



# Bishops Tawton Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 30th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **The Past Presents**

KS2 had a great time with The Past Presents workshops on Monday. Jed, James and Jess were great fun and made learning about the Stone Age exciting. *"We had a fantastic time, the children were brilliant and you all looked after us so well. You have a great school!"* The staff and children are grateful to the PTFA for funding the day.

Below are a few of the children's comments about the day...

*Using the flint and steel and was really fun and building Schoolhenge was really cool because we got to see how they actually built Stonehenge.*

*I liked how we got to tie different knots and pretend to scrape the guts off the animal skin.*

*I liked when we could invent things from the different bones, skins and sticks.*

*I enjoyed the hunting activity because we got to see how people in the Stone Age would have caught their food.*

*I liked the scavenger hunt for the mushrooms and decorating the teepee tent.*

*The people running the workshops were really fun, hilarious, kind and awesome. They made the activities really fun which helped us learn more. They spread out all the information throughout the day so our brains didn't get overloaded.*

## **PTFA**

The PTFA were delighted to fully fund the Stone Age visitor for KS2 this week. We hear from the children it was a great success with them all learning lots and even getting to hunt a Mammoth! Thank you to the KS2 staff for organising it.

## **Bikeability**

Some children from Year 5 and 6 have been taking part in Bikeability over the last couple of weeks and there is another group later on in the term. Thank you to Mr Jewell and Mr Bosence for running these sessions and making them so enjoyable.

## **School times**

We have noticed an increase in children arriving late to school (After 8.45am) as well as an increase in appointments being made for children during the school day meaning they are leaving school early and missing out on key learning. Please try to make appointments to fit around the school day unless there is an exceptional reason.

The school gates are open from **8.30 -8.45am**, please ensure your child is in school in time for register at 8.45am. After this time they will be marked as a late arrival. The school day ends at **3.15pm**, we try to get the children out as promptly as we safely can. Please wait patiently for your child to leave the school site when they're told by a member of staff.

When dropping off and picking up at the back gate please try to park and let your child/ren out rather than dropping them off in the road and blocking the traffic. We realise it's a busy time but we don't want any accidents to happen.

## **Breakfast and Cabin Club – IMPORTANT**

If you know which days you require childcare then please book in advance to avoid disappointment, the bookings are now open until the end of half term.

Booking closes at 2pm on a Friday but we advise you don't leave it until the Friday to guarantee a booking. We have limited spaces due to our staffing.

## **Dates:**

Monday 3rd May - Bank holiday

Friday 28th May - Last day before half term

Monday 14th June - First day in school after half term

Friday 23rd July - Last day of term

Best wishes

Melanie Smallwood