

Bishop Road Primary School

Bishop Road, Bristol BS7 8LS



Head Teacher: Gillian Powe

Deputy Head Teacher: Joe Emissah

Monday 13th January 2020

Head Teacher Letter No.5/19-20

Dear Parents and Carers,

May I wish you all a Happy New Year as we re-join school for the spring terms. Children are normally very much at home in their respective year groups at this point in the year and there are lots of interesting activities going on in the classrooms. Our new aviation project will 'take off' soon so I hope you enjoy hearing all about it at home.

Admissions

Please ensure you have applied for any sibling to join our school in September 2020. The closing date is 15th January 2020.

I enclose the date list for this period with a reminder that there are many pictures on the website of all the events in the school.

If you have changed your details such as phone or contact number please let the office know as soon as possible.

Staff News

Mrs Daniels our Special Needs Co-ordinator has made the decision to retire at Easter following 19 years at the school. She has worked tirelessly to keep us up to date and to maximise our provision for children with needs. She has served the school with dedication over a long period giving helpful advice to staff and parents. We all wish her every happiness for the future.

In light of this Mrs Metcalfe has agreed to take on this as a new role from the summer term and will be working alongside Mrs Daniels during the next 3 months gaining information and training. During this period of transition if you have any particular areas of concern there is the opportunity to discuss them although we anticipate a well-supported and successful transition.



For Information

You may have heard of the changes to the OFSTED Inspection Framework which are now in place. We are working hard to meet both our own and their expectations and bureaucratic requirements. There would appear to be a change of approach giving almost all schools either 'Good' or 'Requires Improvement' grading. The 'Outstanding' grading is seemingly almost unused. We continue to offer the very best opportunities for children and seek excellent outcomes in all areas of the school and are committed to keeping all the values and practices we all hold dear.

Meanwhile the DFE has increased the money allocated to each child as it boosts school spending. Unfortunately our funding has been capped by the Local Authority in order to redistribute the money to other schools via the LA funding formula. For this reason we will not receive approx £180,000. Unless the DFE moves to a hard funding formula this is likely to stay the same. We are obviously disappointed with this but it was ratified by the Schools Forum who make decisions around funding in Bristol.

We look forward to this term and all its opportunities trusting the weather will hold. Please be aware that almost all of our staff travel some distance and really bad weather could cause an issue. Keep your eye on the website if really bad weather conditions turn up. Thank you for your wonderful support of all the staff which helps them offer their very best for our whole community.

Yours sincerely,



Gillian Powe
Head Teacher



Important Dates for Parents, Terms 3/4 2020

Term 3 – 6.1.20 – 14.2.20

JANUARY 2020

Monday 6 th	Return to School
Thursday 23 rd	Open Afternoon for Parents 3.45pm – 4.15pm

FEBRUARY

Saturday 1 st	Beginners' Ball
Wednesday 12 th	Early Parents' Evening 4pm – 6pm
Thursday 13 th	Late Parents' Evening 4pm – 8pm
Friday 14 th	Last day of Term

Term 4 – 24.2.20 – 3.4.20

Monday 24 th	INSET Day – School Closed
Tuesday 25 th	After School Clubs Resume
Tuesday 25 th	Return to School

MARCH

Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th	Reading Festival
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April

Friday 3 rd	Class based Easter Bonnet Parades
Friday 3 rd	Last day of Term
Monday 20 th	Return to School

Future Dates – 2020 to 2021

- **Term 1** Tuesday 1 September 2020 to Friday 23 October 2020
- **Term 2** Monday 2 November 2020 to Friday 18 December 2020
- **Term 3** Monday 4 January 2021 to Friday 12 February 2021
- **Term 4** Monday 22 February 2021 to Thursday 1 April 2021
- **Term 5** Monday 19 April 2021 to Friday 28 May 2021
- **Term 6** Monday 7 June 2021 to Wednesday 21 July 2021

Inset Days to follow for 2020 – 2021.

A reminder that BRAC Bishop Road Activities Club is open through the holidays and INSET Days.

