

# Bishop Road Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

## Update Letter

The first couple of weeks of this term have been as busy as ever, with the PTFA fireworks night getting us off to a great start. Thank you to everyone involved who worked so hard to put on such an enjoyable evening for all. Afterschool clubs are underway, with children from across the school getting involved in a huge variety of activities. Last week, Year 6 went to the Old Vic to meet the poet, Kwame Alexander who shared some of his latest work and even got some of the teachers up on stage participating competitively, which they were not expecting! Well done to the footballers in KS2 who competed in competitions at St Bede's and at our field against Sefton Park. These mixed games were really enjoyable and all the teams showed good spirit. On Friday, children from Year 4 led the school remembrance reflection, sharing the story of Reginald Walton Thomas, a former Bishop Road pupil who served and died in World War I. It was an important collective occasion and the children brought to life the experiences of this young man from our community.

Every year we take time to learn about one of Bristol's seven twin cities. In the coming weeks, children from across the school will be finding out about Puerto Morazan, the city in Nicaragua we are studying this year. As part of this project, children in Year 3 & 4 will be enjoying some Latin American dance lessons in a salsa dance workshop. We look forward to seeing the fruits of their labour.

## Anti-bullying week

This week is National Anti-Bullying week. This year's theme is "Reach Out" and is aimed at empowering people to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes by reaching out, talking to someone trusted, encouraging others to reach out, setting positive examples and showing each other support. The Student Council have worked with staff to produce interactive class based resources that children will be exploring throughout the week. Classes will also be sharing picture books and stories as part of this topic in addition to assemblies. The school [anti-bullying policy](#) is available on our website and teachers will also be discussing the child friendly version which, along with a worry box where children can leave a note about any concern, is displayed in every classroom.



## Online safety

The safe use of any internet-enabled device is an essential part of ensuring children are prepared for the online world in which they are growing up. At Bishop Road, e-safety is delivered to all children from Reception to Year 6 as part of our computing curriculum. In addition, these topics are revisited in greater depth in assemblies for children at different points in the year, with particular focus on supporting good decision making for children in Year 5 & 6 as they navigate online with increasing independence. Please find a [link to our e-safety](#) page which provides some practical and age appropriate resources and guidance for parents and carers. We highly recommend parents and carers take an active role in ensuring you are aware of what you can be doing at home to support this important aspect of your child's development. The [NSPCC guides](#) are among the most accessible for parents.

## General reminders:

- Please make sure that your child arrives with everything that they need for the day including PE kit, water bottles, outdoor learning kit and a coat. Late drop off of items at the office, does not guarantee items arrive with your child when school staffing is limited.
- Messages regarding early collection must be given to the LSAs in the playground on the day or sent on the contact form if known about in advance direct to the teacher.
- Lateness. The school gates close at 8.50 am. Late arrival is highly disruptive for everyone in the community. Similarly, late collection adds pressure to support staff and teachers, many of whom are running clubs and attending meetings straight after school each day.

## Charities

Thank you for the considerable donations for the Christmas Appeal for Ukraine, we were overwhelmed with the generosity extended to this worthy cause. The Children's Book Project collections are taking place in the cookery room on Thursday and Friday this week. Thank you, in advance, for anything you are able to donate. As ever, charitable collections will be running throughout the Christmas performances for our school charities this year.

We look forward to welcoming you in to school for the Christmas performances in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Emissah  
Deputy Head

