

Bishop Road Primary School

Bishop Road, Bristol BS7 8LS



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Wednesday 9th December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Update Letter

As we approach the last days of this school term, we will look back on 2020 as a memorable year in so many ways. The new school year has brought a fresh perspective on so many areas of our lives, not least renewing the significance of school for children, staff and parents alike. We are pleased to have completed the Autumn Term with children returning to build great relationships with their teachers, restoring habits and routines around learning and enjoying time with friends. Thank you for your support in engaging with school in new ways including the online parents' evenings, different drop off and collection systems and the approach to home learning with a new online platform. As ever, we continue to reflect and review our approaches and, as the new year progresses, will no doubt make further changes as the situation allows. Thank you for working with us to make this important term so successful.

Thank you to the PTFA who have done a fantastic job of finding solutions to ensure fund raising opportunities can go ahead. The generosity and support of parents has been notable at the various Zoom based events. The Christmas tree sales were better than ever and the Zoom Magic Shows have proven highly successful. Their work continues to be highly valued.

Christmas

We are pleased to be able to maintain many of our Christmas traditions in school. Children will be busily making cards and gifts in class, Father Christmas will be paying a virtual visit to Reception classes and every child will once again receive a Christmas present thanks to the generosity of the PTFA. We are all very excited about our whole-school Christmas performance video which will be released before the end of term.

It has been necessary to make some adaptations to our normal end of term arrangements. On the final day of term (Thursday 17th December), teachers will lead fun activities such as games, quizzes and films, but we ask that children do not bring in toys or games from home as they normally would. If you would like to include some form of party food as part of your child's packed lunch, or to have alongside their school dinner, then you are very welcome to do so. However, children will not be allowed to share food and any food brought in will be eaten at the normal lunchtime slot i.e. do not send your child in with more than they would normally eat at their lunchtime. Please refrain from sending in any sweets or other food for children to share with their friends, as this will not be possible.



In previous years, children have been invited to wear a Christmas jumper on the same day as the Christmas meal is served. As a more flexible alternative this year, children are welcome to wear any non-uniform on the final day of term (Thursday 17th December). We also invite families to make an optional donation of £1 per child in support of the PTFA which can be sent in to class with your child.

School Meals

We are pleased to have been able to provide hot meals this term. The menu (available on the website) will continue unchanged next term. If you want to change your child's meal pattern for next term, please complete [this form](#) by 5pm Wednesday 16th December.

Thank you again for your continued support. I wish you all a peaceful time over the Christmas break and look forward to welcoming children back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Emissah
Deputy Head Teacher

