



Friday 22nd October

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy half term in school, the children have settled well into their classes and have engaged really well with their learning and the addition of some activities off the school site. We had thought that we would be able to open up further school community activities, but this past week has shown that the virus is very much still there and the impact of isolation on both staff and children is significant. We now need to consider this when planning for the next half term and the Christmas period.

Thank you for your patience and continued understanding around this.

### **Children's mental health**

There remains a huge focus on wellbeing and mental health as we navigate life through a pandemic. Anxiety can play a part on this journey and we are keen to support children and families who may be feeling this. Please talk with the class teachers if you have concerns about school and our pastoral team will support. Please find the Thrive activity sheet for you to use over the holiday to support your child if you wish or [follow the link](#).

### **PTFA Christmas Cards**

During this week in school the children have been designing their Christmas Cards.

Hopefully, they have brought home the artwork, with a barcode on the back and some instructions telling you how to place an order with [Art Projects for Schools](#). All orders will help raise money for the PTFA.

Once you have placed your order the artwork needs to be brought back into school and handed to the class teacher **no later than Tuesday 2nd November**.

If your child hasn't had the opportunity to complete their Christmas card due to, unfortunately, being off school this week then they are welcome to complete their own design at home, the [guidelines for completing can be found here](#). We will then give your child a barcode on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November for you to put on the back of the artwork and **place your order at home**, you then must return the Artwork on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

Unfortunately, if you miss the deadline then the PTFA will not benefit from your order and you will need to upload the artwork directly and you will be charged postage for your order.

### **Tempest Photography – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

We have Tempest Photography in school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November to take photographs. This year Tempest will take individual and sibling photos of children within our school setting and this will be during the school day.

If your child usually has P.E on a Monday then please send them in wearing their school uniform. (They can still wear their trainers for a P.E session as the photo is just head and shoulders. They DO NOT need their P.E kit bringing into school).

### **Open Afternoon – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Please find attached a flyer for prospective families for September 2022 intake. Please pass on to anyone you know that may be interested.

## **Poppy Appeal 2021**

If you would like to donate to the Poppy Appeal this year then we have a Bishops Tawton Primary School [just giving page where you can donate.](#)

## **PTFA AGM**

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the AGM this week. We are delighted to have been able to elect a new committee. We welcome Jo Carter as Chair person, she will be supported by our previous co – chairs Sam and Sarah. We are very grateful that Simon Mills will remain as secretary and Claire Ridyard as treasurer. We welcome everyone to join the PTFA meetings as you are all members. We hope to be able to plan some exciting and manageable activities for next half term.

Please join our closed facebook page 'Bishops Tawton PTFA'.

The next meeting will be on 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm – a link will be shared nearer the time as we may need to meet through TEAMS.

## **Dates:**

**Monday 25th - Friday 29th October** - Half term

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – PTFA Christmas Card deadline for Artwork to be returned to school

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November** - PTFA meeting 7pm

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November** - Tempest photography individual photos

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent Forum meeting 8.45am

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of term

Wishing you all a happy half term,

Melanie Smallwood