



Bishops Tawton Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 7th February 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

Thank you for supporting us with playground behaviour, we are seeing an improvement this week. At parent forum it was noted that the school could communicate more readily with parents regarding incidents that may have happened during the day. This can be problematic, especially if incidents have occurred during a busy lunchtime but we are thinking about how we can improve this for you. Any ideas are welcome!

Reading for enjoyment class rewards: This week the percentage scores on the doors are: Tarka 72% Saunton 75% Exmoor 72% Lundy 93% and well done to this week's winning class Barum 95%.

We are continuing to encourage reading for enjoyment and hope that you can do the same at home. Remind your child to read as often as possible, encourage them to choose different types of text and maybe take them to the [library](#) to borrow some books...

Parent Forum Meeting: Thank you to those who attended this week. We will publish the minutes on our website. Please remember to let your reps know if there are items that impact on the whole school that you would like us to discuss.

Parent Forum Open Lunch: Our parent forum have been visiting lunch times this week and have been discussing school meals with us. We will send out the responses to your questions next week.

Please note that your child may use a drinks bottle from home but it must be labelled, not glass and contain water not juice.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

This week was children's mental health awareness week, the children have explored how to stay mentally healthy throughout the week. We are proud of their understanding of this and of how they care for each other and look for ways to help if another child needs it. Children have also been more confident in talking to an adult about how they are feeling.

Rosemoor Gardens

Tarka and Barum classes enjoyed a lovely trip to Rosemoor on Wednesday in the sunshine. All of the children got to plant sweet-peas, salad leaves and potatoes. We have brought them back to school and we look forward to watching them grow and tasting them later in the year. The staff at Rosemoor commented how well behaved our children were and how well both of our classes listened and followed instructions throughout the day. Well done

Netball

Our year 5 netball team took part in a Hi 5 netball tournament today at Park School. They enjoyed representing the school and it was a great experience for them. They played well and as always their behaviour was brilliant. Thank you to the parents that helped with the transport and supported us.

Pre-school news

This week we have continued our healthy eating topic. The children enjoyed making a fruit salad, chopping their own fruit and tasting something new. Parking is becoming an issue at the preschool, please park sensibly.

The car park is for preschool only. Please do not park here and walk to school.

If anyone has any spare garden equipment (especially pots) then it would be gratefully received. Thank you.



PTFA

The PTFA disco is on Friday 14th February KS1 530-630pm KS2 645-745pm

You are no longer able to purchase tickets.

(Reception children will need an adult to stay with them)

The Classlist APP

Many of you are signed up to Classlist. It is a closed, moderated app that will allow parents to talk directly to other parents in their child's class.

It will also help us to keep everyone informed of PTFA events and allows parents to become involved in specific activities and help out where they can, even if they can't make meetings.

You can have a look at the site and sign up by going to the Classlist website.

Uniform: We have noticed several children wearing trainers for school. Please note that even black trainers are not school uniform. AS always they can be changed into for play time but we expect all children to wear plain black, non-fashion school shoes. It doesn't seem fair that the vast majority of children wear the correct shoes but others are perceived to be allowed to wear trainers. Oversized fashion hair accessories are reappearing and are not permitted. Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate hair accessories for school.

Parking Safely: Please park safely, we don't want a child to be hurt because of careless parking.

Some suggestions from the police in an email to us are as follows...

- **Walking bus** - Utilise a nearby area (pub car park, open stretch of road) where parents can park and students can be escorted to/from. (This will probably be difficult, but not impossible, in Bishops Tawton)
- **Education** - Continue to push the education to parents.
- **Promote walking/lift sharing**

If you are interested in helping with any of these suggestions then please either let us know or contact the parent forum members.

Please do not use the pre-school car park and walk to school.

Our parent forum have also asked if parents could think about the environment and turn off their engines while waiting to collect their children.

Safer Internet Day - [#freetobe...](#)

Each year we use Safer Internet Day to explore a new area or theme that is important to the children we work with every day. We will explore how young people manage their online identity, and how the internet shapes how they think of themselves and others. We have been looking at how to stay safe online over this half term leading up to Safer Internet Day on Tuesday February 11th. By opening up conversations around online identity, we aim to inspire young people to support each other in being who they want to be. We want Safer Internet Day 2020 to celebrate difference and help us work towards creating a truly inclusive internet. Our school [website](#) also has some useful links with information for parents.

[Class Blogs](#)

Some of our classes are starting to write class blogs for our website. Have a read and ask your children to explain any of the work featured on them.

**FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS AT:
PILTON INFANTS, OUR LADY'S AND BISHOPS TAWTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Primary Sports and Education will be running holiday courses at Pilton Infants, Our Lady's Catholic Primary School and Bishops Tawton Primary School in February half term on the following dates for children aged between 4 and 11.

Monday 17TH February - Pilton Infants Primary School 8.30am-3.30pm
Tuesday 18th February - Our Lady's Catholic Primary School 8.30am- 3.30pm
Wednesday 19th February - Bishops Tawton Primary School 8.30am-3.30pm
Thursday 20th February- Pilton Infants Primary School 8.30-3.30pm

All Children are welcome to any of the camps!
ONLY £10 PER DAY
IF YOUR BOOKING IS RECEIVED BEFORE FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
£15 for any bookings received after this date! Please see attached flyer.

Lateness: Register closes at **8.45am**, your child must be in school by this time. If they are late you will have to sign them in at the main office. Please note your child is not supervised after 3.15pm or before 8.35am

Dates (Term dates are on the [website](#))

You can also check out our calendar to see what is coming up

Valentine Disco: Friday 14th February

Half Term: Monday 17th - Friday 21st February

With very best wishes

Melanie Smallwood

On site After School Child Care - 'CABIN CLUB'

Mon-Friday 3.15-5.30pm

£4.00 per hour including a snack

Please book your child's place using the online [system](#)

Pre-booked places only due to staff ratio

Please make sure your child knows where they should be at the end of the day, every day, before they come to school.

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

After school clubs next week

Monday: Music (Yr2 upwards)

Tuesday: French (Yr2 upwards)

Construction/Boards games (All age groups)

*You can book your child into a club using [eduspot](#) for this first half term.

*Please check the clubs info for details and make sure your child knows where they should be every day after school, it is not possible for office staff to take last minute calls and organise your children