

Bishop Road Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is very positive that we end this difficult term looking forward to reuniting in the near future, since hopefully we can at last see a possible way through the worst of the pandemic.

The lockdowns have resulted in the release of many emotions in all of us and we have had to adapt and learn new approaches to our roles at home and school at great speed. There have been no solutions that have been greeted happily by all, and mitigating disruption has produced stress for everyone. Thank you all for your resilience in this challenging time. We are all missing our community.

I am grateful that so many people have striven to keep life for children as calm as possible and to make the best of the restricted opportunities. Teachers have found themselves turning into presenters, parents have become tutors and many children have acquired new distance learning skills. Everyone has done their best and just as we did in September, as we return, we will resume more usual roles and continue as before. We will do all we can in school to support children and especially those who have found the changes disorienting. Thank you for all your efforts to engage and encourage your children. Everything that you have done at home will be valuable in your children's learning journey. There has been huge take up and engagement with the learning opportunities and so much more besides. We will of course assess where each child and class requires additional learning support and action that accordingly. We are all looking forward to the full return of school when we are permitted. There will be much to do.

I would like also to thank everyone for their support and encouragement. We have been really helped by kind words and thoughtful gestures, even whilst each person's frustrations and worries must have been considerable at this time.

Monday 22nd Feb is a school INSET Day and is focused on inspirational and effective teaching of Maths. There are 3 online speakers to support teachers' professional development.



Staff News

Mrs Bird, who has been part of the school staff for 23 years is leaving us this Easter. She has had so many roles and responsibilities and in recent times has made a great contribution to our art curriculum and to our programmes for English as an additional language. We are all going to miss her greatly and miss her cheerful disposition and knowledge.

Mrs Bird needs more time to link up with her family, some of whom live on the other side of the country, so we understand why she has made this decision. On behalf of all of us thank you Mrs Bird.

May I wish you all health and well-being during these very testing times.

Yours sincerely,



Gillian Powe
Head Teacher

