

Bishop Road Primary School

Bishop Road, Bristol BS7 8LS



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Head Teacher Letter No.6/20-21

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all enjoying a sunnier final term and there is as much activity as we are allowed. The sports days were very much enjoyed by children and staff and all outdoor opportunities are really welcomed. The Dirac centre is proving to be a real bonus for recording socially distanced performances. People are becoming ever more creative in adapting to restrictions that sadly look as though they may be with us for some time to come. Thank you for all your support and encouragement. I know you will be missing your involvement and we all continue to hope for even greater normality and a resumption of our valued community occasions.

Readathon

We are delighted with the reward of the recent Readathon. Everyone's effort resulted in a total of £4,957.15 to be shared between the two charities Penny Brohn and Caring in Bristol. Well done everyone for a great event!

Staff News

Mr Mann is leaving at the end of the summer term to take up other career opportunities. He has been with us for many years and is particularly committed to our use of picture books and novels. We will all miss him and his sense of humour and perspective.

Mr Webber has been appointed to Charlton Wood Primary Academy School as KS1 leader and he will take up his new role in September. We will miss his great interest in art, his enthusiasm for projects and his commitment to our younger children.

I know you will join me in thanking these two teachers for their work at Bishop Road and wishing them every success and happiness for their respective futures.



INSET

We have been informed today that there will be two additional INSET days to replace the lost core training opportunities due to the pandemic. This is rather late in the term to notify you and because we already have two days INSET in early September we plan to take the additional ones either side of the Christmas break. We believe this is the best option for our school community.

All INSET days are now set for the academic year 2021-2022

Thursday 9th Sept 2021

Friday 10th Sept 2021

Monday 1st November 2021

Friday 17th December 2021 Additional day one

Tuesday 4th January 2022 Additional day two

Monday 28th February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

I am pleased to tell you we are fully staffed for September and will be welcoming new teachers to our team. Thank you for the positive way you approach new staff and encourage them in their early stages with us.

Our Reception classes will be full this September and we will have many new families joining us. We are delighted that this is the case as some schools are experiencing falling rolls across the city. Well done to everyone for maintaining our community positivity against the odds this year as I am sure this draws in people who wish to join, when they consider their family's involvement in our school for the first time.

Time is hurtling towards the end of the school year. Your children will meet their new teachers on Friday 9th July. They will bring home their news to you at the end of the school day. Happily, some things don't change and moving class is one of them. We have kind and caring teachers who will be ready to help children move up and support them with changes. Meanwhile, the performances are in Mr Brooks' editing studio which takes him considerable skill and time. You will be able to view the results from Monday 19th July and children will be able to see them in school from that day too. The Bishop Road 'Summer Festival' is on its way!

Yours sincerely,



Gillian Powe
Head Teacher

