



BCJS Weekly Update Friday 29th September 2023

Important News:

Meet the CT – It was so lovely to see so many of you in school this week, thank you to everyone that came. If you were unable to make the meeting, we hope you found the PowerPoint information useful. We will see you again in a couple of weeks for Parent Consultations!

Issues or concerns – WhatsApp groups or other social media platforms are not an appropriate place to discuss any issues or concerns regarding your child’s learning. Please discuss any concerns with the class teacher directly, who will be happy to work with you to resolve this.



Cycle to School Week – A huge well done and thank you to everyone that was able to take part in Cycle to School Week. Lots of pupils cycled to school and some children even cycled every day! All the children that took part enjoyed their extra cycle time in the Base. Thank you Miss Traynor for organising this event. We look forward to finding out who has won in the prize draw on Monday!

The Big Ambition – The Children’s Commissioner would like to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting so that every child has their chance to influence decisions about their futures.

You can access the survey by visiting:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>.



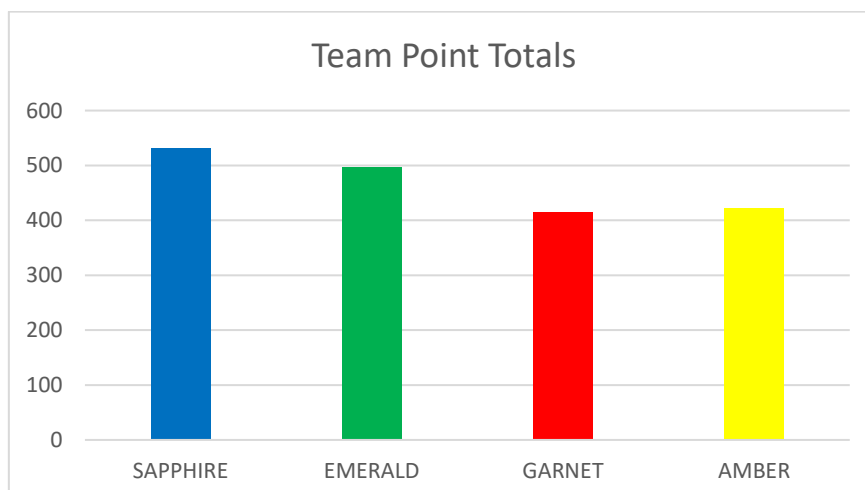
Attendance – A huge congratulations to **Fir class** who had the highest attendance for last week (18th – 22nd).

Breakfast Club – We run a Breakfast Club at our school from 7.45am where the children can come and eat breakfast with their friends before starting the school day. We currently have a few spaces remaining on certain mornings. If you would like your child to join Breakfast Club, please contact eharrigan@bcjs.org.uk



Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential - Please can we remind parents that if you are paying by instalments for the Year 6 residential that the fourth (September) payment is now due on our payment system in SchoolPing.

Team Points – At school, the children are all put into one of our four team houses; Garnet, Emerald, Amber or Sapphire. Throughout the day, the children will try to earn team points. This could be for example, through good work in the classroom, kindness to a fellow pupil or respect to a member of staff. The team points are counted weekly and the totals announced in assembly. Every term, the team with the most colours wins a mufti day! Each week, we are going to share the current totals for the team points so you can also keep up with how each team are doing too!



Homework – Tasks are set every Thursday and due back the following Monday. (For this week only, the Year 6 writing task is due back next Tuesday.)



English
Reading

Maths Activity in our new Maths homework booklets.
See instructions for the task in the purple homework book.
Read at home for 20 minutes, 5 times this week.

In Year 3, for the first term only, an English task will be set every other Thursday and should be handed in the following Thursday. This is in addition to weekly Maths and daily reading.

A green slip may be handed to your child as a reminder to complete their homework. If reading homework is not completed, your child will be asked to read during the school day. This could be during assembly, break or lunchtime.



Value of the Month
Respect



Reminders:

School Fund and Wish List - BCJS set up the School Fund a few years ago to help fund resources for the pupils that we could not otherwise afford. The additional funding we receive critical over the last three years as school budgets have been steadily falling in real terms. Last year we also set up a Wish List, whereby parents could buy a specific item which the school required. Previously you could support the school by donating/purchasing through ParentMail. However, as we move over to School Ping this facility has not yet been finalised. This should be completed by next week when we will inform you of the new process.



Please can your children come to school in their PE Kit on their PE days:

Mondays – Year 4
Tuesdays – Year 5 & 6
Wednesdays – Year 3



Merits – Merits are awarded every Monday to two children from each class for great choices at school. If your child is awarded a merit, they receive a certificate in our whole school assembly. A list of awards is shared on our website, under the 'Parents' tab.

Attendance - Just a reminder that if you take your children out of school without authority, you will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

Safeguarding - Our designated safeguarding lead is **Mr Scott**.

Also on the safeguarding team is **Mrs Shooter, Mrs Danbury, Miss Bowry and Miss Woodman**
Children can contact **Childline: 0800 1111**

Wellbeing – Please refer to the wellbeing tab on our school website for any supportive resources for you and your family.

Important Dates:

Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' charity day	Tuesday 10 th October
Parent Forum Meeting	Tuesday 10 th October at 6-8pm
PTA costume sale	Friday 13 th October
Parent Evenings	Tuesday 17 th (early closure of 1.25/1.30pm) Wednesday 18 th October
PTA Spooky Disco	Friday 20 th October 3.30-4.30pm Years 3&4 5.00-6.00pm Years 5&6
PTA Smarties Challenge	Over half term
October Half Term	Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October



You can now find term dates and dates for your diary, under the 'Parents' tab on our website: www.bcjs.org.uk



The best way to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or queries is by email – office@bcjs.org.uk . We will endeavour to reply to you as soon as we can.

School website: www.bcjs.org.uk

Follow us on X (formerly Twitter): [@BansteadJunior](https://twitter.com/BansteadJunior)

Please help us by not naming anyone in comments you make. If you have not given permission for your child to appear on social media, please discuss this with them so that they understand they will not appear on our Twitter feed.