

Bishop Road Primary School

Bishop Road, Bristol BS7 8LS



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Head Teacher Letter No.1 /21-22

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to the new academic year!

We have many new children this term not only in Year R where we are full but also across the school as people have moved into the area and applied to join us.

We all wish you every happiness at Bishop Road and trust you will soon settle in and get to know the families in your respective classes.

The school has been exceptionally busy this summer and works have been completed including roof repairs, drains and classroom improvements. You may have heard of ‘teacher walls’ appearing in Grant which may seem mysterious but are in fact a series of cupboards, shelves and IT equipment across a classroom wall, which make significant improvements in organisation and effectiveness.

They also look very attractive and remove the need for boxes and trays which clutter the space so that more activities can take place to support learning.

Census Day

On Thursday 7th October we take the school census. Our funding is mainly based on the number of children on roll at that time. We also receive money according to the number of children who take a free school meal on that day. Please only let us know if **you are unhappy** for your child to have a free meal in Reception, Years 1 or 2. The menu will be Fish and Chips and a veggie option. Thank you!

Bank Holiday for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

In acknowledgement of the additional Bank Holiday for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee on 3rd June 2022, the Department for Education has agreed to reduce the minimum number of teaching days to 189 meaning the total school year will be 194 days.

As the 3rd June falls within the current summer half term holiday, the additional bank holiday will be taken by schools on what would have been the final day of the school year, meaning the school year will now end on Thursday 21st July 2022 not Friday 22nd July 2022, as originally published.



It is such a relief to feel somewhat freer in our movements this term and we are making the most of the opportunities. Of course we cannot be sure what the situation will be, come the winter months and so are being a little circumspect about diary planning long term.

I enclose a date list which may be added to later in the term according to circumstances. Several PTFA events are also provisional at this point. We will do all we can to restore our calendar but of course we are still at a transitional stage.

Thursday's training day is the springboard for our dendrology project and Friday is a whole staff meeting and Health and Safety training. I trust you will soon begin to hear about the importance of trees from your children.

It was lovely to see everyone coming back last week and we are looking forward to a wonderful time of learning together. Thank you for your uplifting support which always encourages us along the way. Our fundamental belief in high standards in all we do is still our guide and all the team is doing its best to make this year memorable. Of course there are many wonderful new books in school for the children to explore along with many other opportunities.

I know we will all care for each other as the winter approaches and let us hope any restrictions are minimal and short lived. We are maintaining all the hygiene protocol we adopted last year as we work towards keeping minor illnesses at bay as well as the virus.

Thank you for an excellent start to the term. One or two have told me they are missing the painted lines on the playground. We are very grateful for all your consideration coming in and out of school.

Yours sincerely,



Gillian Powe
Head Teacher



Important Dates for Parents, Terms 1/2 2021–2022

Term 1 – 2.9.2021 – 22.10.2021

September

Thursday 9th	Inset Day – School Closed – Staff Training
Friday 10th	Inset Day – School Closed – Staff Training (Whole School Meeting)
Monday 13th	Return to School

OCTOBER

Monday 4th	Harvest
W/C Monday 18th	Parents' Evenings – Information to follow
Friday 22nd	Last day of Term

Term 2 – 1.11.2021 – 17.12.2021

November

Monday 1st	Inset Day – School Closed – Staff Training
Tuesday 2nd	Return to School
Thursday 11th	Remembrance Assembly (Yrs 3–6)
Thursday 18th	Individual and sibling photographs
Friday 19th	Individual and sibling photographs

DECEMBER

Wednesday 8th	Christmas Dinner – Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 16th	Class Parties and Toy Day
Thursday 16th	Last Day of Term

Term 3 – 5/1/2022 – 18/2/2022

JANUARY 2022

Tuesday 4th	INSET Day – School Closed
Wednesday 5th	Return to school



IMPORTANT HOLIDAY AND INSET DATES FOR 2021/2022

Thursday 9 th September	INSET Day – School Closed
Friday 10 th September	INSET Day – School Closed
Monday 13 th September	Return to School
Friday 22 nd October	Last day of term
Monday 1 st November	INSET Day – School Closed
Tuesday 2 nd November	Return to School
Thursday 16 th December	Last day of term
Friday 17 th December	INSET Day – School Closed
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	INSET Day – School Closed
Wednesday 5 th January	Return to School
Friday 18 th February	Last day of term
Monday 28 th February 2022	INSET Day – School Closed
Tuesday 1 st March	Return to School
Friday 8 th April	Last day of term
Monday 25 th April	Return to School
Monday 2 nd May	May Day – School closed
Tuesday 3 rd May	Return to School
Friday 27 th May	Last day of term
Monday 6 th June	INSET Day – School Closed
Tuesday 7 th June	Return to School
Thursday 21 st July	Last day of term
Friday 22 nd July	School Closed in lieu of Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

