

# Bishop Road Primary School

Bishop Road, Bristol BS7 8LS



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Dear Parents/Carers,

## February Update Letter

It has been another busy term at Bishop Road and we are beginning to look forward to the lengthening of the days as we move towards the spring. There have been activities and events that the children have experienced and enjoyed across the year groups. Year 6 visited the Houses of Parliament in January where they had the chance to watch debates, participate in a politics workshop and also see some of London's landmark sites like Buckingham Palace and Parliament Square. Year 5 enjoyed a visit to Hampton Court Palace last week where they developed their understanding of the Tudors and learned about the history of the palace. We've also had many visitors in school, such as the author Hannah Rose, who spoke to some year groups all about her creation of the character 'Unipiggle' and the exciting adventures that ensue. After the assemblies, Hannah visited classrooms to run some illustration workshops and helped the children to imagine their own characters. We enjoyed an inspiring assembly about the School Bus Project who, through their charity work, support mobile learning provision for refugees.

Children have represented the school in citywide Maths challenges for Year 4 and 5, the Percy Smith Swimming Gala, the schools Football and Netball Leagues, schools dodgeball competition, an inter-schools basketball competition. All in all it has been a very busy short term. There will be many more exciting events and enrichment activities continuing after half-term which I am sure you will hear more about in due course.

## Coronavirus

Public Health England (PHE), the Department for Health & Social Care and the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government continue to monitor the evolving situation with the outbreak of the Coronavirus. On the INSET day (Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February) we will update the school website and send out a text message if there is any significant new advice or guidance.



## Clubs

Afterschool clubs resume next term from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February and we thank all of the teachers who give their time to run these each week. We are very fortunate at Bishop Road to have such a dedicated team. Please remember to notify the teacher if your child is unable to attend a club on a given night as teachers are spending unnecessary time following up absences before clubs commence. If this problem is repeated for children it may result in their club place being offered to someone else.

## Office and general reminders

- Please check that your online payment account is in credit and has sufficient funds for school meals for the coming term. Meals must be paid for in advance.
- Scooters and bikes must be dismounted and wheeled when you arrive at the school gates– this includes younger siblings.
- For those who come to school by car please park legally and safely and avoid leaving your engine idling outside school as this is unpleasant for those walking into school.

## Crossing Patrol

I am sad to inform you that Mr Dale, who has served as our crossing patrol for many years, has decided to retire. We will be inviting him back into school in the coming weeks to say a goodbye to children. I know he has been a much valued part of our school community, supporting children getting into school safely and bringing a smile to our faces. He will be missed. His position is part of the Local Authority provision and they are currently advertising to fill this post. You can find the advert in the 'School Letters' part of the school website. Please do share this more widely as it is a very important role for our school.

It has been great to see such positive and constructive parents' evening appointments, we hope that these conversations enable you to understand how your child is progressing and support their development throughout the year.

Thank you for all your support.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Emissah  
Deputy Head

