

# Bishop Road Primary School

Bishop Road, Bristol BS7 8LS



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Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

Head Teacher Letter No.1 /20-21

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to everyone for this autumn term. Many children have not been with us for some time and we have new arrivals in several year groups and especially Year R. We trust you will enjoy being part of our community in spite of the distancing procedures and that you will be able to make contacts in safe and supportive ways.

We have made many plans to ensure children feel secure and able to enjoy their routines, learning and friendships. It's good to have so many children back on the site and I thank you in advance for your patience and support as we negotiate the comings and goings to school, all of which will undoubtedly be subject to change and development. Teachers are wonderfully creative and we will make the classrooms bubbles as stimulating and enriching as we are able.

We will be centred on several key principles as we start the year

- Restoring and extending our core subject learning through shared expectations and practices
- Focusing on well-being, confidence and empathy
- Initiating 'a Window on the World' series where we will celebrate artistic and skilled activities from all corners of creativity in the classroom through technology
- Encouraging an engagement in reading widely through the 'Bishop Road Reading Adventure' topic

I hope you will hear about all these exciting aspects of learning from your children as we go through the term!

I enclose our basic date list. The Local Authority chose to offer schools 2 additional training days this year so that issues related to Health and Safety and Curriculum during the pandemic could be addressed. We chose not to run these together with our training this week as we were keen to have all children in school as soon as possible.



Instead they will be held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, both of which will be more effective and convenient.

We are entering further uncertainty so may I thank you for all your encouragement and help as we seek to make this a memorable year for our children. I wish you all health and safety and I look forward to seeing you all, albeit from a distance!

Yours sincerely,



Gillian Powe  
Head Teacher



## IMPORTANT HOLIDAY AND INSET DATES FOR 2020/2021

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Return to School
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>INSET Day – School Closed</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>INSET Day – School Closed</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Last day of term
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>INSET Day – School Closed</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Return to School
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>INSET Day – School Closed</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	<b>INSET Day – School Closed</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to School
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>INSET Day – School Closed</b>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Return to School
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day of term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to School
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>May Day – School Closed</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Return to School
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>INSET Day – School Closed</b>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to School
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of Term

