

# Bishop Road Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

## Update Letter

The weather has finally caught up with the seasons as we head to half term and with it, the changing of the clocks. It has been really positive to welcome you all in to meet with teachers this week for parents' evening. We hope these conversations are informative, supportive and timely. The school enrichment programme of additional educational opportunities has begun for many year groups with children in Year 4 & 6 enjoying building and architecture workshops that saw them putting into practice some principles of building and construction in the school gym. Year 3 had a great time getting involved in their 'Be a Baker' project and the Year 4 Mayans workshop saw children exploring different aspects of Mayan culture.

Earlier in October, Year 6 children visited the Dean Field Activity Centre in the Forrest of Dean for their residential activity trip. Children tested out their head for heights, soared down zip lines, conquered low ropes and headed into the forest to build dens and complete an orienteering course, to name a few of the activities. The children used the opportunity to develop independence, team working skills and confidence. It is an experience that will live long in the memory. Outdoor learning is also well underway for children in Year 2 & 3.

Well done to all the swimmers who have taken part in the school galas this term. We have had 36 children take part and a special mention to 20 of those who represented the school for the first time. The A team have had victories against Badminton Juniors and local rivals St Bonaventure's. Our B Team showed great spirit to compete well against QEH. We look forward to more gala fun later in the school year. In other sporting news, a team of Year 5 and 6 girl footballers played an exciting and competitive match against St Bonaventure's Primary School in torrential rain this week, missing out narrowly on a win, with a final score of 5 – 4. The girls were positive and smiling throughout despite the conditions.

The Year 1, 3 and 5 discos were a great success last week and the PTFA were also pleased to put on the welcome evening for new parents and carers in Reception last night. Thank you to everyone who organises, runs, attends or contributes to these positive community experiences, that help us to maintain a welcoming community spirit.



## Online safety

Earlier this term, we invited parents' and carers from Yr 4–6, to an evening to discuss the use of mobile devices. For parents who were unable to attend please find [a link to a summary](#) of this discussion. In school Mr Lescure and Miss Walker, our Online Safety Lead and Growth and Reflection Lead teachers, have undertaken a review of our approach to online safety and are implementing changes and developments to our curriculum. You can also find useful information about practical approaches to online safety with your children on our website pages [here](#).

## Mysteries abound

This half term, can you help crack The Curious Case of the Missing Teacher? The PTFA has a new mystery for you to solve – Miss Purnell (Head of Year 6) has gone missing! Can you find out what's happened to her, who is responsible for her disappearance, where she can be found and, most importantly, how to rescue her? Between the 21st and 30th October (inclusive) you can follow a trail of clues left in the windows of houses near the school and write the solutions into your special answer booklet to solve the case. For more information visit the [PTFA Shop](#).

## Thank you

A warm thank you to Helen Fazakerly, who has just finished in her role as Chair of the PTFA after many years of service. She has made an invaluable contribution to leading and coordinating this important school link. Not least, in steering the organisation through some challenging times during Covid, in which the PTFA played a key role in supporting the sense of community, as well as finding new and innovate ways to raise money and keep people connected.

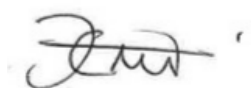
## Reminders:

- Lost property is under the shelter in the Boat Playground. Please label all items to avoid disappointment.
- Please remember to top up your child's school dinner money account to ensure it remains in credit, in line with our school dinner money policy. Any queries, please contact the school office
- Thank you for observing the in and out gates that help keep the playgrounds calm and easy to navigate at the beginning and end of the day. Please enter via Bishop Road or Monk Road and exit via Cambridge Rd or Monk Rd.

A further reminder that Monday 3th October, after the holiday, is an INSET day, meaning children are back in school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Joe Emissah  
Deputy Head

