

Bishop Road Primary School

Bishop Road, Bristol BS7 8LS



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Tuesday 16th November 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Update Letter

The days are flying by with children involved in a great range of exciting activities and events across the school in the first two weeks of the term. Thank you to the PTFA who got the term started with a bang with the fantastic and much valued community fireworks display. This is certainly a much-loved event that we were all pleased to see reappearing on the calendar. Thank you to all the team involved in staging this event.

The Remembrance Service, led by Year 4, gave everyone pause for thought last Friday as they explored the myriad contributions of commonwealth service men and women throughout the WWII. Year 6 have commenced their outdoor learning lessons at the school field in somewhat variable weather conditions as well as weekly sessions on the gym-climbing wall, which they were very excited about. In Year 5, forensic science workshops have taken place, giving children an up-close look at forensics and how this field of science is used to identify perpetrators of crime and so help solve cases.

Well done to our new Year 5/6 Football and Netball Teams who participated in the North Bristol Primary School Leagues. Our teams showed excellent teamwork and communication skills on the field and netball court and demonstrated great improvement as they entered their second matches.

In Year 3 this week, Bath Spa University are presenting a production of Charlotte's Web, which is eagerly anticipated. Next week, the whole school will be thinking about anti-bullying and how we can use our words to build a culture of kindness.

Bags of Kindness at Christmas

The local B&A church are once again undertaking their Bags of Kindness at Christmas project in which they deliver bags containing Christmas goodies, some basic food and a gift for children. If this is something that would benefit your family, please complete [this web form](#) indicating the ages and gender of your children. The bags will be free to collect after drop off and before collection on 15th & 16th December from the Reception playground off Bishop Road. We will send a reminder text with timings for families nearer the time.



Photographs

We will be running our whole-school individual and sibling photography programme on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th this week. Due to the flexibility of the schedule, your child's photograph may be taken on either day.

Children in Need

This year we will be holding a guess the baby competition on Friday 19th as part of Children in Need fund raising. We will give all children the opportunity to identify the baby from a selection of school staff who have kindly shared their cherished childhood images. We are asking children to bring in a voluntary donation of £1 to support this fund raising effort.

Road Safety

There have been a number of concerns about road safety and, in particular, illegal parking at drop off and collection times. Please work to support the safety of all families and members of our community at this busy time of the day. The Local Authority enforcement team will be stepping up their work in the area in the coming weeks.

Clubs

Afterschool clubs have resumed this term and we thank all of the teachers who give their time to run these each week, we are very fortunate at Bishop Road to have such a dedicated team. Please ensure you have notified the teacher if your child is unable to attend a club on a given night as teachers are spending unnecessary time following up absences before clubs commence. If this problem repeats, their club place may be offered to someone else.

Lost property

Please work with us to reduce the disappointment of missing and lost possessions in school and **do not send children to school with valuable belongings**. Lost property is available in the Boat Playground under the shelter; we aim to reunite named items with their owners.

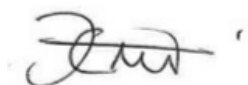
Other updates

Mr Edwards, Assistant Head Teacher, is now part of the Safeguarding Team as Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. There is an information page [safeguarding-for-parents-booklet-2021](#) on our website that highlights some key information about safeguarding in school.

The most up to date versions of our school policies can also be found under the 'key information' tab on the school website including: the school Safeguarding Policy, Equalities Policy and Action Plan and the school Accessibility Plan.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Joe Emissah
Deputy Head

