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Newsletter: Monday 17th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to school everyone. I hope you all enjoyed the long summer break and that you all spent many happy hours with your children, friends and family. I hope everyone is feeling refreshed and ready for a new school year. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all the children and families who are new to The Bishops' Church of England Learning Academy, those in Reception and also throughout Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. I sincerely hope that your children will be really happy here with us and look forward to getting to know you all throughout the year. We also welcome several new members of staff to the learning team: Miss Charlotte Dolbear (Tolcarne Class), Ms Judith Hine (Gannel Class), Mrs Lisa Stone (Harbour Class), Mrs Kirsty Fisher (Perran Class) and Mrs Sarah McHugh (Porth Class). We also welcome Mrs Charlene Champion and Miss Sam Martin - our new Lunchtime Supervisors.

As you may be aware, during the summer holidays the Academy had a number of building projects completed. These include the creation of the new Tolcarne Class with additional cloakroom and walkway, the creation of a fully functional changing and shower room and refurbishment of existing facilities. We now have two sets of Chromebook laptops giving us a set of 30 for Key Stage 1 and a set of 30 for Key Stage 2. These machines are much faster than the previous desktops and in addition can be taken to the classroom/outside, instead of in situ. Therefore the ICT suite has now been remodelled into a resource and Planning, Preparation and Assessment area for staff.

One final piece of news - Kay Crosse has stepped down as Chair of the Bishops' Local Advisory Board. We thank Kay for all of her hard work and support during her years of service and congratulate her on her new role as Chair of the TLAT Board of Trustees. Jo Harrison is now our new Chair of the Local Advisory Board and we look forward to working together throughout the year.

This term is an action-packed and busy one. Whilst visiting each class each day, I have been very impressed with the children's enthusiasm towards their learning. It is important for our children to feel as safe and secure as they can be as they take on new challenges and step into the next chapter of their educational journey. Please remember that, in order to do this, we need to continue to work together. Your child's class teacher has an open door policy and is happy to help with any queries or questions about any aspect of your child's learning. Everyone here at The Bishops' wants the very best for all our children and we are here to listen and support in whichever way we can!

Kind Regards

Mr M Bowen
(Head of School)

Early Birds Club – Sept 2018

Current before school provision 'Early Birds', runs every morning from 8am until registration. During this time the children receive a healthy, nutritious breakfast snack and juice of their choice.

From September 2018 the cost of these sessions is £2 per child and will need to be pre-booked and pre-paid on Parent-Pay. This is very reasonable when compared with other providers.

If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) funding there is no cost and you will not be able to book on Parentpay. Your child will be booked in at the door. Please see the Office if you require more information.

Confirmation of costings Sept 2018

Pre-booking and payment on Parent Pay = £2.00 per session.
Arrival on the morning without Pre-booking = £2.50 per session.

Quick Guide to booking on Parentpay :-

1. Go to Bookings
2. Click on Make and View Bookings
3. Change Lunch to Morning
4. You will now be able to select days and pay for your bookings

Swimming Lessons

We are delighted that this year we will be extending our swimming lessons to include Year 1 for the first time!

Each class from Year 1 to Year 6 will receive a 6 week block of 1 hour lessons during the academic year.

From September we have introduced a nominal charge of £9 for a 6 week block of lessons which can be paid on Parentpay in one payment or 6 weekly payments of £1.50.

Your child will receive a letter before their lessons start giving details of swimming dates and inviting you to make payment for the lessons.

Your contributions will go towards the cost of the hire of Waterworld and providing qualified swimming instructors.

We believe that these lessons will be invaluable to your child, and we are committed to ensuring, that every child will be able to swim at least 25meters by the time they leave us to start secondary school.

The remaining cost of providing these lessons will be funded by school.

The Great Fire of London

The Bishops' Year 2 were very excited on Friday 7th September when they were joined by Newquay Fire Brigade who helped them to burn London down! The experience helped the children to explore a sense of what the Great Fire of London might have been like and why the fire got out of control so quickly. They look forward to visiting the team at the station later this term where they will discuss fire safety in more detail ahead of Bonfire Night.



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Newquay relief

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Duty hours as and when required
£8.07 per hour



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Diary Dates

18th Sept—Brighter Smiles Tooth brushing Club visit Nursery Little Fistril

20th Sept—SEN Coffee Morning in School 9am to 10.30am.

1st Oct—Individual Photographs of all children taken today.

1st Oct and 2nd Oct—EYFS Reception Class Parent Meetings 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Please see the office for an appointment.

4th Oct— Harvest Festival at St Michael's Church for Year 2 upwards at 9.30am.

16th Oct—Trip to Newquay Fire Station.

16th Oct—Learning Cafes from 2.45pm.

1st Nov—School Disco more details to follow.

6th and 7th Nov — Parent Meetings 3.30pm to 5.30pm, (please note Crantock Class will have their Parent Meetings on 6th and 8th Nov).

6th and 7th Nov—Book Fair in school hall from 3.30pm.

16th Nov—Children in Need Day.

5th Dec—Christmas Decorating Event.

5th Dec—Christmas Lunch for pupils.

6th and 7th Dec—Christmas Stalls for children.

11th Dec—EYFS to Eden for Infants on Ice.

13th/14th Dec—Panto at Lane Theatre for Y1 to Y6.

14th Dec—Learning Cafes for each class from 2.45pm.

14th Dec— Christmas Jumper Day.

17th Dec—KS2 Christmas Concert at St Michael's Church.

18th Dec— KS1 Nativity (2 performances).

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN OUR INSET DAY TO 20TH DECEMBER.

Term Dates for 2018-2019

Autumn Term

4.09.2018 to 19.10.2018

29.10.2018 to 20.12.2018

Spring Term

07.01.2019 to 15.02.2019

25.02.2019 to 05.04.2019

Summer Term

23.04.2019 to 24.05.2019

03.06.2019 to 25.07.2019

BANK HOLIDAYS and INSET Days for 2018-19

19.10.2018

20.12.2018

25.02.2019

06.05.2019 **May Bank Holiday**

24.07.2019

25.07.2019

Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently 97.5%.

