



Bishops Tawton Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

We have been back at school for two weeks now and the children have settled into their routines amazingly. I realise that it is very strange for you as parents not being able to see the classrooms or converse with the teachers at drop off and pick up times and we want to help you to feel better about this. If there are any issues with your children the teachers will contact you. You can also arrange an appointment to talk to them via families email or by calling the office if you would like to discuss a matter in detail.

We are inviting the reception parents in next week to catch up with the teachers on how their children are doing, what they are learning etc... and addressing any questions they may have. If this socially distanced meeting is successful we aim to hold them for other class groups in coming weeks.

The class blogs will be opening on the [website](#) over the next week and teachers will add photographs as often as they can so that you can see what your child is doing.

We have had a request for teachers to communicate via email, however, this process was specifically used to communicate with children who were doing their school work at home during lockdown. It is very time consuming and the teachers are now seeing the children everyday so there is no need for this to restart unless we have another lockdown or a zone has to be isolated. (see protocol)

We do understand how some of you feel as the children are not all able to share their day with you but rest assured they are being very well looked after by our amazing staff team and we are all really pleased with how well they are doing!

Social Media

By now you would have completed your revised pupil information form (pink form). Please note that you have signed to agree not to use any kind of social media to air your concerns about the school. Unfortunately, it has been brought to my attention that this has been the case. We are not able to deal with your concerns if you don't direct them to us; more often than not there is a straight forward solution to a problem that can be dealt with amicably.

We welcome constructive feedback and ideas, especially during this time of restrictions but please put them to us politely. Thank you.

Monday New drop off pick up regime: We have decided to ease congestion at the front of school by requesting that all Year 3 children without siblings enter and leave at the back gate with the Year 4s from Monday.

We would also like you to try using a one way system for pick up at the bottom gate. Please queue down school lane, we will call the children to the parents at the front of the queue, you will then leave towards the Arms houses exit (where the zigzags are) If this doesn't improve social distancing we will have to consider staggered end times for the day.

Could pre-school parents also wait in the lane when collecting, you are not permitted to enter the school site other than waiting on the grassed area in the Early Years garden in the morning.

Healthy Snacks

If your child brings a snack in to school it has to be **fruit or vegetable** based: snack bars, chocolate bars, crisps and cake are not permitted. All children up to and including year 2 are provided with a fruit/vegetable snack every day.

Parking: We realise that parking is problematic for all of you but please remember to park safely even if this means that you have to walk a short distance. **Do not** park on the opposite side of the busy road or on the zig zags as this causes greater danger. Also please be mindful of residents on Mount Pleasant and the safety of your children when crossing over.

Lateness: Gates close at **8.45am** your child should be in school by this time. If they are late please use the front gate so that they can report to the office.

Dates

Wednesday 23rd September Meet and greet for Codden class at 9.am: One parent only with a face mask, wait in Early Years garden until escorted to the hall.

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

[Breakfast Club/Cabin Club](#)

Mon-Friday: 7.45am - 8.35am / 3.15pm-5.30pm

£4.00 per session including breakfast / **snack**

All Bookings must be made using the [online booking system](#) and paid for in advance, we ask that if possible bookings are made for the following week by 2pm on the previous Friday due to staff ratio.

There will be no after school clubs this term.

With very best wishes
Melanie Smallwood