2 DAYS A WEEK)

SALARY RANGE: MPS/ UPS

CLOSING DATE: 12 NOON ON THURSDAY 16TH MAY 2024

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic colleague to join a thriving primary school. The contract will be fixed term to provide cover for maternity leave. Newly Qualified Teachers are encouraged to apply.

The successful candidate will have a passion for teaching, the ability to inspire and enthuse pupils and a desire to get involved in many areas of school life.

If you would like to work and contribute to a Trust that is committed to providing children with outstanding learning experiences, aims to continually develop and grow, and where teamwork and the professional development of all staff is important, we would encourage you to apply.

We actively welcome visits to our school. Should you have any further questions or wish to arrange a visit, please make contact with our Head of School, Rob Norton, via head@high-bickington-primary.devon.sch.uk

Team Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. Offers of appointment are subject to the completion of pre-employment checks including an Enhanced DBS check and satisfactory references.

An application form should be fully completed; we do not accept CVs. Full details and application form can be found on our website www.teamacademytrust.com or the Devon jobs website www.devonjobs.gov.uk

Application should be hand delivered, posted or emailed to Sam Stobbs: vacancies@team-mat.org.uk



Registered Office: Pilton Bluecoat Academy, Abbey Road, Barnstaple EX31 1JU T:01271 345952

Mr Ian Thomas – Executive Headteacher

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 8110847



VACANCY FOR A COOK
UMBERLEIGH ACADEMY

JOB TITLE: COOK

REQUIRED: MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2024

HOURS PER WEEK: 10 (5 HOURS A DAY | 08:45AM -1:45PM MONDAY AND FRIDAY)

WORKING WEEKS: 38 WEEKS

STATUS: PERMANENT / PART TIME

STARTING SALARY: £12.18

GRADE: C

CLOSING DATE: 12 NOON ON THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2024

INTERVIEWS: WEEK COMMENCING 13TH MAY 2024

The appointed person will work as part of a team of two cooks managed by the Trust Business Manager and Head of School. In-service training will be provided where appropriate.

This is a fantastic opportunity to join a team where you will be valued, welcomed, and supported within a friendly staff environment. Additional benefits include: Membership of a generous pension scheme (TP/ LGPS). Access to Medigold Occupational Health who provide our employees with a range of free health and wellbeing benefits including access to Thrive; a mental wellbeing app. Free Seasonal Flu Vaccinations, Cycle to work and a Competitive Salary, Wellbeing and Long Service days.

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all its staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A DBS check will be undertaken and references taken up before interview. All shortlisted candidates are subject to a pre-employment online search prior to interview.

An application form should be fully completed; we do not accept CV's.

We actively welcome visits to our schools. Should you have any further questions or wish to arrange a visit, please make contact with Corrinne Smith Head of School, via csmith@piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk

Full details and application form can be found on our website www.teamacademytrust.com

Applications should be hand delivered, posted or emailed to Sam Stobbs, via vacancies@team-mat.org.uk



Registered Office: Pilton Bluecoat Academy, Abbey Road, Barnstaple EX31 1JU T:01271 345952

Mr Ian Thomas – Executive Headteacher

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 8110847



VACANCY FOR TEACHER
UMBERLEIGH ACADEMY

INVITATIONS ARE INVITED FROM BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CANDIDATES FOR THE ABOVE POST THAT WILL BECOME VACANT ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

JOB TITLE: CLASSROOM TEACHER (EYFS/ PRIMARY)

STATUS: MATERNITY COVER / FULL TIME/ FIXED TERM

HOURS: 1 FTE (X5 DAYS A WEEK)

SALARY RANGE: MPS/ UPS

CLOSING DATE: 12 NOON ON TUESDAY 7TH MAY 2024

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic colleague to join a thriving primary school. The contract will be fixed term to provide cover for maternity leave. Newly Qualified Teachers are encouraged to apply.

The successful candidate will have a passion for teaching, the ability to inspire and enthuse pupils and a desire to get involved in many areas of school life.

If you would like to work and contribute to a Trust that is committed to providing children with outstanding learning experiences, aims to continually develop and grow, and where teamwork and the professional development of all staff is important, we would encourage you to apply.

We actively welcome visits to our school. Should you have any further questions or wish to arrange a visit, please make contact with our Head of School, Corrinne Smith, via csmith@piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk

Team Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. Offers of appointment are subject to the completion of pre-employment checks including an Enhanced DBS check and satisfactory references.

An application form should be fully completed; we do not accept CVs. Full details and application form can be found on our website www.teamacademytrust.com or the Devon jobs website www.devonjobs.gov.uk

Application should be hand delivered, posted or emailed to Sam Stobbs: vacancies@team-mat.org.uk



Registered Office: Pilton Bluecoat Academy, Abbey Road, Barnstaple EX31 1JU T:01271 345952

Mr Ian Thomas – Executive Headteacher

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 8110847



VACANCY FOR A MEALTIME ASSISTANT
PILTON INFANTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

JOB TITLE: MEALTIME ASSISTANT

REQUIRED: ASAP

HOURS PER WEEK: 7.5 (1 HOUR 30 MINUTES PER DAY AT 11:50AM-1:20PM MONDAY – FRIDAY)

WORKING WEEKS:38 WEEKS (TERM TIME)

STATUS: PERMANENT / PART TIME

STARTING SALARY: £11.60 PER HOUR

GRADE: A

CLOSING DATE: 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY 2024

INTERVIEWS: WEEK COMMENCING 6TH MAY 2024

The appointed person will work as part of a team of Meal Time Assistants managed by the Head of School. In-service training will be provided where appropriate.

It's a fantastic opportunity to join a team where you will be valued, welcomed, and supported within a friendly staff environment. Additional benefits include, Membership of a generous pension scheme (TP/ LGPS). Access to Medigold Occupational Health who provide our employees with a range of free health and wellbeing benefits including access to Thrive; a mental wellbeing app. Free Seasonal Flu Vaccinations, Cycle to work and IT schemes, a Competitive Salary, Wellbeing and Long Service days.

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all its staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A DBS check will be undertaken and references taken up before interview. All shortlisted candidates are subject to a pre-employment online search prior to interview.

An application form should be fully completed; we do not accept CV's.

We actively welcome visits to our schools. Should you have any further questions or wish to arrange a visit, please make contact with John Mortimer Head of School, via jmortimer@piltoninfants.school

Full details and application form can be found on our website www.teamacademytrust.com

Application should be hand delivered, posted or emailed to Sam Stobbs, via vacancies@team-mat.org.uk



Registered Office: Pilton Bluecoat Academy, Abbey Road, Barnstaple EX31 1JU T:01271 345952

Mr Ian Thomas – Executive Headteacher

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 8110847



WE NEED YOU.

We are looking for keen and enthusiastic volunteers to join our Local Governing Bodies (LGB) as a school Governor and/or a Trustee.

Governor

The role of a School Governor is key in ensuring the school offers high standards of education for all children.

Each school within TEAM Multi -Academy Trust has its own Local Governing Body. The LGB meet once or twice a term and are encouraged to join in with our school visits and learning walks throughout the school year. This is a voluntary position and training is available for this role.

Trustee

Our Trustees oversee the strategic direction of the Trust schools along with holding the senior school leadership to account and monitoring the trust's finances– amongst many other aspects of school performance.

They can draw on their own expertise from all aspects of business and industry and have specific interests as part of their role such as – Curriculum, Personnel, Admissions, Finance, Safeguarding, Premises or SEND. They meet approximately 6 times a year as a whole group and are active within a range of committees and individual portfolios.

VOLUNTEERING IN THIS WAY BRINGS MANY REWARDS. YOU WILL ENJOY WORKING ALONGSIDE LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE AND GET REAL SATISFACTION AT USING YOUR SKILLS TO CREATE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR CHILDREN.

If you are interested in volunteering or to find out more about being a local governor at your school or a TEAM trustee, then we would love to hear from you. Please email vacancies@team-mat.org.uk



For more information, please visit our Governance section on our website: www.teamacademytrust.com