



Bishops Tawton Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 20th December 2019

Dear Parents/carers,

This week we say a big thank you to Jaqui and Susie for cooking us a delicious Christmas meal, the children had a wonderful time listening to music and eating together, some even wore their own party hats.

There are lots of Christmas photos on our [website](#).

Father Christmas came to visit the children today and brought a gift for all of them... THANK YOU SANTA!

Thank you for your donations for the reverse advent calendar ; it has been lovely to see how keen the children are to give to others. Mrs James and Teresa delivered the gifts to Little Bridge House and Caroline Thorpe Ward yesterday and they were both extremely grateful to receive them.

Curriculum

Next term the children will be studying 'Plants and Growing' in both KS1 and KS2, reception class and pre-school will be thinking about 'Growing and Changing',

You can find our curriculum maps on the [website](#).

Reading for enjoyment class rewards

This week the percentage scores on the doors are: Tarka 46% Barum 46% Saunton 77% Lundy 74% and well done to this week's (and this half term) winning class is Exmoor with 83%! Well done!

The children that have read four times every week will be recognised at the beginning of the new term.

Pre-school news

This week we have made and decorated two gingerbread houses, one stood up, and one fell down!

The children really enjoyed their Christmas party and they sang beautifully for their parents. Thank you to all the parents and carers who bought food and helped out.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



PARKING WARNING

We know parking is difficult but unfortunately we have been informed that parents are still parking their cars along the pavement opposite the school and in Mount Pleasant. This obstructs the pavements preventing pedestrians and 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.

PTFA

Christmas events: Christmas market we made £1100.00

Christmas shop we made £120.00 Christmas cards: £183 thank you again for all your help and support

Next Meeting: Friday 10th January 8.45am in the Cabin

I would like to thank all the PTFA members for their hard work this term. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes beforehand that make our events and treats for the children possible. If you were a setter upper, present shopper, stall organiser, cake baker, present wrapper, Santa's helper, raffle ticket folder, hamper maker, poster designer, biscuit baker or even a bottle tombola collector...

THANK YOU!

Reminders...A new year a new start...

Uniform

We are proud of our high standards in school, this includes the uniform code. Please make sure your child has the correct uniform and shoes for the new year. If they do not you must write a note of explanation. Also, please make sure **all** items of clothing are named so they can be returned easily.

Morning Routines

Before school starts, teachers are preparing for the day ahead in their classrooms so please avoid disturbing them. Please follow protocol and let your children come into class independently in the mornings when they are met on the playground at 8.35am. Please note children from Saunton class upwards should use the large side gate (at 8.35am) when arriving via the bottom playground.

Lateness

We have noticed an increase in children arriving late after registration. Register closes at **8.45am**, your child must be in school by this time. If they are late you will have to sign them in at the main office. Please note your child is not supervised after 3.15pm or before 8.35am.

Sickness

It can be upsetting when children seem fine but are unable to attend school due to sickness but please note if your child has been unwell at home with sickness and/ or diarrhoea please keep your child off school for a minimum of 48 hours following the last episode of illness. When your child returns to school we ask that they are well enough to be eating their normal diet.

Eye/skin infections should be treated and cleared before returning back to school. Thank you.

100% Attendance

Well done to all the children who achieved their bronze attendance award today!

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

First day back in school: Monday 6th January 2020

Half Term: Monday 17th - 21st February



As we finish another busy term and end another year I'd like to thank you for supporting your children on their learning journey and wish you a very merry Christmas, health and happiness in the New Year!

With very best wishes
Melanie Smallwood



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

No after school clubs first week back