

Bishop Road Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Update Letter

The term is racing by with so many memorable events and opportunities having already taken place and the class performances beginning on Monday. Year 5 have spent the afternoon today listening to the author and illustrator Jackie Morris, who has come to share her experiences and talents with the children. Last week Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic model-making workshop with Aardman. The children had a brilliant time learning how to create well-known characters out of clay. Last week, 30 keen mathematicians from Year 6 took part in the Mathematical Association Primary Challenge. All the children rose to the challenge and, as this is a nationwide competition, we are now waiting to see if any have qualified for the next round. Well done to the children in Years 5 and 6 who competed in an inter-school indoor athletics earlier this term as well as those who have been taken forward to represent North Bristol in the county cross-country finals. There are many more competitive events on the horizon and we are excited to see how children get on.

It was good to see so many parents attending the Year 1 Phonics session last week, we hope this supports your understanding and enables you to encourage and nurture your child's journey as a reader. We will issue some follow up videos and resources in the coming weeks. Earlier this week we also welcomed Chris Calland, behavioural specialist, who spoke to parents in KS2 about building resilience and managing anxiety. She has provided some summary slides from her presentation [here](#).

Anti-bullying week

This week, we have been celebrating Anti-Bullying Week. Our theme has been 'Banter or Bullying?'. We kick-started our week with 'Odd Socks Day', a day where the children (and staff!) were invited to wear their odd socks to school with pride. The aim was for us to showcase our individuality and celebrate that everyone is unique. The children also enjoyed class discussions, picture book lessons and a quiz around the theme of bullying. As a school, we have raised £430.69 for the Anti-Bullying Alliance who do important work supporting families and schools. Thank you for your contributions.



Climbing frame

The new climbing frame in the Grant Playground has proven highly popular and gives children a great opportunity to explore, challenge themselves and have great fun. The climbing frame has been designed for children in Year 3 & 4 who, at the beginning of term, we spoke to about how to use the equipment safely. We ask parents and carers to refrain from allowing children to use the climbing frame at drop off or pick up times when it is not supervised by staff.

General reminders

- The yellow lines outside the school are there for the safety of our children and should not be used to park, stop or wait. Penalty notices are issued regularly by enforcement officers.
- Please observe the one-way system at drop off and collection times (enter via Bishop Rd or Monk Rd and leave via Monk or Cambridge Rd) as this helps keep the site calm for children. Your support in this is greatly appreciated.

Finally, thank you to the PTFA who staged the Christmas Market this week which was a great success. Events such as these, and the forthcoming Christmas Cracker next weekend, make a valuable contribution to the school community as well as enabling us to fund some of the exciting opportunities in our enrichment programme.

We look forward to welcoming you in to school in the coming days. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Emissah
Deputy Head

