

# Bishop Road Primary School

Bishop Road, Bristol BS7 8LS



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Dear Parents / Carers,

## Update Letter

January has flown by at Bishop Road and we are beginning to look forward to lengthening days as we head towards February. The term has been busy as ever with a great many activities and events taking place. This term Year 1 have been learning about Joseph Haydn and his Trumpet Concerto and using djembes to create their own short pieces of music, whilst Year 4 have begun to learn to play Ukulele with Mr Reed. Children across the school are taking part in a "Bristol Twin City Project", learning about a different culture from around the world. Our chosen city is Guangzhou in China and as part of this cultural excursion, Year 3 and 4 pupils have been learning Kung Fu. We were joined by the Sifu from City Gong Fu who taught the children a range of techniques, all centred around respect, control and discipline. It was a valuable experience that the children enjoyed. Year 5/6 have been learning and practicing the extravagant annual Dragon Dance of China in anticipation of Chinese New Year next week, with full dragon costumes and parasols. Reception children were joined by very many small animals ranging from insects to mammals and snakes, with the help of Zoo Lab. They learnt about different animal habitats and diets as well learning how to hold them safely.

Well done to Year 5 children who participated in the Maths Challenge at BGS which involved solving some challenging maths puzzles and questions. Children from Year 5/6 also represented the school in both Netball and Football inter-school Leagues, with mixed boys and girls footballers taking to the field earlier in the week to win and draw against Sefton Park footballers in a friendly at the school field.

## Drop off and collection

Whilst we are retaining the one way entry and exit gates (enter via Bishop and Monk Rd and exit via Monk and Clevedon Rd) people are welcome to move in either direction between the main playgrounds. This means parents collecting children in KS2 (Silverthorne Playground) can walk back towards the KS1 (Grant/Boat Playground) on their way to exiting on Cambridge Rd. Whilst the alleyway between the buildings is very wide, we ask that you keep to the left for ease and safety of all. Please see the plan below.



## Road Safety and Parking

A very low speed collision, which was fortunately innocuous on this occasion, compels me to write to request drivers avoid, wherever possible, the narrow junction between Monk and Clevedon Rd. At drop off and collection times the narrow roads around school, particularly this junction, present a risk and we strongly encourage people who drive to park nearby and take the remaining part of their journey on foot.

There are a number of Blue Badge parking spaces in nearby streets that serve as an important resource for a small number of families. We would ask that members of the school community do not park in these spaces without a badge. Doing so creates unnecessary pressure for those who are registered to use these spaces.

## Crossing patrol position

School crossing patrol recruitment drive. This is a term time only role that helps your school community. It is a paid position and you are paid for ten hours per week term time. The hourly rate is £9.30 and the hours are annualised as they are for other school roles. Full training and uniform will be provided. This could be a job share with a friend. If you are interested or would like more information please contact us by email [road.safety@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:road.safety@bristol.gov.uk).

## General reminder

- Please send your child/children in with suitable PE and Outdoor Learning clothing on the appropriate day.
- If family contact or address details change, please come to the school office to complete a form, so that we are kept up to date.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Emissah  
Deputy Head



