



Dear Parents/carers,

As we reach the end of the spring term I would like to take the opportunity to thank the school staff for all of their hard work, dedication and commitment to ensuring your children are safe, happy and learning. It has been lovely seeing and hearing the children playing and laughing around the school.

Fortunately, the Easter Bunny managed to visit school this week and the children have had great fun hunting for their eggs. Thank you Easter Bunny and PTFA! I hope that, with some restrictions lifting next term that we will be able to plan some more fun activities but we will have to follow any guidance and safety measures.

#### **After school care**

Our after school paid child care will run for an additional hour as requested but we have needed to use our teaching staff to enable this as there were no applications for the post. Please help us by ensuring that all bookings are made for the following week **no later than 2pm on the previous Friday**. Bookings for the new term will close on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm**. The [new procedures](#) including fees, cancellations and collections start from the Summer term so please make sure you have read these.

The job is still available if you know anyone who might be interested please refer them to the school office.

#### **PTFA**

The PTFA have met and are looking to plan some activities for the summer term. We hope that we will be able to join our school community together more during the summer months and look forward to hearing about their ideas.

#### **Pre-school**

Our pre-school setting has been running well, numbers here will also be able to rise as restrictions lift. The Early Years team are working closely together and Codden class will mixing more with Taw next term.

#### **Parent Consultations**

I hope your parent consultations were useful, please don't hesitate to contact school if you would like further discussions with teachers. Annual reports will be issued later this year and transition day will also be later, you will receive your child's report on the 9th July and children will visit their new classes on 16th July. This allows more time for teachers to work with and assess children since full reopening.

#### **Labels**

To help enable the return of misplaced school clothing then please make sure ALL items are clearly labelled with **your** child's name. If you have purchased clothing from the school thrift shop or handed it to another family member or friend then please make sure the previous owners name has been removed and **your** child's name is now inside.

#### **Positive COVID-19 Tests over the Easter holidays**

We will continue to monitor our admin email address for the first few days of the Easter holidays. We ask that if any children test positive for COVID during the first four days after we break up, until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April, you contact the school on [admin@bishopstawton-primary.org](mailto:admin@bishopstawton-primary.org) and provide us with the following details; your child's name, the date of the positive test and when their symptoms began. We will contact parents of children who need to isolate once we have liaised with the DfE and or SW Health Protection Team.

If your child or someone in the household develops symptoms or tests positive later on during the Easter holiday, please ensure that they complete the full isolation period before returning to school.

Email [admin@bishopstawton-primary.org](mailto:admin@bishopstawton-primary.org) or ring the school office at the start of term to let us know that they are isolating.

I hope you have a restful Easter holiday and are able to spend time with your loved ones.

Very Best wishes

Melanie Smallwood