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Bishops Lydeard Church School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

Respect

Endurance

Friendship

9th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Current Whole School Attendance – 96.04%



I hope everyone had a lovely half term. The children certainly seemed refreshed and ready for the term running up to Christmas (we have some days for your diaries for Christmas, please see dates section).

It was a great start back with a themed week concentrating on arts and music, thank you to Mrs Culverhouse for organising this. Throughout the week the children have worked on projects based on Bonfire night and Diwali. On Thursday, all the children took part in African drumming workshops, kindly funded by the BLSA. It was a very pleasant surprise when the crowds arrived to watch the carnival parade around the playground, thank you so much for supplying so many fantastic costumes and then coming and making this so enjoyable for the children. Today, we have been to church to 'plant' poppies for our Remembrance Service and Years 3 and 4 have had a fantastic experience with Falconry UK. What a week! Looking forward to next week. Mrs Trood

Anti-bullying week

Next week is national anti-bullying week with this year's theme being centred around 'Respect'. **On Monday the children are invited to wear odd socks to school to celebrate difference, equality and respect.** Throughout the week we will be looking at the theme of Respect in class and around school. We will also be discussing online respect; how cyber-bullying can affect young people's lives; and the positive things we can do online to stay safe and respectful. Please visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/> for some useful information and advice about helping your child stay safe online.



Children in Need, Friday 16th November

Next Friday, children are invited to come into school wearing pyjamas or onesies.

A giant Pudsey shape will be drawn on the school hall floor and children and families are invited to add a few pennies each which will hopefully fill the whole Pudsey and raise a nice amount for the charity. This can be done when dropping off children in the morning or sending pennies into class with children so they can be placed during the morning. Thank you again for more fundraising donations!

Art of the Moment

Our school's Art of the Moment this half term will be linked to 'The BIG Spotacular' for Children in Need.

Children will explore various works by the Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama. She is well known for her extensive use of polka dots.

Christmas cards

Each child has designed their own Christmas card and has received their free sample card this week along with an order form for more cards, gift tags, mugs, cotton shopping bags and tea towels, all with your child's own design printed on them. The **deadline for orders is Wednesday 14th November** so please return your order form and cheque (payable to BLSA) or exact cash (in envelope) to the office ASAP. These make lovely gifts as well as supporting your school.



Golden Mile

In the week before half-term, the children were invited to take part and be sponsored for trying to complete over a mile of running by completing laps of the playground. This could have been during one lunch time or a succession of lunch times throughout the week. If any child that took part in the 'Sponsored Golden Mile Event' would like to know how far they ran, Mr Duncan has a record of the distance they achieved. The opportunity for children to try and complete over a mile of running each week will continue during lunch times and all children that do so will be entered into a weekly prize draw. Sponsorship money raised will go towards new outdoor play equipment and the outside area project. Thank you for your support.

Facebook

If you would like to see pictures of your child on our Facebook page and have not already returned the permissions slip, please ask at the school office for another copy of the letter or download one from the school website.

KS2 Tea towels

Thank you to all who have ordered the KS2 teatowels. We do have a few spare ones so please drop the money/order form into the office ASAP if you would like one - first come first served basis.

Chess KS2

After-school chess club on Mondays is now open to children in Key Stage 2 who would like to learn how to play chess. If your child is interested, please see the school office.

Coats in school please

Please ensure that your child brings a coat/jacket to school every day.

The Hub, Friday 9th November, 7.30-9pm

Children in Year 5 and above are invited to The Hub youth club tonight, and on the second Friday of each month, at Bishops Lydeard village hall for games, snacks, crafts, Wii, Xbox and pool table. Free admission.

Maths and English updates

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| Ladybird | Personal, Social and Emotional Development: identifying personal strengths Maths: solving and recording addition calculations English: rehearsing instructions on how to make a superhero mask |
| Hedgehog | Next week, we will be doing addition in maths. In English, we will continue learning and adapting the story of The Princess and the Pea. |
| Rabbit | In English next week we will be writing our own versions of The Princess and The Pea and changing the setting. We will learn how to use different openers to begin sentences in our writing. In maths we will continue to add and subtract numbers focusing on two digit numbers. |
| Fox | In English next week, we will be learning to write our own 'journey tales' using direct speech, conjunctions and adverbs. In Maths, we will be beginning our work on using formal written methods for multiplication. |
| Owl | Next week Year 4 are exploring our journey tale. We will be looking at how we punctuate speech accurately in our writing! In maths, we will be looking at subtraction word problems, and how the relationship between addition and subtraction helps us check our answers. |
| Badger | Next week in Badger class we will be looking at extracts from WW2 evacuee diaries and letters from the trenches. We are working towards writing our own flashbacks and diary entries as evacuees from WW2. In maths we will be looking at subtraction and using bar modelling for word problems. |
| Dragonfly | Next week we will continue learning about World War 2 in both topic and literacy, looking at descriptive writing around the theme of evacuation. In maths we will be starting work on written methods for multiplication. |

Messy Church, Saturday 10th November, 10-12

Join us for crafts, songs, games, prayers and stories at St Mary's Church Centre. Everyone welcome!

Class Attendance Cup

This week Fox class won the attendance cup with 96.5% attendance and were rewarded with an extra session on the trim trail.

House Points

| | This week | Overall |
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|  Brendon | 275 | 1749 |
|  Blackdown | 205 | 1644 |
|  Mendip | 189 | 1410 |
|  Quantock | 164 | 1345 |

Gold Book

- Ladybird** Jake for praising other children when they have been very helpful. Luca for using polite words when asking for help with making a superhero mask.
- Hedgehog** Keyrs for always using kind and encouraging words when talking to others. Maisie for always using polite and caring words when others are upset or hurt.
- Rabbit** Oscar and Isaac for always using considerate and encouraging language. They are such a support to children in the class.
- Fox** Scarlett and Eli have both shown outstanding kindness and thoughtfulness to others, both in helping others with their work in the classroom and during play at break times.
- Owl** Bella and Olly have been showing the class how to be kind and considerate in how we talk to each other.
- Badger** Sophie and Joshua for always being polite and considerate.
- Dragonfly** Isla L, Daisy and Alice for always being considerate of others, for being polite to all adults in school and for encouraging others.

November

- 12th – 16th Anti-bullying week
- 12th Odd Socks Day
- 16th Children in Need, pyjama day
- 21st Reception 2019 open morning, drop-in between 9.15 – 11.45
- 30th BLSA Movie Night

December

- 6th Reception 2019 open morning, drop-in between 9.15 – 11.45
- 7th Christmas carol singing at Bishops Lydeard train station
- 12th KS1 Nativity, 2-3pm
- 12th KS2 Carol Service, 6-7pm
- 13th KS1 Nativity, 2-3pm
- 14th Christmas Jumper Day
- 14th BLSA Christmas Disco
- 18th Christmas Dinner
- 21st Last day of term

January

- 7th Back to school



Dates for
the Diary: