



Bishops Tawton Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 6th March 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

The children looked amazing on Thursday at our [World Book Day](#) celebration - so thank you for your support with this. The children spent lots of time looking at books and carrying out book related activities both in their classes and family groups. Thanks to Jacqui for making delicious cookies, and to the PTFA for serving hot chocolate at our book swap. Remember to use your voucher to get a new book!

Attendance

'Parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure that their children of compulsory school age receive a suitable full-time education. It is also vital that they encourage their child's regular and punctual attendance at school. If a child is registered at a school then it is vital that they attend on a regular basis'. (DFE)

The Governors have revised our attendance policy and procedures in line with Local Authority expectations. Please read the [policy](#) and link to useful advice from [The Department for Education](#). As you will see from the policy if your child is a persistent absentee you may receive a letter from the school. We hope that the policy helps you to understand the importance of regular attendance and the actions that the school will take.

London Trip

Some of our year 5's are currently in London on their residential, we are looking forward to hearing about their trip next week. Thank you to Mr Burridge, Miss Rhoads, Mrs Smale and Mrs Smallwood for giving up their time so our children can have such a fantastic opportunity.

Reading for enjoyment class rewards

This week the percentage scores on the doors are: Tarka 47% Barum 50% Saunton 80% Lundy 77% and well done to this week's winning class Exmoor 95%.

We are continuing to encourage reading for enjoyment and hope that you can do the same at home. Remind your child to read as often as possible, encourage them to choose different types of text and maybe join them onto the [Devon libraries book track scheme](#).

Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our board of governors. If you have a connection within the community, can offer some of your time and would like to be involved in supporting and moving our school forward please email clerk@bishopstawton-primary.org for more information.

Rosemoor Yr 3 & 4

On Monday years 3 and 4 went to Rosemoor Garden and had a wonderful day. The staff of Rosemoor and members of the public commented on their excellent behaviour over the course of the day. The children took part in a workshop investigating food chains, bug hunting and observational drawing of the flowers that are currently in bloom. Thank you to Mr Mills and Mrs Lisle who accompanied the children.

Library Visit

Barum Class had a super visit to Barnstaple Library. They learnt about the different types of books and resources they can borrow, as well as being librarians themselves by learning to shelve books. Their behaviour was brilliant while at the library and when walking there from school - great ambassadors for BTS! Thank you also to the parents that helped to enable this trip to go ahead.

Pre-school news

We have been celebrating world book week this week. We have been sharing our favourite stories and doing book related activities, colouring and cutting.

Reminder: Morning drop off is between 8.30-9am.

Please adhere to this to allow staff to enter the building and set up the morning activities. Thank you.

[Hungry Little Minds](#) - an app to help you support your child's communication and language. Helpful from birth to 5 years old!
Please follow the link to find out more and download the app.



Hand Washing

Throughout the school we have been encouraging the children to think about [hand washing](#) and whether they are doing it correctly. The children have either taken part in an experiment, watched a video or have talked about how germs may spread and some are now singing 'Happy Birthday' twice because they learnt this is how long it should take to wash them.

Volunteers and DBS checks

We welcome parents and volunteers to help in school and on trips, however, in order to safeguard our children there is an expectation that all volunteers carry out a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) There is no cost to the service and it does not need to be repeated. If you would like to help us out please collect a form from the office. Thank you.

Sports Relief

As Sport Relief Week coincides with Science Week this year, we have decided to celebrate Sport Relief the following week (16-20th March). During the lunchtimes across the week the Year 6 school council members are going to be running sporting activities. On **Friday 20th March** we would like the children to bring in £1 and come in to school dressed as a sports person. We are also doing a sponsored whole school marathon, where each child during their P.E. lesson will run a/some laps of the playground which will equate to approximately 26 miles across the whole school. We ask you for a donation of your choosing to sponsor your child for the whole school marathon.

Parking Safely

We know parking is difficult but parents are **still** parking their cars along the pavement opposite the school. This is a very dangerous place to park and cross, it also obstructs the pavements preventing push chairs from getting past. **DO NOT** park on the zig zags outside school at any time!

Please be respectful to Mount Pleasant residents when parking along this road, park further away and walk, share a car if you can, walk to school if you can. Please remember to use a one way system around Mount Pleasant and avoid using School Lane in order to help traffic flow and to keep our children safe.

We know many of you share our concerns, please contact our local [policing team](#) with any concerns you have. **Please do not use the pre-school car park and walk to school.**

Our parent forum have also asked if parents could think about the environment and turn off their engines while waiting to collect their children.

Diary dates

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

You can also check out our calendar to see what is coming up

March 9th -13th : Science week

Tuesday 10th March: Yr1 visit to the library

Thursday 12th March: Tempest Whole Class photos

Friday 13th March: Yr5 & 6 Rosemoor trip

Wednesday 18th March: Codden Rosemoor trip

Friday 20th March: Sports Relief Day at BTS

Wednesday 25th March pm: KS1 Garden Centre afternoon

End of term: Friday 27th March

Save the date

PTFA BINGO EVENING
Friday 17th April

Tempest Photography

Thursday 12th March Tempest photography will be here to take whole class photos during the school day.

Please make sure your child is in correct school uniform, including plain black or grey socks.

After school clubs next week

Monday: Music (Yr2 upwards) Football (Yr3 upwards)

Thursday: Construction/Boards games (All age groups)

Friday: Irish dancing - Young ones (beginners) 3:15-4:15

Older group 4:15-5:00

*You can book your child into a club using [eduspot](#) for this half term.

*Please check the clubs info for details and make sure your child knows where they should be every day after school, it is not possible for office staff to take last minute calls and organise your children for you. Thank you.

On site After School Child Care - 'CABIN CLUB'

Mon-Friday 3.15-5.30pm

£4.00 per hour including a snack

Please book your child's place using the online [system](#)

Pre-booked places only due to staff ratio

Please make sure your child knows where they should be at the end of the day, every day, before they come to school.

If you need early morning care (from 7.45am) please contact Helen Robinson: 07789488080 or email helenrobinson@rocketmail.com