



# **Biscovey Academy Newsletter**

## September 2023

### **Issue 1**

# A very warm welcome back!

A very warm welcome back after the summer break! We are incredibly excited about the year ahead and it promises to be an amazing one! We start the year off as we finished by ticking one of the BA Big 10 DREAMS off within the first 2 weeks! We are very excited to be going off to watch the Exeter Chiefs on Saturday 16th September. Our first 'Live' sporting event of the year but if you aren't going don't worry! We have some incredibly exciting 'Live' sporting events lined up for the year! As a school where everyone DREAMS big, we will continue to offer lots of amazing opportunities for our pupils over the academic year and I can't wait to see what we can all achieve as a school community this year!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Mr Tyers





# This terms value

*This terms value is DIVERSITY. During our welcome back assembly on Tuesday morning, we introduced this terms value to our children and began to unpick what Diversity means and how this links to the British Value of Tolerance and Mutual Respect. Diversity is one of our curriculum drivers as well and features in all our lessons. What is really important to us as a school is that we teach children what incredible things have been achieved by different religions and races and how they have impacted the worlds as we know it today! For example Lewis Latimer. A black, American man who's parents had fled slavery. Latimer learned the art of mechanical drawings and was instrumental in the creation of both the telephone and the light bulb!*





**D****Diversity****Autumn 1**

Celebrating what makes you be you and me be me.

**R****Rules****Autumn 2**

Ready, Respectful and Safe behaviours we want to see!

**E****Empathic****Spring 1**

Sharing emotions, Trauma Informed is our way to be!

**A****Aspirational****Spring 2**

Aiming for the stars, no limit to want can be!

**M****Motivated****Summer 1**

There's just no stopping me!

**S****Success****Summer 2**

All the ingredients to make me the best me I can be!

# Supporting Behaviour



Here at Biscovey Academy we are a Trauma Informed School. We believe that behaviour is a result of an unmet need and that it is our job to work out what is being communicated to us through the behaviour. Our ethos is further communicated through our behaviour support policy which has been reviewed and can be found on our website. A few updates for you in readiness for the new term:

## 1. Gold awards reset for the academic year.

However, the rewards for achieving each milestone remain the same.

<u><b>Gold Awards!</b></u>	
<b>25</b>	<b><i>Take your place in the frame of fame!</i></b>
<b>50</b>	<b><i>Take your token and exchange it for a little slice of reading magic!</i></b>
<b>75</b>	<b><i>Golden Ticket! Hold on to your golden ticket and you will be invited to a special golden event!</i></b>
<b>100</b>	<b><i>£50 Amazon Voucher to be spent by the child for the benefit of the whole class.</i></b>

**2. Hot Chocolate club returns!!** Each week 2 children will be invited from each class to attend our hot chocolate club which will be held every Friday 14:30-15:00



# Uniform Expectations



We are very proud of how smart the children look in our school uniform and can see a noticeable difference in their approach to school life when they are well presented. As a school we will continue to have very high standards for uniform.

As a reminder our school uniform is as follows:

- Navy blue v- neck jumper with school logo
- White shirt
- School tie
- Black or grey trousers
- Black or grey skirt (knee length or below),
- Black or grey shorts (late spring/summer term only)
- Blue and white checked summer dress (late spring/summer term only)
- Black, navy or grey socks/ tights.
- Black shoes (not trainers)
- Black, low heeled, shoes (not trainers) Optional:
- Navy fleece with school logo (in addition to, and not in place of, v neck jumper)
- School book bag with school logo

**A copy of our uniform policy can be found on our school website for further information.**

# Raising a concern



It is very important to us that you have any concerns dealt with swiftly and promptly. I wanted to share the process with you all again for raising concerns to ensure that any queries, questions or concerns are raised with the appropriate person.

1. Any concerns should be raised directly with the class teacher in the first instance and opportunity given for the matter to be investigated and findings fed back to you.
2. If you feel the matter is continuing or that you are unhappy with how it has been dealt with then you need to raise your concerns with the year groups phase leader (Mr Salway Y3 and 4. Miss Munson Y5 and Y6). If the issue is a matter regarding either Mr Salway or Miss Munson then it needs to be raised with either Miss Bignell or Mr Wallbank.
3. If the matter continues following your meeting with the phase leader then a meeting or conversation is to be had with Mr Wallbank or Miss Bignell.
4. If following Mr Wallbank and Miss Bignell's investigation/ handling of the matter you are still unhappy, then a meeting will then take place with Mr Tyers.

# Clubs



Clubs are in the process of being finalised and you will receive further communication early next week. Club are due to start WC **18.09.2023**.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

# Film Crew



On the **13<sup>th</sup> September** we will be welcoming Idenna Film company to gather footage in readiness for producing a promotional video for our school. As a school we will not use any footage with children who we do not have the correct permissions for.



# Biscovey Academy House Points



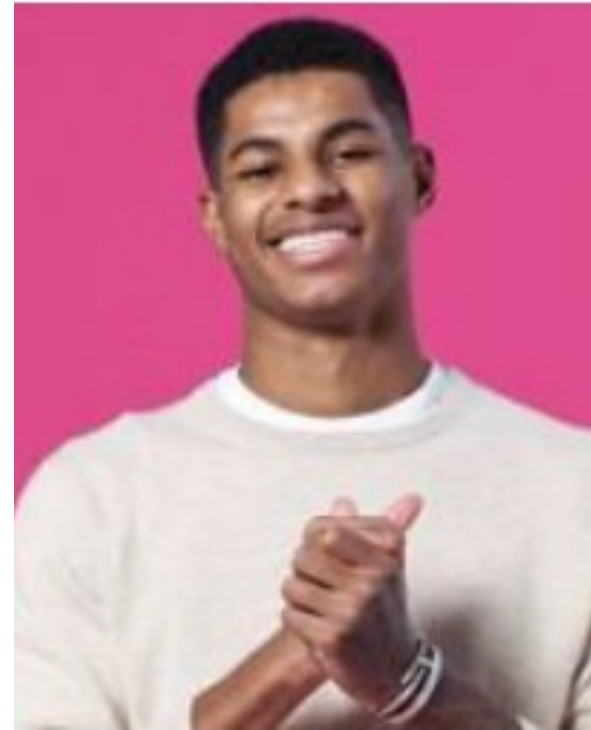
**Marie Curie**  
**Blue**

*Supporting Cornwall Air Ambulance*



**Barack Obama**  
**Green**

*Supporting Children's Hospice  
SW*



**Marcus Rashford MBE**  
**Red**

*Supporting Cornwall Search and  
Rescue*



**Sir David Attenborough**  
**Yellow**

*Supporting the RNLI*

# Key Attendance Messages



## ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

### ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below  
Drastic effect on  
academic achievement

95%-90%  
Cause for  
concern

100%-96%  
Excellent



...being in school, on time, every day,  
ready to learn.



Poor punctuality - less  
chance of success

Very poor punctuality-  
serious impact on education  
and reduced life chances.

**DID YOU KNOW?** If you are 15 minutes late each day you  
will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year?

### Lateness at Biscovey Academy:

X2 lates= Text message home

X2 more lates= A letter sent home

X2 more lates= A meeting with SLT

# Key Diary Dates (Autumn Term 1)

04.09.23- INSET Day

05.09.23- Children return to school.

13.09.23- Film Crew in to collect footage for our promotional video

13.09.23- Roald Dahl Day.

16.09.23- Exeter Chief's Match!

19.09.23- Year 4 parent information morning 9am-9:45am

19.09.23- Parent drop in coffee morning

20.09.23- Year 5 parent information morning 9am-9:45am

20.09.23- Parent and Toddler sessions begin.

21.09.23- Year 6 parent information morning 9am-9:45am

10.10.23- Harvest Festival

WC 23.10.23- Half term week

Further dates will be communicated with you over the course of the term.





# 2023-2024 Term Dates

## Cornwall Council

### 2023/2024 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools



September 2023					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thurs		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	

October 2023					
Mon		2	9	16	23 30
Tue		3	10	17	24 31
Wed		4	11	18	25
Thurs		5	12	19	26
Fri		6	13	20	27
Sat		7	14	21	28
Sun	1	8	15	22	29

November 2023					
Mon			6	13	20 27
Tue			7	14	21 28
Wed		1	8	15	22 29
Thurs		2	9	16	23 30
Fri		3	10	17	24
Sat		4	11	18	25
Sun		5	12	19	26

December 2023					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thurs		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	31

January 2024					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thurs	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

February 2024					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	
Sat	3	10	17	24	
Sun	4	11	18	25	

March 2024					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thurs		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	31

April 2024					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thurs	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

May 2024					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tue		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

June 2024					
Mon		3	10	17	24
Tue		4	11	18	25
Wed		5	12	19	26
Thurs		6	13	20	27
Fri		7	14	21	28
Sat	1	8	15	22	29
Sun	2	9	16	23	30

July 2024					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thurs	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

August 2024					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	4	11	18	25	

#### School holidays

#### Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2023
Boxing Day	26 December 2023
New Years Day	01 January 2024
Good Friday	29 March 2024
Easter Monday	01 April 2024
May Bank Holiday	06 May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2024

#### AUTUMN TERM (72 days)

4 September - 19 December 2023  
(HALF TERM 23-27 October 2023)

#### SPRING TERM (56 days)

4 January - 28 March 2024  
(HALF TERM 12-16 February 2024)

#### SUMMER TERM (67 days)

15 April - 24 July 2024  
(HALF TERM 27-31 May 2024)

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The five additional days are allotted for In-Service Training (INSET). Schools allocate their own INSET days.

# Support within the community



Here at Biscovey Academy we are working alongside St Austell foodbank to help our families in need.

We can issue foodbank vouchers, which can be exchanged for food parcels.

The Light & Life Centre,  
Units 4-5 Brunel  
Business Park,  
St Austell,  
PL25 4TJ



Help reduce food waste, whilst filling your cupboards. Drop by and help yourself to what you need.

**Every Wednesday**

**St Blazey 12:30-13:00**

Burrows Centre, Lamellyn Road,  
PL24 2DD

**St Blazey 13:30-14:00**

St Blazey Football Club, 61 Station  
Road, PL24 2ND



Local shops provide Remake Cornwall with surplus food, which is then available for you to pop in and help yourself to.

Check out their Facebook page to see what's available in the fridge!

86 stennack Road  
St Austell  
PL25 3JQ  
07480 135818



# Safeguarding at Biscovey



If any concerns about the welfare of a child, please contact a member of the Biscovey Academy safeguarding team:

**Mr Wallbank-** Designated Safeguarding Lead



## Important Contact Numbers:

**MARU:** 0300 123 116

**NSPCC:** 0800 800 5000

**Police:** 999/ 101

**Mr Tyers-** Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



**School:** 01726 812949