



Friday 11th February 2022

Football

A team of year 5 and 6 girls went to the Park Community School this week to take part in the Primary Schools Girls Football competition. There were six teams and after an unfortunate loss in their first game the girls played with great enthusiasm, giving each other lots of encouragement and went on to win their next four games. The surprise on the girl's faces when they realised they had won was great to see. Thank you to all that helped the event go ahead. Photos can be found [on the website](#).

Saunton Class

This week Saunton Class welcomed Dr Alice Mills into class who has a PhD in Astrophysics. She delivered a light workshop for the children and remarked on how knowledgeable and inquisitive they were. The children's behaviour was outstanding throughout. Thank you Dr Mills for giving up your time to visit.

Half Term Holiday activities

We have received lots of half term holiday activity flyers advertising events that are on. All these can be found on our [website](#).

After school Clubs

Please find attached to this email the clubs list for the second half of Spring Term 2022. **Please note, these clubs are different to the last half term.**

Club bookings are for the whole half term and will be available to book via [Eduspot](#) later today. Once you have made a booking your child is booked in until we break up for Easter so please only book if your child can attend each week. The bookings are first come first serve and bookings will close once the clubs are full. You will receive an email next week to confirm your child's place in the club.

Unfortunately, we currently don't have the capacity to offer more clubs at the moment. However, if you are able to offer to run an after-school club in the future then please get in contact, letting us know what you are able to do and we will happily discuss this further with you.

For **all** Eduspot bookings/payments, please **always** 'Check out' (top right basket) otherwise we do not receive your booking or payment.

Parent Forum

Thank you to those that attended on Wednesday evening. We had lots of positive discussion and the minutes will be available on our website soon.

World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day, we would like the children to dress up as their favourite book character on Friday 4th March.

Drop off and Collection of children

We appreciate drop off and pick up times can be challenging but please find a safe place to park when you drop off/collect your child. Both staff, neighbours and parents are concerned about children being dropped off and picked up when vehicles are in a line of slow moving traffic.

The back gate will be opened at 3.10 to allow parents to meet KS2 children on the top playground at 3:15.

(Parents can walk up/down to the top/bottom playgrounds to collect their children, KS2 children may join siblings on bottom playground if required).

PTFA

January has been and gone, the lighter nights are upon us and we are starting to put together some plans for all the children!

Below is some information regarding upcoming events.

Some dates for your calendars are:

Friday 18th February – Sweet Sale afterschool

Wednesday 2nd March – 7.30pm PTFA meeting, venue TBC

Wednesday 6th April – Spring Fayre

On-going – Asda green token scheme

While it is too chilly for ice lolly sales we will be holding some variations over the next few months until it is warmer. On the first occasion it will be a sweet sale, which will consist of pre-bagged sweets at 50p per bag sold after school on the top and bottom playgrounds. Older children are welcome to bring in their money with them into school and purchase as they leave at the end of the day. The bags cater for vegetarians and please make sure you have the correct change for us.

PTFA Meeting- All parents are welcome to join the PTFA committee at any time throughout the year and we hope to be back meeting in person really soon. We are always grateful for help, ideas and support so please speak to any of us if you would like to know some more information about being part of the committee or being a PTFA helper.

Spring Fayre – this will be much like previous Summer and Christmas Fayres but we have switched it up this year to have a different theme. There will be stalls and activities for your children to take part in with lots of ideas which we are busy planning. The event will be held straight after school and we will be set up for you to come and visit us as soon as you collect your children at the end of the day. We hope for some sunshine and it will be lovely to have families on site with some fun thrown in! If you would be able to volunteer some time on the day then please let us know, even half an hour would be very much appreciated and helpful for us.

Last week we had confirmation that the PTFA have been nominated for the Asda Green Token scheme. Our PTFA is up against two other organisations, the winner will receive £500, second place receive £400 and third place receive £300. All money that we raise/receive throughout the year goes back into the school and is beneficial to all the children during their time at Bishops Tawton so your votes are really important to us and we are very grateful. Due to covid changing how businesses conduct their schemes the vote is now online; please visit asda.com/green-tokens search for Barnstaple and then select Bishops Tawton PTFA. Please ask family and friends to support us if they wish, you can vote weekly and you can use multiple devices to cast a vote. This will be ongoing for a few weeks so please try and vote as often as you can. Thank you 😊

Finally, a reminder that throughout the year if you come across a Christmas jumper lurking in the bottom drawer that will not be needed by your children then please send it into school and we will keep hold of it for our thrift shop later in the year. The school also collect school uniform and you can often grab a bargain if your children have had a sudden growth spurt!

Thank you for your continued support, your PTFA

Dates:

Friday 18th February – Sweet Sale afterschool

21-25th February - Half Term

Wednesday 2nd March – 7.30pm PTFA meeting, venue TBC

Friday 4th March – BTS World Book Day

Tuesday 15th March – Dental talk for parents 9am

Wednesday 6th April – Spring Fayre