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

Respect

Endurance

Friendship

17th November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Current Whole School Attendance – 95.54%

Anti-bullying week: All different – All equal

Here are some of the comments made by children after our creative, inspiring and collaborative week exploring the themes of All Different - All Equal. Different year groups have worked together during the week. Activities included artwork; performance; all different – all equal maths; and the School Council has helped to review our anti-bullying policy. Please do come along to our Open Classrooms to see the results of your children's work on anti-bullying.

No one can stop you from being you

I learnt that you should never put anything online because you can't delete it

People who bully can actually become your friend

Turn an unkind message into a positive message

Don't be scared to help someone being bullied

It was great doing arty stuff and being different to our normal routine

I liked making the poster because we all worked together with our different ideas to make one poster

I learnt that if you bully people it will encourage other people to bully them, we treat everyone with respect



Children in Need – Wilf's walk

Wilf presented his amazing fundraising idea to the whole school in collective worship. He is going to try to walk the length of the Quantocks from Lydeard Hill to Staple Plain. Wilf will be bringing his walking boots into school on Friday and Monday if you would like to help fill them with change to add to his fundraising efforts.

Wilf has already raised over £1000 and is the current top fundraiser on the Countryfile Ramble leaderboard! He will be starting his walk for Children in Need at 9.30am tomorrow, Saturday 18th, from Lydeard Hill car park. If you're out on the hills or walking your dog please give him a wave or a cheer, or join us for part of the walk. If you would like to donate, please visit <https://countryfile-ramble-for-bbc-children-in-need.everydayhero.com/uk/Wilf>.

Sophie Berry

Last Friday the school Council led a Remembrance Service. It was a powerful and moving service with each class contributing poems, songs and prayers. We were privileged to be asked to present Sophie Berry with a certificate of service from the Royal British Legion in recognition of her voluntary work and commitment over the last five years to the Poppy Appeal. We were also honoured by a visit from Les Riggs, a veteran from the Parachute regiment, who came to congratulate and thank Sophie for her service. See photos on new website.



Clifton Bridge Trip report by Anna Collins

The trip to the Clifton Suspension Bridge was amazing! We all found out lots of very interesting facts about the bridge, how it was made and who designed it. We even had a go at making our own bridges! It was all so much fun. We went over the bridge at least three times, went down into a spooky cave and had a lot of fun reading facts in the Visitor Centre.

Open Classrooms

We would like to invite all parents into school to view the work your children have been doing and to share the outcomes of our anti-bullying week during our Open Classroom sessions.

Monday 20 November 2.40 – 3.10pm	Year 6
Tuesday 21 November 2.40 – 3.10pm	Year 2 and Year 5
Wednesday 22 November 2.40 – 3.10pm	Reception, Year 1, Year 3
Thursday 23 November 2.40 – 3.10pm	Year 4

EYFS SPTO information session

There will be an information session for Ladybird parents on Thursday 30 November 3.15pm – 3.45pm to discuss and trial the Student Pupil Tracker Online software program.

BLSA meeting and Preschool Quiz Night

The next BLSA meeting will be held before the preschool quiz night at the Quantock Brewery on Saturday 9 December at 7pm. All are welcome. £3/head to join the quiz (free to just attend the meeting).

Co-op Presentation

There will be a presentation of money raised for the school by the Co-op on Saturday 25 November, 11am – 1pm. There will be lots going on, including candyfloss for the children. It would be great to see lots of our children and staff there to say thank you to the Co-op and its customers for their help in raising so much money for the school. Please do come along.

iPad funding through the Aviva Community Fund

The School Association has submitted a bid for funding through the Aviva Community Fund to try and buy 30 iPads for pupils to use. Please add your vote at: <https://www.direct.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-4566>

Dogs

Please could dog owners who leave their dogs outside the school gates at collection, please ensure they tie leads to the pavement side and not the road side as it is making it difficult for the school buses to enter and leave safely. Thank you.

Please wash your hands!

Please be aware that we have had a couple of incidents of threadworms in school. Please reinforce the importance of good hand hygiene to your children. Thank you!

Flu vaccinations

Parents of children in years Reception, 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be receiving flu immunisation consent forms in the post. Please could you complete and return forms to the school office as soon as possible. The school nurse team will be visiting on Tuesday 21 November to administer the vaccines.

Class Attendance Cup

This week Ladybird class won the attendance cup with 100% attendance and were rewarded with an extra session on the trim trail.

Year 5 Football Fundraiser, Monday 3.15pm – 3.45pm

Year 5 boys have planned and organised their own mini- fundraiser. Please come along after school on Monday, to raise money for new footballs. Please bring any donations of toys or cakes (nut free) to the office on Monday morning.

CAKE & TOY

SALE

Monday 20th November

3.15pm – 3.45pm

**Please remember to
bring in a toy for us to
put in the sale.**

(Please leave at reception)

Gold Book

Ladybird

William Chalkley is enjoying lots of new foods since starting school. Even if he hasn't tried something before, he is giving it a go! Leo Garnsworthy has been very respectful at home and in school. We are all proud of his thoughtfulness and how he is helping others. Ruby Winn is always focused during dance sessions and pays attention to detail. At home, Ruby's family smile lots as she sings and performs to them!

Hedgehog

Ellis Bentham for great work in maths. Kaden Sprangle for always being kind, helpful and friendly to everyone.

Rabbit

Jacob Brown for excellent listening and answering lots of questions in class. Evie Chilcott for amazing amounts of reading at home. Maddie Fouracre for always working well with others. Ruby McClatchie for always listening well and putting so much effort into all of her work and learning.

Fox

Alice Lewis for showing fantastic perseverance in solving missing number calculations. Verity Simmons and Maisie Kennedy for a superb effort in swimming!

Owl

Rowan Harris for tenacious and enthusiastic reading. He has been relentlessly reading several times a day and getting his parents to sign his reading record. He is our class reading champion. Melissa Donaldson for consistent and elegant handwriting. Her calligraphy skills are an example to the class.

Badger

Alice Antier and Isla Loomes for their wonderful descriptions of Beowulf.

Dragonfly

Ruhi O'Sullivan and Florence Farrant for fantastic problem solving in maths. Summer Prettejohn for a superb attitude towards all her work and for always giving her best. Wilf Stirzaker for his inspiring bravery on the school trip and successfully crossing the bridge- well done! Poppy Wadham for a superb effort in swimming!

Diary Dates

November

Monday 20 th	Cake & toy sale organised by Year 5, 3.15pm – 3.45pm
Monday 20 th	Open Classroom Year 6, 2.40pm – 3.10pm
Tuesday 21 st	Open Classroom Year 2, Year 5, 2.40pm – 3.10pm
Wednesday 22 nd	Open Classroom Reception, Year 1, Year 3, 2.40pm – 3.10pm
Thursday 23 rd	Open Classroom Year 4, 2.40pm – 3.10pm
Friday 24 th	BLSA Rainbow Fayre
Thursday 30 th	EYFS SPTO information session, 3.15pm – 3.45pm



December

Friday 1 st	BLSA Carol Singing at Bishops Lydeard Railway Station
Saturday 9 th	BLSA meeting and Preschool Quiz Night at Quantock Brewery, 7pm
Tuesday 12 th	Christmas Nativity to parents at St Mary's Church
Wednesday 13 th	Christmas Nativity to parents at St Mary's Church
Friday 15 th	School Christmas Dinner / BLSA Christmas Disco

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Stoddart
Headteacher



RAINBOW FAYRE

Friday 24 November

3.30pm

Dear Parents/Carers

For this year only we are changing the way in which we operate Rainbow Fayre. We have so many toys and books in the BLSA shed that we are going to use these to sell on the day. Therefore we would like you to perhaps bring along cakes, sweets or even jellies to sell! Everything will be sold at pocket money prices. Each class will be competing to raise the most money and the winning class will receive a prize.

Each class has a colour as a theme, if your chosen donation is not the right colour, a ribbon or sticker attached will be fine!

Ladybirds – Orange

Hedgehog – Green

Rabbit – Blue

Fox – Yellow

Owl – Black/White

Badger – Red

Dragonfly – Silver/Gold

Please bring your goodies along to classrooms on the morning of the Fayre.

So please come along, bring some pennies and support your school!

Kind regards

Bishops Lydeard School Association Committee