



# Bishops Tawton Primary School Newsletter

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Learning

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

Thank you for being so patient this week and allowing us to work out the best course of action for our school community, it has been a real challenge with changes being placed upon us from day to day. The children have been fabulous and have kept our spirits high. You will have received learning resources for the children who are staying at home; any children who are attending school next week will follow similar activities. The children have been thinking of ideas to keep busy at home, we were pleased that most of the ideas involved practical activities, this helped them to stay positive about the prospect of spending time with their families. We have also provided some helpful information for staying positive and healthy at home, check our website for these.

We will continue to share information with you as and when we have it. Please check the [government](#) and [Devon County Council](#) websites daily for up to date announcements.

Next week we will be able to spend time gathering advice and planning a way forward for our school, our aim will always be to provide the best that we can for our children. We will look to the future for ideas about how we can best tackle this extreme circumstance in order to put them and their primary school experience first. We have already been able to postpone two of our residential trips which gives those children something to look forward to. We hope to be able to plan lots more exciting activities once we are able to return to school.

**Free School Meals:** If your child is entitled to free school meals and you would still like to access this service please let us know and we will do our best to support you with this.

**Stay safe on the internet:** The internet is going to be an important tool while we need to self-isolate and will play a powerful part keeping families connected throughout this time. As always we encourage our families to take the time to be sure you know the websites your child/ren are accessing, the age appropriate games they're playing and limit the time they are using the internet. Give children a time they will need to switch off during the day or evening. A tip given to some of our staff on recent training is to set an alarm for every 20/30 minutes so the children know that when the alarm goes off they need to go and take part in 10 minutes activity (star jumps, skipping, jogging on the spot etc) in the garden and have a drink.

Below are some helpful links to keep your children safe, some more can be found on our [website](#):

[Uk Safer Internet Centre](#)

[Think U Know](#)

[Roblox checklist](#)

[TikTok checklist \(age 13+\)](#)

[Snapchat checklist \(age 13+\)](#)

**Music lessons:** Please contact Rebecca Barrow [rjbarrow21@gmail.com](mailto:rjbarrow21@gmail.com) or Gary Mitchell [info@gazzamit.co.uk](mailto:info@gazzamit.co.uk) direct for queries about music lessons.

**Irish Dancing:** Please contact Nikki for queries about Irish dancing [irishjiggirl@gmail.com](mailto:irishjiggirl@gmail.com)

## Pre-school news

This week we have been making Mother's day gifts. We hope you enjoy them.



Thank you for your kind words and understanding during these uncertain times. We hope you all stay safe and well and we will see you all soon.

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

School closed to majority of children from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

With very best wishes to you, your families and loved ones at this unusual and very difficult time.

### 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.**

Melanie Smallwood

### After school clubs next week

NO clubs for the foreseeable future