



Bishops Tawton Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

This week we say goodbye to Reverend Andy Dodwell, who is starting a new exciting appointment in Hereford. The children have lots of fun memories and will miss seeing him cycling around the village and his imaginative and thoughtful stories about Mr Frog and Mr Duck. We thank him for the many assemblies and Christingle and Harvest services he has led over the past 8 years and the influence he has had on the children and our families. The staff and children here at Bishops Tawton Primary will miss him and we wish all the best for Andy and his family for the future.

Harvest

Normally as part of our harvest celebrations we collect and donate food donations to the freedom centre. This year if you prefer you can donate through the shop tab on [eduspot](#). We will then use this money to buy supermarket vouchers for the Freedom centre and Food bank. So far we have raised over £100! If you would like to donate then the cut off date will be Friday 16th October.

Home Learning

If one week you don't receive our home learning by email then please check our [website](#).

Tempest Photos

Please return any Tempest order forms no later than Wednesday 14th October. (These are the class photos taken last year).

Xmas4schools

Over the next couple of weeks your child/ren will be bringing home their Christmas artwork which can be turned into beautiful Christmas cards. Please follow the instructions and complete the order form on the reverse of your child's work clearly and return the form in your child's book bag and teacher's will remind the children to hand them in. Please pay for these items using [eduspot](#) **before** sending them into school, **orders will not be sent unless correct online payment has been received**. Thank you.

Thrift Shop

Thank you for purchasing school uniform from the Thrift shop we have raised nearly £100 for the PTFA fund.

PTFA

The PTFA AGM is Wednesday 14th October @ 7pm, please see [attachment](#) for more details.

Breakfast Club/Cabin Club

Mon-Friday: 7.45am - 8.35am / 3.15pm-5.30pm

All Bookings must be made using the [online booking system](#) and paid for in advance, bookings **will be closed at 2pm on the previous Friday** as we have limited places and are full on some days. You can now book up until Christmas to guarantee your child's place.

Rain coats: The children are outside both for learning and play so please ensure your child has a coat in school every day even when it is sunny.

Parking: We realise that parking is problematic for all of you but please remember to park safely even if this means that you have to walk a short distance. **Do not** park on the opposite side of the busy road or on the zig zags as this causes greater danger. Also please be mindful of residents on Mount Pleasant and the safety of your children when crossing over.

Absence & Lateness:

Please contact the school as soon as possible, by telephone, preferably before 9.00am by ringing 01271 343002. You will be expected to tell us your child's name, class, the reason for the absence and if possible the expected return date. The office staff are helping with the arrival of children in the morning so if no one is available to answer the phone then please leave a message. Please do not use email for this.

Gates close at **8.45am**, your child should be in school by this time. If they are late please use the front gate so that they can report to the office.

Please ring each day your child is absent or is going to be late.

Dates

Wednesday 14th October:

Return date for Tempest photos.

Phonics and Early Reading Workshop with Mrs Paul and Mrs Clark for Codden class parents. Please meet at 9am in the EYFS garden, until collected and escorted to the hall socially distanced. You must wear a mask. Please bring a pen to complete a feedback form.

PTFA AGM at 7pm

Thursday 15th October:

Meet and greet for Lundy class at 9am.

One parent only with a face mask, please wait following social distance guidelines in **Mount Pleasant** until collected (8.45am) and escorted to the hall (this will be once the children are all in school). A mask **MUST** be worn.

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October: Half term

(Term dates are on the [website](#))

With very best wishes

Melanie Smallwood