

Bishop Road Primary School

Bishop Road, Bristol BS7 8LS



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Head Teacher Letter No.5/21-22

Dear Parents and Carers,

We can see the end of the academic year on the horizon although there are many exciting opportunities for children within the final weeks.

Thank you for your remarkable support for the performances this season. Your enthusiasm and enjoyment buoyed up each class and the atmosphere was palpable. We also greatly appreciated the huge attendance at the Jubilee parties, sports days and PTFA events. It's wonderful to see our community springing back to form. I'm sure you have made many happy memories to hold on to and enjoy in the retelling.

Staff News

A number of permanent staff members are moving on at the end of this year. Mr Grinbergs who has been at school for 8 years has gained a reputation for care and support of children and led our PHSE and school council admirably. We will greatly miss his hard work and wisdom as he takes up a post in Spain from September. I am very grateful for his considerable contribution to the ethos of our school.

Miss Underhill has been an enthusiastic teacher who has been very flexible and committed to musical opportunities during her time on our team. She has taken a post at West Town Lane to experience a new setting and to be closer to her family.

Miss Leigh has taken a new post and is moving to Brunel Fields to develop her experience. We have all appreciated her positive approach and interest in music.

Miss Davies is also leaving us and is moving into new career opportunities outside of teaching. We wish all these professionals every happiness and success for their respective futures and hope they take learning and good experiences with them from Bishop Road.

Also leaving his role is the Co-Chair of Governors Dara Ely who has been serving the school in one capacity or another for over 10 years. All our thanks go to him for his consistent and purposeful commitment to the school and its role in the community. On behalf of everyone we wish him well for his future. Lorraine Woodward presently Co-Chair is continuing in the role of Chair in the new year.



We will be joined by new enthusiastic and kind teachers in September whom I am sure you will soon get to know. Meanwhile, it is important to understand that finding supply staff, both long and short term for teaching and support roles is becoming very challenging.

There are increasing job opportunities across the jobs sector and many teaching staff have been signed on for the government's catch up programmes.

We are hugely grateful to temporary staff who do choose to join us because they enjoy working with our teams and our children. They support the smooth running of the school in many ways.

Transfer day for children to meet their new teacher is Friday 8th July. This year they will be able to spend some time with them in their new classroom. There is always a little nervousness at this time but children soon appreciate their new teachers and year groups and settle in to all the new opportunities the change provides.

Many thanks go to the PTFA for their tireless work in supporting the resources of the school. Whilst we all have a great time they are contributing to the offer of the school to every child. So many of the things we enjoy such as the stage equipment, books and outdoor learning are supported by their hard work. Well done and thank you!

Charity

We are delighted with the amount of money raised so far £2,164.14. The money will be shared between the two charities Penny Brohn and Unicef. Well done everyone!

INSET

All INSET days are now set for the academic year 2022-2023

Thursday 8th Sept 2022

Friday 9th Sept 2022

Monday 31st October 2022

Monday 20th February 2023

Monday 5th June 2023

Following on from the Jubilee celebrations we have been given a commemorative book for every child by the DfE. The copies are for the children to read and keep and will be distributed shortly.

Thank you all for your enthusiastic support of our school. It is deeply valued.

Yours sincerely,



Gillian Powe
Head Teacher

