



# Bishops Tawton Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

This first half term of 2020 has been a busy one with lots of exciting learning going on throughout all of the year groups. The teachers and staff have been busy planning for lots more fun activities when we return after the half term holidays. Tuesday was international 'Safer Internet Day' and the children shared together in class and family groups their thoughts about staying safe online. Our school [website](#) also has some useful links with information for parents.

### Four ways to keep your child safe online

- Talk regularly about online safety and what they are doing
- Explore their world online together
- Agree rules about what is OK and what is not
- Manage your family settings and controls

### Reading for enjoyment class rewards

This week the percentage scores on the doors are: Tarka 81% Saunton 79% Exmoor 75% Lundy 92% and well done to this week's and this half term's winning class Barum 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 during half term take them to the [library](#) to borrow some books...

### Sports leaders

On Thursday and Friday this week our year 5 children have been fortunate to be working with Mrs Farr completing the Barnstaple sports leadership programme. The skills they learn from this programme will be used when they lead play sessions with our reception and year 1 children. All the children have had a great time learning and it's been loving hearing their enthusiasm when asked about it.

*"It's been great fun and we have learnt lots. We have done sports activities, learnt about how to lead activities and use equipment safely and correctly in the space provided."*

### Healthy Café

Thank you to the Codden parents that came to visit our Healthy Café on Monday. The children enjoyed taking your orders and serving your smoothies and skewers. Check out the photos on our [class blog](#).

### Uniform

Over half term please check your child has the correct uniform for school, including P.E kits. Please name all of this kit so it can be returned easily when found. There are lots of unnamed items in lost property. We encourage our children to look after and to be responsible for their own things and this is much easier for them when the item is clearly named. Please note that black trainers are not school uniform. As always they can be changed into for play time but we expect all children to wear plain black, non-fashion school shoes. It doesn't seem fair that the vast majority of children wear the correct shoes but others are perceived to be allowed to wear trainers. Oversized fashion hair accessories are reappearing and are not permitted. Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate hair accessories for school.

### Save the date

PTFA BINGO EVENING  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

### PTFA

The PTFA disco is tonight  
KS1 530-630pm  
KS2 645-745pm

The closing date for tickets was last Friday, tickets **are not** available on the door.

### Entry to school will be by the front entrance only.

Please note, if your child is on the school medical list as requiring an inhaler then they will need one with them this evening. Parents are responsible for their medical needs.

### Eco-bricks

Thank you to everyone that made and brought in an eco-brick or two. The collection in school has now ended and thank you to Steve who took them to the Quince Honey Farm for a project they are working on.

### Pre-school news

This week we have been focusing on friendships. Hanging in our window are the love hearts we made for our friends. We have also been baking heart shaped cookies. Yummy!

Reminder...please only send water in drinks bottles.

We always have milk and water on offer throughout the day.



### Diary dates

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

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

Valentine Disco: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Half Term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Yr5 Residential: March 5/6<sup>th</sup>

Tempest Whole Class photos: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

### Parking Safely

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

Some suggestions from the police in an email to us are as follows...

- **Walking bus** - Utilise a nearby area (pub car park, open stretch of road) where parents can park and students can be escorted to/from. (This will probably be difficult, but not impossible, in Bishops Tawton)
- **Education** - Continue to push the education to parents.
- **Promote walking/lift sharing**

If you are interested in helping with any of these suggestions then please either let us know or contact the parent forum members.

**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.

### 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](mailto:helenrobinson@rocketmail.com)

There are **no clubs** the first week back after half term.