

# Bishop Road Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have arrived at the close of the year after considerable hurdles along the way. I can only say well done to everyone. We have all been developing resilience! May I thank you for your patience and support in difficult times. You may have already seen the Bishop Road Festival on the website but if you have not, do take the chance to do so. It's certainly a feel good opportunity to reflect on the children's energy and growth. The year six contribution is a marvellous yet sad reminder that this wonderful group of children are leaving Bishop Road for new opportunities this week. They sing about their memories and we trust they will indeed take many happy memories of their first school with them into their futures. We are very proud of their achievements and their characters and will be excited to hear how they progress further in the years to come. If you are leaving us as a whole family this summer, may we thank you for your commitment and presence over the years. We wish you well and hope you will remember us kindly, as we will you.

You may be aware that for a number of years we have been working on a reduced leadership team due to declining financial resources. I am delighted that the situation for our school has eased and we are able to return to a more usual and effective structure following the implementation of the national funding formula. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mr Barr and Mr Edwards who have been appointed to the role of AHT (Assistant Head Teacher) from September. Their new responsibilities include whole school and strategic objectives. I am looking forward to working with them in their new roles. Each year group will continue to have a Senior Leader leading the team as this has proved to be very effective in many ways for all stakeholders.



It seems our holiday season may not be as seamless as we recently had hoped, but we trust you will negotiate some good family times and relaxation nonetheless. As usual there are some classroom refurbishments and other works going on in August but we will all be back ready for another year in September.

If you like to look ahead, we are going to be running two exciting projects. The first is dendrology; so look up all those names of trees that you may have forgotten in preparation! We have staff training in September from an expert for this topic and lots of inspiring activities are planned. The second is an arts project linked to both the National Gallery and the tree focus. So there are good things for us to enjoy in the new year and you will hear further details next term.

The sun is shining on us which always makes things a bit easier. Please take care and enjoy the weeks ahead. Thank you once more for your kind comments and encouragement, which are greatly valued by the whole staff team.

Yours sincerely,



Gillian Powe  
Head Teacher

