



## Bishops Tawton Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents/carers,

### Christmas

If you would like to donate to our Festive Friday's then please use this link [Save the Children](#).

#### Christmas dinner - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Booking for Christmas lunch is now closed. We have a list of all bookings but the system will now show 'no dinner chosen'. Children are welcome to wear their Christmasy jumpers/outfits for Christmas dinner day.

#### Christmas Fun

Next week the teachers are planning some Christmasy activities during the week and one of these will be a Christmas fun run/dance/obstacle course. The teachers are keeping an eye on the weather forecast and this may happen on different days for different bubbles.

Thank you to the PTFA for the Christmas treats the children will receive after completing their activity.

#### Christmas Cards

Due to the current situation we are asking that the children don't send any Christmas cards in to school, thank you.

#### Christmas Shop

Thank you to the PTFA and school staff elves that have helped to sort Santa's presents out this week we appreciate all the hard work and time everyone gave to making this happen.

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

School will be open as usual next Friday, however if you would like to collect your child early then you are welcome to do so. You will need to inform the office no later than Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December by emailing [families@bishopstawton-primary.org](mailto:families@bishopstawton-primary.org) if you are intending to collect your child/ren at 1.30pm. Your child/ren will need to be collected from the usual collection gate.

#### Attendance

The [government expects](#):

- Schools and local authorities to:
- Promote good attendance and reduce absence, including persistent absence;
- Ensure every pupil has access to full-time education to which they are entitled; and,
- act early to address patterns of absence.
- Parents to perform their legal duty by ensuring their children of compulsory school age who are registered at school attend regularly.
- All pupils to be punctual to their lessons.

Mrs Clark has been checking all of our children's attendance details. Please refer to our school [attendance policy](#) for more information.

#### Positive COVID-19 Tests over the Christmas holidays

Can we please ask that you are extra vigilant regarding Covid protocol for the last few days of term and over this weekend. As a school community we have all worked very hard to keep the children safe and it would be great if they can all have a Christmas holiday without needing to self-isolate.

We will continue to monitor our admin email address for the first few days of the Christmas holidays. We ask that if any children test positive for COVID during the first four days after we break up, until Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, you contact the school on [admin@bishopstawton-primary.org](mailto:admin@bishopstawton-primary.org) and provide us with the following details; your child's name, the date of the positive test and when their symptoms began. We will contact parents of children who need to isolate once we have liaised with the DfE and or SW Health Protection Team.

If your child or someone in the household develops symptoms or tests positive later on during the Christmas holiday, please ensure that they complete the full isolation period before returning to school. Email [admin@bishopstawton-primary.org](mailto:admin@bishopstawton-primary.org) or ring the school office at the start of term to let us know that they are isolating.

#### GDPR update

There is an updated privacy notice now available on the [website](#), if you require a printed copy then please contact the office.

### September starters

Sadly, we can't have our open day this year but if you know of any prospective parents then please suggest that they contact the school and they will be offered a call with the Head Teacher. There is lots of information on the [website](#).

### Animals

We do have signs at the front and rear of school but please can we remind parents that no pets are allowed on the school premises. Also, please do not tie pets to our gates or fences blocking our school entrances. Thank you.

## PTFA Fundraising news

### Amazon shopping

With lots of people doing their Christmas shopping online this year, as well as [Easyfundraising](#) Bishops Tawton PTFA have now set up an [Amazon smile account](#) so you can support us while you shop! There is no additional cost to you, just shop through the link and share with your family and friends to help us raise vital funds! With no way of running a Christmas Fayre this year, every penny towards resources for our children will help!

If you have any questions or are unsure, please put them on [Classlist](#) and we will be able to help from there.

### Breakfast Club/Cabin Club

Mon-Friday: 7.45am - 8.35am

Mon-Thursday 3.15pm-5.30pm

Friday 3.15pm - 4.15pm

**All Bookings must** be made using the [online booking system](#) and paid for in advance, bookings **will be closed at 2pm on the previous Friday** as we have limited places and are full on some days. You can now book up until February half term to guarantee your child's place. Collection from cabin club is from the back gate, please ensure you are wearing a face mask when collecting.

### Dates for your diary

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Festive Friday

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Dinner

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas party day and last day of term

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January:** First day of term

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

With very best wishes

Melanie Smallwood