



# Bourne Abbey Church of England Primary Academy

*Striving for Excellence, Caring for All  
Within a loving and caring Christian environment*

Autumn Term 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

WOW! What a wonderful start to the new academic year! The children have thoroughly immersed themselves in exciting learning. Our curriculum is so engaging and creative; teachers work hard to ensure topics have a stunning start, marvellous middle and fabulous finale! I know as you read this newsletter you will be interested and delighted to hear about the highlights of our learning, along with some of the exciting events we have shared together so far.

Sci-Fest has been a real highlight this term. We were so fortunate to have many visitors into school to really engage the children in science including Matt Pritchard's Science Magic Show and Earthbound Misfits. Sci-Fest really is a wonderful local initiative that benefits so many children in Bourne – long may it continue! We were also thrilled to receive the Primary Science Quality Mark at Bourne Abbey, confirming what we already knew – the science learning is amazing at our school!

We have also taken part in other community events. We were delighted to welcome a team of cyclists from The Cedars and RJ Scholes who were raising money and awareness for Little Miracles, a local charity supporting children with additional needs and their families. The children were also busy at the beginning of the year, making poppies for the beautiful art installation at Bourne Town Hall as part of the town's events to mark 100 years since the end of WW1.

As you can imagine, the last two weeks of term have been filled with Christmas celebrations! The Reception Nativity was a really special occasion—I know that many of you will remember your child's first Nativity at school and still cherish those memories. The Nursery Christmas celebration was just wonderful. Our carol services in church have been beautiful ways of the children telling the Christmas

Story. The acting, reading and singing really added to the special occasion. Many thanks to Father Chris for leading these services for us and thank you to all the parents, carers, family and friends who were able to share these special times with us all.

We are now in the time of Advent when we all are thinking about and getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Here at Bourne Abbey, we hope that the good news of Christmas brings love, hope, joy and peace into the lives of our community and the wider world.

In Bishop Christopher's letter to the children he says "At Christmas while we wait there is a chance to not only think about what presents may be under the tree but also what the gift is we are given by God. This Christmas it is good to think about what we give to others". Thank you, as always, for your continued love and support and

we are all looking forward to another successful year working together like the geese in 2019.

**Mrs Sarah Buttress, Head of School**



## STUDENT COUNCIL

What a fabulous start to the year our Student Council year have had! Our councillors were elected in September and began immediately to plan the year ahead under the Chairpersonship of Edie. We have implemented Musical Mondays – which are going down a storm – and have raised lots of money for charities Jeans for Genes, Children in Need and Cancer Research. After Christmas, the Wishing Well pennies will be donated to a local charity decided upon by all of the children. Watch this space to see which one we choose! We also have lots of exciting ideas for improving our school environment and can't wait to see these come into fruition.



### A Christmas Blessing from Father Chris

O Lord, May we know the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child this Christmas.

Amen.



At Bourne Abbey, we believe the teaching and learning of online safety is crucial and so we embed online safety within our PSHE and computing curriculum as well as our everyday ethos. Our e-Cadet team have been

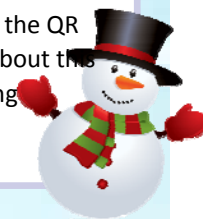
working very hard this term to educate their peers about online safety. This term Key Stage 1 have been introduced to 'Rocco the Kind Crocodile', who helps them with their learning. Key Stage 2 have looked into how much screen time they use as well as online friendships. We are looking forward to Safer Internet Day next term on February 5<sup>th</sup> 2019! Scan the QR code to explore what topics the children have been learning about this term and how this has benefitted our children in their on-going understanding of online safety.



Keep up to date with all of our sporting achievements by checking out our school website

### Peace

"Glory to God in highest heaven,  
and peace on earth to those with  
whom God is pleased." Luke 2:14





# Kindergarten



We've had an enjoyable term here in Kindergarten! It's been jam packed with lots of fun and learning. The children had a visit from the Tempest photographer, where they showed off their biggest grins and some were joined by their siblings. Some children took part in Children in Need and on the day they got messy colouring in their Pudsey picture and decorating their biscuits with melted chocolate, marshmallows and edible stars! They also had a relaxing day dressed in their pyjamas. We've ended the term being very creative with our different Christmas

crafts. We have designed our own baubles and Christmas cards and personalised our calendars with lots of glitter! The children particularly loved showing off their adorable smiles for their calendar and they all had a visit from the Postman, who posted their Christmas cards to their families. Everyone is looking forward to ending the term on a high during our Christmas party, where we have a very special visitor!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

End of Term 2—Thursday 20th December  
Training Day— Friday 21st December  
School re- opens—Monday 7th January

Throughout Term 2, children from Bourne Abbey and Bourne Elsea Park have taken part in their special Christian journey to Confirmation. The children attended weekly classes with Father Chris, where they were given the chance to explore their faith and discuss deeper meanings behind Christianity. On Sunday 25th November, the children and their families gathered at Bourne Abbey Church where they were confirmed by Bishop Nicholas. It was a special service, that one child explained, "helped them to feel closer to God." By confirming their belief, and promising to follow a good Christian life the children received Holy Communion for the first time, before celebrating with family, friends and the rest of the congregation.



**Article 15:**  
Every child has the right to join clubs and groups.



# Nursery



Wow! What a busy term and the festive season is now upon us! A big thank you to all the Nursery children and parents/carers for their fantastic support fundraising for Children in Need! The children took part in many activities such as dressing up, icing and decorating biscuits, colouring Pudsey and much more. This term we have been learning lots

about numbers, size and shapes through the story of the Three Bears, Paddington and We're Going on a Bear Hunt. Advent is always a very special time in Nursery talking and learning about the true meaning of Christmas, singing songs, decorating the Christmas tree and being very creative making seasonal pictures, cards and calendars. The highlight of this term has undoubtedly been when parents/carers joined us in Nursery to celebrate with their children singing Nativity songs telling the story of the

birth of Jesus and a variety of fun songs and Christmas carols. We also enjoyed a cheeky biscuit or two and a soft drink! The Nursery party was an unrivalled success with many party games, food and of course a visit from the man himself, Santa! The Nursery Team would like to thank everyone for their continued support and we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



## RECEPTION



The Reception children started their learning adventure with the topic 'Superhero Me.' The children used their superhero powers and skills to solve lots of exciting learning missions. Every Superhero needs to start the day with a yummy breakfast, so the children tasted different superhero cereals and used lots of amazing adjectives to describe the taste. At the Superhero Graduation Celebration, the children were presented with their certificate and enjoyed wearing their spectacular shape capes. But then, someone else needed the children's help. It was Supertato! The children cracked the number code, by scanning QR codes and calculating the number needed to free Supertato from the nasty pea. Phew, we did it!

'Let's Celebrate,' was our wonderful topic for term 2. The children had the exciting task of being party planners, for Ted's Birthday. We counted down the sleeps until the big day and made invitations and birthday cards. We celebrated the special day with Ted by making glittery party hats, playing party games and Singing 'Happy Birthday.' The highlight of the term was our Nativity play celebrating the birth of Jesus, 'Shine, Star Shine.' The children were amazing actors, super singers and graceful dancers and performed beautifully for the audience of parents/carers.



## Year One

Wow! What a super start to life in Year 1! We have had a fabulous foray into different fairytales including The Three Little Pigs where we got to rewrite our very own versions; The Gingerbread Man where we baked and iced our own yummy gingerbread men; and Pinocchio where we were enthralled by a truly amazing live production, just to name a few! The children have the most incredible imaginations and threw themselves into the topic with excellent enthusiasm; they should be really proud of their hard work in the first two terms of Year 1 – I know we are! Next term, we are already anticipating an exciting adventure 'Into the Unknown' so have a well-deserved Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all back in the new year. A very Merry Christmas to one and all!



## YEAR 2

We have had an amazing Autumn Term in Year 2 where our topic of, 'Oh, the Places You'll Go!' has taken us on some exciting adventures! We visited a collection of beautiful vintage cars and used our observational skills to compare them to more modern vehicles. We also explored Baldocks Mill, The Heritage Centre in Bourne where we were able to learn more about Raymond Mays the auto racing driver who lived in our town. Our trip to the Delaine Bus Depot was another highlight as not only did we visit the museum and take a trip around Bourne, but we also got to go through the bus wash! In English, we have become immersed in picture books such as 'Journey' and 'Quest' and have loved helping the characters in their adventures! This term we have enjoyed the Katie Morag books. We have learnt about The Isle of Struay and its man-made and physical features as well as using our science skills to explore the properties of the different sweets from the

McColl's Post Office! We were able to apply our Christian Value of Friendship whilst studying the story of Tiresome Ted and used drama to help understand the feelings of others. It has been such a busy term but the children have approached all of their learning with enthusiasm

and vigour! We have no doubt that they will thoroughly enjoy the next topics in the Spring Term!



## Year Three

Wow! What a way to start the year! We really could not have squeezed any more learning into our first term in Year 3. We started the year with our totally bonkers Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs topic, where we learned all about extreme weathers all over the globe, and how these can affect the lives of the people living in those climates. We also watched snippets from the film and developed fantastic English skills to describe the bizarre new eco-system that was developed. Then we took a step back in time to

the Ancient Egyptian era. A real highlight was our time spent with the Partake Theatre company. We had an awesome time handling genuine Egyptian artefacts, investigating herbs and spices and dressing as Egyptians for our dramatic re-enactment of the burial of Prince Seti. We also absolutely loved learning about the slightly gruesome process of mummification and found it hilarious (yet ever so slightly disgusting) when we carefully carried out the steps in order to mummify our beef tomatoes.

And of course, we also brought our learning about Hinduism to life when we were visited by Sunita. We spent 2 whole days learning about the festival of Diwali, reading the story of Rama and Sita, learning how to do Bollywood dancing and creating a delicious Indian feast of korma, naan bread and coconut ice. We don't know about you, but we need a couple of weeks off to recover!



### ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Bourne Abbey's attendance for the year so far is **97.3%** – WOW!!

We aim for at least 97% to ensure our whole school attendance is outstanding.

We all have an important part to play in this.

We will be drawing the 100% attendance hamper prize for our lucky families on the last day of term.



# Year 4

What a fantastic first term Year 4 have had! We have travelled

back in time and immersed ourselves in our learning in our 'Veni, Vidi, Vici' topic work and have produced some wonderful pieces of writing. The children ventured out to Peterborough museum, to look in greater depth at the ancient city of Durobrivae (which was situated in Cambridgeshire). They created their own Roman pottery and even got to see what a Roman soldier wore. We have certainly taken a journey through time - the rise of the Roman Empire, the devastation and rediscovery of Pompeii and of course most recently, learning how to train dragons! We discovered a peculiar egg, which we found out was a dragon egg. Year 4 have had such enthusiasm for our learning about Hiccup and Toothless in the story 'How to Train your dragon', which linked to our Vikings learning. We created our own dragons, wrote our own description of them and even created a non-chronological report! Year 4 should also be so proud of their achievements in our year group assembly 'Veni, Vidi, Vici'. The performance saw the children work incredibly hard to learn lines and words of songs and they sported some awesome

costumes- well done everyone! We are very excited about what is in store for next term, our topic of 'Home is Where the Heart is' is set to be a rollercoaster of explorers, lost protagonists and heart-warming moments, and of course there's the small matter of Caythorpe. We want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and we will see you in the New Year.



# Year Five

The Vile Victorians has been a fantastic first topic for us and we have covered so much: the lives of the rich and poor, housing, the workhouse, plus school and servant life. All of this was truly brought to life with our Victorian experience day in school and our visit to Southwell Workhouse. The children were really able to get into role when they assumed the names of real Victorian children from Southwell Workhouse and were taken on a tour of the most important rooms: from the damp, cold cellars where the women would have chopped up the meat carcasses, to the cramped dormitories with their straw filled mattresses and ceramic chamber pots. The children got to experience some of the painstakingly difficult chores and even what a workhouse school lesson would have been like. Thank goodness there are no back straighteners, finger cramps or canes in our classrooms today! The children's wonderful costumes and classroom experience have really helped them understand what life may have been like for Victorian children. Our reward day last term was even Victorian themed when the children made sandwiches and baked cupcakes for a Victorian afternoon tea. This has been an action packed term with many exciting activities happening to support our classroom learning. We



can't wait for next term! We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Christmas.



**"A good friend is a blessing from God."**  
1 Samuel 18:3



# YEAR SIX



Wow, what an outstanding start to this academic year! The children have really shown a willingness to take on the challenges and responsibilities of Year 6: enthusiastically taking on roles such as house captains, police cadets, tour guides, sports ambassadors and many other jobs that help the school to run smoothly. Our topic - Blitz Britz- has run across our whole curriculum, enabling the children to become really immersed in the events and lives of those who lived during this period of time. We have written preparation leaflets for the war; dramatic newspaper articles about the Blitz and even created a role play interview of a fisherman involved in Operation Dynamo. Our fascinating trip to Beth Shalom allowed the children to understand what life was like for Jewish people living in Nazi Germany and this was reflected in the emotive diary entries the children wrote, from the point of view of a Jewish boy. During our World War 2 enrichment day the children began by presenting our fun and fact-filled

year group assembly, where they could really showcase their learning to you all. The day was then filled with war-time baking; code-breaking and creating London Blitz skylines. Even our class book - Letters from The Lighthouse by Emma Carroll - was set during WW2. We have loved reading it and as well as learning more about our topic, it has enabled us to develop deeper inference skills. The stunning 'take care' homework that has been arriving into our classrooms reflects the enthusiasm for this topic and we are looking forward to sharing this wonderful work across the year group. The children deserve a well earned Christmas break and we look forward to an equally hard-working and exciting term in the New Year.

