

Bishop Road Primary School

Bishop Road, Bristol BS7 8LS



Head Teacher: Gillian Powe

Deputy Head Teacher: Joe Emissah

Wednesday 1st July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made a decision about your child's school report, which we trust will be an appropriate choice in our present circumstances. These will be sent to you before the end of term.

Teachers began lock down by recording their children's attainment up to that point, little knowing that many would only make a modest return to school and some not even that. We believe it would be helpful to share a modified version of this work rather than a projected outcome to the end of the year. Children make great progress in the first six months of any year and a record of this can be both celebrated and noted for the future.

Please be assured that many children are very resilient in school and will soon pick up and move on with their learning and that with a good programme of basics, they will be back on track, whilst for those with a little more difficulty about return there will be greater support and encouragement.

There have been, and most probably still will be, many disappointments and frustrations around the national priority being given to keeping safe, but in most decisions we make it is hard to see many viable alternatives. Thank you for your own resilience and the support and encouragement you have given to the staff team. It is very much appreciated.

Staff Information

Mr Kieboom planned last year to leave us this summer and will indeed do so. He has been a wonderful teacher and a real asset to our team for many years. His relaxed style is key nurturing for children and his commitment to our nature areas has been exemplary. I am so pleased that he will be popping back on supply so we will still see him in school from time-to-time.

Mr Penny has been appointed Deputy Head at St Mary's Thornbury and we are pleased for his successful promotion. We will miss his contribution to music and his singing assemblies. He has always contributed to curriculum development in KS2 as we changed to take on the new Ofsted criteria and will benefit from his time spent on this and other areas.



Mr Savagar is also leaving us this summer to work in a very different setting to gain experience. His thought-provoking contributions to meetings will be really missed, as will his kindness to children and staff as he always seeks to help and support. We wish all these staff every success and happiness in their future pathways, thanking them for their important contribution to our community.

School Uniform

The parent company of our school uniform supplier, The Famous Schoolwear Specialists, have decided to close the existing store in Henleaze and open a new shop in Stoke Gifford. The new shop will be trading under the group branding name, 'Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists'. Information about the new store and how to book in-store appointments is available on the school website under 'Key Information' and then 'Useful Links'.

As we move forward we will all be a little more disparate from each other and more reliant on zoom and other important developments. I will be certainly holding on to the wonderful achievements and special moments of our school to keep me going as we seek to maintain all we can of our community for the benefit of our children. I am sure you will join me as we all do our best to develop our resilience, patience and goodwill.

Dates for INSET 2020–21

Thursday 3rd September

Friday 4th September

Monday 2nd November

Monday 22nd February 2021

Monday 7th June 2021

Yours sincerely,

Gillian Powe
Head teacher

