

# Bishop Road Primary School

Bishop Road, Bristol BS7 8LS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Chair of Governors Update

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of our first term. It will only be a matter of weeks before we are diligently learning lines, digging out the donkey costumes and, of course, hearing the first festive jingling of Michael Bublé emanating from the school halls.

Before we get too far ahead of ourselves, we would like to use our first letter as Co-Chair of Governors to reflect on the success of last year. In particular we would like to express, on behalf of the governing body, our delight and pride in the school, its staff and, of course, the children in the recently published SAT results. Key Stage 2 achieved significant increases in “Greater Depth” for reading, maths, writing and grammar and the number of our children meeting the “Expected Standard” exceeded the national average in all subjects. We hope that you will share our thanks to Mrs Powe, Mr Emissah and all the staff at Bishop Road who worked so hard to achieve these results.

SATs, by their very nature, necessitate a focus on the core subjects (maths, English language, reading and grammar) at both Key Stage 1 and 2. With this in mind, we are so proud of the work that the school does to ensure that these subjects are embraced so creatively in the classroom. This is done through a curriculum designed by the school to ensure the engagement, enthusiasm and natural curiosity of the children at all times. Last year’s meteorology project was a great example of this, having been developed entirely from scratch by our teachers, and culminating in our very own live streamed weather balloon launch and the school being recognised by the Royal Meteorology Society. We are also grateful for the great work carried out by our vibrant PFTA whose support enabled the school to invest in meteorological equipment and a wide range of other valuable resources.

Last week we had the pleasure of meeting prospective Reception parents for September 2019. For the first time in over a decade, admissions to primary schools in our area of Bristol have dropped. This has meant that, like other local schools, we still have some spaces available in Reception and our catchment for 2018/19 is likely to be wider than in previous years.



If you have friends and family with children moving to the area or looking for a school but living outside our usual catchment area, please do encourage them to enquire about Bishop Road.

Finally, we would like to remind parents that feedback is always welcomed by Governors and can be given at any time through the parent view page of Ofsted's website. Please go to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> alternatively there is a link on the school website (go to – Key Information//Reports and Ofsted Info//Parent View). We would encourage as many of you as possible to visit this site to give feedback before we return in November, it only takes a few minutes and is a valuable part of our school evaluation processes.

In the meantime, we wish you and the children a lovely half term and look forward to enjoying the delights of the Bishop Road firework display on our return in November.



Dara Ely  
Co-Chair of Governors



Lorraine Woodward

