

Bishop Road Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many at our Coronation parties, which everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy. Every year group managed to play their outside games and the singing was splendid. It's also good to see large numbers at the year R, 1 and 3 performances, which are such happy occasions. Thank you for your support as the children love to see you enjoying their efforts.

Following the parent governor election, I am pleased to tell you that

Rebecca Kay

Russell Walker

were duly elected and will join the Governing Body at the next meeting. We are grateful to all our governors who do a great deal to support the strategic work of the school. We are all proud of the provision and achievements of our community school.

Staff News

A number of teachers are leaving us at the end of the year, Mr Holland is leaving to pursue other avenues but is remaining on the teaching supply list. Mr Chamberlin is moving back to Devon to work in a new context and develop his career. Both of these teachers have made a significant contribution to the life of the school in their various responsibilities and they will be missed by us all.

We will be saying goodbye to Mr Clark, who is leaving us at the end of the summer. We will miss his positivity and wish him well as he pursues new opportunities. Mr Samuel is travelling to Dubai to teach and Miss Swierzewska is pursuing a new career. They have been dedicated to working for their pupils and enjoyed their time at Bishop Road.



Schools are experiencing higher staff turnover this year. I am sure you will know this situation as it is widely reported in the press. Teachers are seeking to find the more flexible benefits and approaches other sectors offer, such as home working, flexible hours, and higher remuneration.

Recruitment to teaching is now a challenging area and applications for training courses have dropped by 40% for next year.

More positively we have appointed enthusiastic staff for September albeit from a much smaller field than in previous years. We do all we can to attract kind and knowledgeable staff and we thank you for the support and encouragement you give to all the staff on a daily basis.

We return to school on Tuesday 6th June. There are many lovely occasions planned in the last term of the year including sports days and the year 6 final performance of Mary Poppins.

I hope you enjoy the predicted fine weather and have some chances to share some happy times during this break.

Thank you for all your support for the activities of school. It is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



Gillian Powe
Head Teacher

