

Bishop Road Primary School

Bishop Road, Bristol BS7 8LS



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Dear Parents / Carers,

Update Letter

As we head towards October next week, it is wonderful to have the children well established with their new teachers and settled back into the routines of school life once again. As is so often the case, the summer's good weather seems to have appeared too late for us to enjoy it during the holiday, but this has made for a glorious start to the Autumn Term.

Next week, class visits to Westonbirt Arboretum commence. All classes will be enjoying a trip in the coming weeks linked to the whole-school dendrology project, which children will be exploring later this academic year.

Information about afterschool clubs, as well as Ed Support paid sessions, will be coming out very shortly and we look forward to extending these opportunities to many children across the school. The teachers' commitment and enthusiasm for voluntary run afterschool clubs is greatly valued. We would ask you to do all that you can to support them in the smooth running of these clubs by collecting on time, notifying them of any changes and ensuring regular attendance.

Children from Year 3 have already enjoyed outdoor learning sessions at the school field. This year we have extended outdoor learning, meaning all classes receive double the number of sessions compared with previous years. Thank you to the PTFA who contribute substantially to the funding of this aspect of school life amongst many other valued investments.

Children from Year 2 upwards will be beginning their regular visits back to the school library, which was closed for so many months. Miss Robson is eagerly anticipating their return, and teachers and children are pleased that the Story Garden is also coming back into use this term.



Covid

With the changes to school operating guidelines from the government this year, came an expectation to prepare enhanced measures for potential rises in positive cases in school. We have a contingency plan that enhances some of the control measures such as increased cleaning, further staff testing and ventilation. If cases build in classes, we will also move to online assemblies for the whole year group for a short time to reduce risk. Please continue to follow the [government advice](#) on isolation to ensure you are doing all that you can.

Communication and contact form

Staff and parents are pleased to be able to speak face to face on the playground again.

Can I reiterate that for any communication that relates to the same day, you will need to call the school office. This includes sickness. When calling in to report any covid-related absence, please include the day your child is able to return to school following their isolation, to save the office calling to request this.

For attendance, please continue to use the voicemail instead of the contact form for any sickness reporting. When your child is off unwell, please do call in each morning to confirm that they remain unwell.

For all other enquiries, please use the [contact form](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Emissah
Deputy Head

