

Bishop Road Primary School

Bishop Road, Bristol BS7 8LS



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Dear Parents / Carers,

Update Letter

The final week of term has proven to be a great time for children to participate in Sports Day, apart from Year 4 who will try again in June. Whilst the weather was variable, the competitive spirit and sportsmanship was excellent for all year groups and the children thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. The school blog includes pictures that capture some of the events. I was particularly impressed with the Year 2 sprint race which saw someone from 2U falling at the start line only to recover and go on to win. What a superb display of speed and resilience!

We are pleased to welcome a limited number of classes to the library again with Year 6 classes enjoying some time in this much loved space, which has been heavily limited by Covid restrictions. The Great Big Bishop Road Read-A-Thon is commencing this week and we are really pleased that children are so excited about this opportunity to raise money for some very worthy charities. Thank you, in advance, for your encouragement and financial support to children.

Goodbye to Mr Dale

Mr Dale, our longstanding crossing patrol, retired recently and has been waiting for the opportunity to come back to school for staff and children to wish him well and thank him for his highly valued service in keeping us safe and smiling as we cross Bishop Road. There are some [pictures of his visit](#) on the website and children will be pleased to know he has promised to return and visit us for school events at the earliest opportunity. We know, whilst it was not possible for everyone to see him last week, he was very touched by the messages and kind words from across the school.

Since Mr Dale's departure, there are still three vacant positions for crossing patrol staff. Please email or call the school office if you are interested in this role or know anyone who may be keen to apply.



Uniform knitwear supply delays

We have been advised by Monkhouse, the new owners of the school uniform company that provide our bespoke school knitwear, that they are experiencing an industry-wide delay in their supply chain owing to Covid. Please see the attached letter. [Monkhouse-Message-to-Parents.pdf](#) We appreciate parents' patience and ask that anyone unable to get their uniform delivered send their children to school in a garment as close as possible to the uniform jumper, i.e. a plain dark colour jumper.

Non-knitwear uniform

When we return after the summer holidays in September, there will be a renewed focus on children wearing the correct school uniform, in particular non-knitwear items. Parents/carers should ensure they are familiar with the [school uniform policy](#) when making any new purchases between now and September.

We would like to particularly draw your attention to the following points relating to the generic non-knitwear items:

- Footwear should be plain black with no visible branding or stripes of white or other colours.
- Plain black ankle high boots are permitted, but any boots which go above the ankle, are of different colours or have additional features (such as visible fur around the top) are not permitted.
- Hair clips and hairbands should be plain and non-decorative. Bows on clips or bands are considered decorative, and are therefore not permitted.
- Hoodies or other jumpers may not be worn in place of coats.

PE uniform change planned for September 2021

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone, as well as fostering a spirit of togetherness. From next academic year we intend to extend the benefits of a uniform to PE lessons.

From September 2021, we are intending to make the following non-bespoke and widely available items compulsory for PE lessons:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Black shorts, tracksuit bottoms, sports leggings or jogging bottoms.
- Trainers appropriate for physical activity
- Plain black or navy blue jumper and/or a coat for cold/wet weather.

In future academic years, we may look to extend the PE kit to include a compulsory branded t-shirt.


The School Uniform policy is currently under review and will be updated to reflect changes to the requirements for PE lessons. If you wish to provide any feedback about the PE kit intended to be introduced from September, please do so [via this link](#).



I hope you are able to find some time to enjoy together as a family over the half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in June.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Joe Emissah
Deputy Head Teacher

