



Bishops Tawton Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 13th March 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

This week has been British Science week and throughout the school there have been lots of experiments going on dying material using vegetables, printing, planting, predicting and observing. The children have been great scientists and may like to try some more experiments at home with you.

London Trip

Some of our year 5's went to London on their residential last week. They had a busy time visiting many of the sights around London such as the Tower of London, London Eye, Buckingham Palace, River Cruise and went to see the West End show Matilda! The children were a pleasure to take and their behaviour was superb. They have been sharing their excitement with staff and other children in school this week.

Today Years 5 & 6 have gone to Rosemoor Garden and we're sure they are having a wonderful day. Thank you to Mr Mills and Mrs Minns who accompanied the children and our staff.

Hand washing

Our staff have been encouraging the children to frequently wash their hands correctly using warm water and soap. Some are now singing 'Happy Birthday' because they have learnt this is how long it should take to wash them.

Reading for enjoyment class rewards

This week the percentage scores on the doors are: Tarka 55% Barum 66% Exmoor 69% and well done to this week's winning class Saunton 83%.

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](#).

Tesco

On Monday Codden, Tarka and Barum classes had a visit from two ladies from Tesco to talk to them. The children thought about how many miles some fruit and vegetables travel before we get to eat them.

Thank you to Tesco for letting the ladies visit us and for the fruit they brought in to share.

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.

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.

Pre-school news

This week the children have been planting seeds and making labels for the pots. We have started voting for the story of the day.

Please can you encourage your child to use the self-registration board in the morning to make their choice.

[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.



Sports Relief

As Sport Relief Week coincides with Science Week this year, we have decided to celebrate Sport Relief next 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 sportsperson. 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.

NOW CANCELLED

PTFA BINGO EVENING

Friday 17th April

Parking Safely

Please park safely, we don't want a child to be hurt because of careless parking!

Diary dates

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

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

Monday 16th - Friday 20th March: Sports Relief week

Tuesday 17th March: Georgeham Yr3 Meeting 2.45pm (in Saunton class)

Wednesday 18th March: Codden Rosemoor trip

Easter Experience Yrs 3 & 4

Friday 20th March: Sports Relief Day at BTS

Wednesday 25th March pm: KS1 Garden Centre afternoon

End of term: Friday 27th March

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 you 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

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.