



Friday 4th February 2022

Netball

A group of year 5 and 6 children went to Park school on Wednesday to take part in the Barnstaple Primary Schools Netball Tournament. It is a great tournament organised by Chris Farr and the Park School sports leaders. It was lovely to see former Bishops Tawton pupils there helping to run the tournament and hearing how they loved attending when they were younger and how excited they are that now they have the opportunity to umpire, teach and encourage our children, which they did superbly. Annie, Chloe, Greta, Libby, Isla, Izzy, Max and William won 5 out of 6 matches and came 2nd in the North Devon Schools. They worked so well together and had great team spirit throughout all their matches. Thank you to Chris Farr, the sports leaders and Lisa for helping the event to go ahead, we appreciate the time it takes to organise these events and look forward to future events. There are photos from the netball on our [website](#).

Bikeability

Today our playground has been very busy with lots of year 3 and 4 children achieving their Level 1 Bikeability certificate. Level 1 takes place off-road, normally on the school playground. This means that children can learn in a traffic-free environment.

Maintain your cycle: make sure your ride is in tip-top condition and make simple repairs

Glide: smooth, calm and collected

Control your bike: including setting off, cruising, slowing down, braking and stopping. You'll even learn to pedal one handed!

Pedal: without feeling wobbly or out of control

Be aware of your surroundings: looking behind and turning around obstacles.

Thank you to Ian and Kevin for their time today and we look forward to seeing them again later in the year when they return to teach our year 5 and 6 children.

Safer Internet Day – February 8th

Safer Internet Day is celebrated throughout the world on Tuesday and we as a school will be taking part in various activities and discussions throughout the next week. Hopefully the children will share with you at home some of the things they learn about staying safe online. Have a look at the tips and links for parents and carers on the [Safer Internet website](#).

Children's Mental Health

Please find attached a letter and leaflet about Children's Mental Health week starting on Monday 7th February.

Parent Forum

The next meeting date for parent forum is Wednesday 9th February at 6pm in the school hall, everyone is welcome to join and/or contribute via our parent forum representatives.

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. Staff, neighbours and parents are concerned about children being dropped off and picked up when vehicles are in a line of slow moving traffic.

Both gates are opened at 3.10pm to allow parents to meet their children on the playground at 3:15pm

We still ask that parents do not enter the wider school or buildings unless by prior

arrangement. Teachers are available at the end of each day to talk to. KS2 children may join siblings on bottom playground if required.

Dates:

7th – 11th February - Children's Mental Health week

Wednesday 9th February 6pm – Parent Forum in the school hall

21-25th February - Half Term

Friday 4th March – BTS World Book Day