



Bishops Tawton Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back to our new year! We welcome 30 reception children to Codden class this year, they have settled well this week and are looking forward to staying all day next week. The older children will be able to get to know them more then. We also welcome Chloe and Sam who have joined Tarka and Exmoor classes this week. We hope you have fun with us! The topics this term are all about being British...look out for the dragons!

We have heard from our Year 7s who have all had a great start to secondary school so far. We wish them luck and look forward to them visiting us.

School Organisation/ Parent Forum

The staff have been working hard organising systems in school, some of which have changed. Please bear with us with some of these changes as there may be teething problems. We are always happy to review and discuss ways forward.

We will be setting up our **parent forum** again this term. This group allows you to get more involved in school activities and to help with improving our school. We will meet once a term to discuss a topic of your choice or for us to seek your views on ideas etc... We would like a parent to represent each year group. If you are interested please email families@bishopstawton-primary.org with ideal times for you to meet. Many thanks.

PPA Every week our teachers are entitled to 10% non-class based time to plan, prepare and assess. In Key Stage 2 this happens on a Wednesday pm. This year we are introducing a four group rotation (Y3,4,5 and 6) Each week one group will go to Tarka Gym with a member of staff for a gymnastics/PE session. This is an amazing opportunity for them; we have subsidized the cost as we do with swimming but still need a parental contribution to meet transport costs. Our first group to try it are Year 6.

Parking and Safety: We have more children on roll than ever before which is great but it does mean we have more cars needing to park in a limited space.

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, avoid using School Lane, travel through Mount Pleasant in a clockwise direction leaving at the far end, **DO NOT** park on the pavement, **DO NOT** park on the zig zags (push chairs cannot get by and drivers view is obstructed putting our children in danger) Make sure your child is aware of road safety. Thank you

Holiday Requests:

Please note that **NO** holiday requests will be authorised unless there is an exceptional reason. You may be subject to a fine of £60 per parent if you choose to take your child out of school for an unauthorised holiday. Please see the [website](#) for the 2018/19 term dates and absence policy.

PTFA (Parent, Teacher and Friends Association)

The first meeting of the school year is planned for next Thursday 13th September at 2.15pm. Please come along and help us plan our activities and events for the Autumn term.

If you are not able to come but would like to get involved, please email families@bishopstawton-primary.org and we will pass on your interest. Thank you!

***Wanted: Pre-loved Pairs of Wellies, waterproof coats (lightweight) and waterproof trousers in all sizes from age 7 to 11 for our forest school activities *** (hand in to Natalee in Codden class or the office thank you)

Pre-School

Welcome back to a new school year. We have lots of new children starting and we look forward to getting to know them and their families.

This term our topic will be 'fairy tales'. We have started this week by reading 'The Three Little Pigs' and using what we have learnt in the books in our role play. We would like to encourage children to wear our preschool uniform. It saves the children from getting their home clothes dirty and makes them feel part of school. The T-shirts are available to buy from preschool for £6.00. Sweatshirts and cardigans are available to order [online](#).

Toddler Group: Based at St John the Baptist Church every Monday from 10 am til 11.30 am



School Kit: Thank you for sending your children with suitable bags, it has made a huge difference to the cloakroom areas. I have found that there are lots of lovely 'back pack style' lunch box bags available too! Please **DO NOT** send your child with a back pack, they only need their book bag for books and a packed lunch box/bag if they have one.

Not all children have remembered their PE kits this week, these should remain in school in PE draw string bags, all items must be named.

Thrift shop: We have lots of school jumpers, fleeces and cardigans in various sizes as well as 'grey wear' and polo shirts. £1 per item.

DATES

Next Weds pm Year 6 first visit to Tarka Gym; Don't forget your PE kit!

Tiverton Castle trips: Tuesday 18th (Barum) and Wednesday 19th September (Tarka)

Year 6 trip to West Buckland Sports event Friday 21st September

Harvest Festival 27th September in the afternoon

Half term: Mon 22nd - Friday 26th October

With very best wishes

Melanie Smallwood

On site After School Child Care - 'CABIN CLUB'

Mon-Friday 3.15-5.30pm-strictly

£3.60 per hour including a snack

Please call to enquire and book your child's place for each week

01271 343002 families@bishopstawton-primary.org

Pre-booked places only due to staff ratio

Please note you will be issued a fine if your child is collected any later than 5.30pm

If you need early morning care (from 7.45am) please contact Helen Robinson: 07789488080 or email helenrobinson@rocketmail.com

After school clubs next week

Please see additional **clubs chart** to check for age groups, children can register on the day but please make sure they know what they are doing in advance so that the office staff can maximize their time. Notes can be sent to class teacher in home learning books if needed.

Thank you.

Mon: Football, Music, Surf Club

Tues: Irish Dancing, Construction

Weds: Netball (KS2)

Thurs: Drama, Soccer



Munch Time Menu

Price £2.20

MUNCHBOX FILLINGS: Ham*, Cheese, Chicken* or Tuna unless stated (order at registration in class)

ALL MEALS PROVIDED WITH THE PUDDING OPTION AND A DRINK

Week Beginning: Monday 10th September, 2018

DAY	MUNCH MEAL	VEGGIE MUNCH	MUNCHBOX	PUDDING
MON	Oven baked Fish Fillet with Mashed Potato or Wholewheat Pasta, Peas, Side Salad & Ketchup	Vegetable Nuggets with Mashed Potato or Wholewheat Pasta, Peas, Side Salad & Ketchup	Roll with choice of filling and Choice of Fruit & Salad or Chicken Soup with roll	Devonshire Sultana Scones, Mixed Fruit Jam & Cream, Fresh Fruit or Yogurt Milk or Water
TUES	Homemade Sweet & Sour Chicken* with mixed vegetables & Noodles & Chinese Crackers	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Side Salad	Sandwich with choice of filling and Choice of Fruit & Salad or Vegetable Soup	Meringue Nests with Sliced Peaches, Fresh Fruit or Yogurt Milk or Water
WEDS	Homemade Beef* Bolognaise Sauce with Spaghetti. Peas, Garlic Bread & Side Salad	Homemade Vegetable Pasta Pot with sprinkle of cheese, Garlic Bread & Side Salad	Wrap with choice of filling and Choice of Fruit & salad	Homemade Ginger Shortie, Fresh Fruit or Yogurt Milk or Water
THURS	Jacket Potato with Tuna, Gammon Ham* or Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato & Cucumber and a choice of any other salad item i.e., coleslaw, celery, pasta salad, peppers, beetroot, Salad Cream or Mayonnaise	Cheese & Onion Slice with salad as main dinner	Bacon* Roll or Roll with choice of filling and Choice of Fruit & Salad or Tomato Soup with roll	Homemade Madeleine Sponge, Fresh Fruit or Yogurt Milk or Water
FRI	Oven baked Chicken Fillet Bites in a Light Batter & Potato Wedges with Sweetcorn, Side Salad & Ketchup	Jacket Potato & Cheese with Side Salad	Wrap with choice of filling and Choice of Fruit & salad	BT Selection Day Milk or Water

All Items Subject To Availability

***All fresh meats are from Philip Dennis Family Butcher in Barnstaple
Please see kitchen for allergy advice if required**