



Bishops Tawton Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 28th February 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day! This year the children are welcome to come to school either dressed as a character from a book or they can wear their pyjamas - all ready for story time! During the afternoon we will be holding our annual book swap where each child can bring a good quality book/books that they have finished with and swap them for a different book. All we ask is that children bring in a book that is appropriate for their age - this is so there are enough suitable books for the older children in school. At the book swap, the children will also be able to enjoy hot chocolate and a delicious biscuit. The children will spend the afternoon in their family groups and take part in book related activities.
Happy Reading!

Reading for enjoyment class rewards

This week the percentage scores on the doors are: Tarka 64% Barum 81% Saunton 88% Exmoor 75% and well done to this week's winning class Lundy 93%. 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 them to the [library](#) to borrow some books.

Save the date

PTFA BINGO
EVENING
Friday 17th April

Online Safety

Please find below some useful online safety information from Internetmatters.org
Online safety tips for [0-5 year olds](#)
Online safety tips for [6-10 year olds](#)

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.

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.

Pre-school news

This week we have been enjoying pancakes! We have tried different toppings and voted for which we liked the best. We have been using the pancake ingredients in our sensory role play outside. The older children had a go at making their own pancakes by following a recipe.
Next week is World book day. We are inviting the children to bring in their favourite book to share with their friends.



Diary dates

(Term dates are on the [website](#))
You can also check out our calendar to see what is coming up
Yr 3&4 Rosemoor trip: 2nd March
Yr2 Library trip: 3rd March
World Book Day: 5th March
Yr5 Residential: March 5/6th
Tempest Whole Class photos: Thursday 12th March
End of term: Friday 27th March

Parking Safely

Our children both in the School Council and classes have been talking about the traffic speed and parking issues we have both at the front and rear of school. Please listen to the children if they talk to you about these issues.

Uniform

Please check your child has the correct uniform for school, including P.E kits. **Please name all of this** so it can be returned easily when found. 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.

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.

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

After school clubs next week

Monday: Music (Yr2 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.