

# Bishop Road Primary School

Bishop Road, Bristol BS7 8LS



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Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

## Update Letter

It has been a busy time around school this week. Year 6 have enjoyed their residential visit to the Forest of Dean in which they have undertaken a range of adventurous outdoor activities. Children in Key Stage 2 welcomed visitors from St Pauls carnival, who were invited to share some of the history and background of this event as part of Black History Month. We have also had visits from the author Louie Stowell and Year 3 Roman Day was a greatly enjoyed by children and staff alike! The PTFA welcome event for new parents was really well attended, as was their AGM. Thank you to all those who support the excellent work the PTFA does to raise money for the school and enhance the school community experiences. It is greatly appreciated.

Harvest Assemblies have taken place this week in school and children have taken time to reflect on the importance of appreciating what they have as well as contributing to support those who have less. Thank you to the people who have already sent in items for our harvest appeal. This year we are pleased to be able to support The Trussell Trust and one of their projects, The North Bristol Foodbank. For more information about the foodbank please [click here](#). You can still send in donations with your child until next Friday 14<sup>th</sup>.

Well done to the cross-country runners who continue to impress as they represent the school in multiple events, both Bristol Grammar and St Bede's, in recent weeks. Congratulations to a number of children who have been selected to represent North Bristol in the forthcoming County Championships.

## Parents Evening and Communications

We look forward to welcoming you into school for parents evening in the coming weeks. We hope these conversations will support your child in their development and learning. Appointment times will be issued shortly. We continue to have support staff and senior leaders on the gates and playgrounds each morning who are happy to talk to you or relay messages. Teachers will be on the playground after school each evening unless, from the beginning of Term 2, it is a night they run an afterschool club. You can always visit the office or send in a [web form](#) to get in touch. A reminder that, with the above options available, staff do not use the messaging function of Class Dojo.



## Governors at Parents' Evening

Due to COVID restrictions, our Governing Body has not had any recent opportunities to meet with parents and carers at the school. Whilst we regularly encourage everyone to respond to [Parent View](#), they would welcome the chance to speak to you in person. As parents' evening does entail some waiting around, representatives of the Governing Body will be circulating through the halls and would welcome anyone who wants to have an informal chat about their school experiences. Please do approach them if you see them and have anything you want to discuss. However, please do remember that Governors have a strategic role and are not responsible for the day to day running of the school. Such matters should be discussed with the school in the first instance.

## Reminders:

- School attendance is an important focus in the Local Authority in recent months, with fines being issued by Bristol City Council for unauthorised attendance such as term time holidays. Please find links to [information about fines](#) as well as our [school attendance policy](#) to learn more.
- For those who come to school by car, please park legally and safely and avoid leaving your engine idling outside school as this is unpleasant for those walking into school.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to seeing many of you in school in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Emissah  
Deputy Head

