



Bishops Lydeard

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

Respect

Endurance

Friendship

19th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Current Whole School Attendance – 94.29%

Welcome back to the Spring Term.

Every class has a learning rich and fun packed term planned. Please help us to improve our whole school attendance by avoiding holidays in term time. We hope the cold weather has seen off the many germs that caused so much illness before the Christmas break and hope to see all children in school every day.

Attendance Policy

We would like to remind all parents of the school attendance policy:

- The head teacher (or designated member of staff) will check the attendance of all children on a half-termly basis. All parents will be made aware of their child's attendance on a termly basis.
- Parents will be informed by letter if their child's attendance falls below 95%. This communication will be supportive and will take into account individual circumstances. Levels of attendance persistently below 95% are of concern and will be investigated.
- If a child's attendance levels drop towards 92%, and/or there are 10 unauthorised sessions in a 12 week period, this will trigger a discussion between the school and the Local Authority Attendance Officer and monthly update letters and/or communication will be issued.
- Attendance figures are monitored by the Government on a termly basis.

Driving and parking around the school vicinity

We have had several concerns about parents driving and parking erratically in the vicinity of the school premises. Please park considerately. Please be cautious and drive at a safe speed when driving near school, especially at drop off and collection times as the roads get busy with children and parents walking. We have requested a PCSO to visit us and monitor traffic activity and identify anyone driving or parking in an unsafe manner. We thank you for your support in this vital matter. Please help us to keep your children safe.

Lunches

Please remember to take note of when your child needs a packed lunch. We have had a number of children recently who have not ordered a school dinner and have forgotten their packed lunch.

Charity collections

Our collections at the nativity performances for Children's Hospice South West raised a fantastic £242.35 and Christmas jumper day raised £76.08 for Save the Children. Thank you to everyone for your kind donations.

Website

Keep an eye on the new school website, www.bishopslydeardbwmat.org. Teachers will be updating their class pages over the next few weeks.

Clubs

After-school clubs will begin next week.

Preschool Quiz Night

The next quiz will be held on Saturday 10 February at the Quantock Brewery. Do come along to this popular night out and support the local preschool. To avoid disappointment, please reserve a table for your team by going to the Preschool Facebook page.

Co-op membership cards

Our school was fortunate to receive generous funding through the Co-op membership card scheme. Now that the school is no longer one of the chosen community causes, we would like to invite you to update your membership card preferences in support of Bishops Lydeard Preschool, go to www.coop.co.uk/membership

BLSA meeting

The next School Association meeting will be held on Monday 22 January at 7.30pm.

Parent, Baby and Toddler Hour at the Conquest Centre

Parents with young children are invited to the Beehive Café at the Conquest Centre for a new group. Relax in the sensory room, explore the play park and visit the horses, chickens and goats. 10am – 11am on the following Thursdays: 22 February, 22 March, 19 April, 24 May, 21 June, 19 July.

Class Attendance Cup

This week Fox class won the attendance cup with 98.66% attendance and were rewarded with an extra session on the trim trail.

Gold Book

Ladybird

Ella Welch and Maisie Welch for outstanding PE. They used their bodies to move around like different animals, including jumping frogs, splashing whales and slithering boa constrictors! Carys Anthony for being very helpful in class. William Chalkley has moved to yellow level reading books. He is enjoying a new challenge.

Hedgehog

George Hawthorne and John Hope for fantastic story writing.

Rabbit

Eli Machell for working hard with money work and practising counting coins at home. Ruby McClatchie for reading more fluently and with confidence. Renée Van Niekerk for perseverance in maths work using money. Scarlett Cosens for being extremely helpful to adults and other children.

Fox

Thomas Ashcroft has shown a superb effort in Maths. His concentration and accuracy in measuring various items from the classroom has been excellent! Oliver Coombes has shown a fantastic enthusiasm in English! He found some excellent synonyms for the vocabulary from 'The Great Kapok Tree' and I was particularly impressed with his monkey impression!

Owl

Johnny Farrant for an outstanding change in his handwriting size. He has been diligent and careful to write the correct size. Ellie-May Searle for overcoming her concerns about swimming. She has been fearless and brave in the water.

Badger

Isobel Coombes and Helena Goldsworthy for their wonderful suspense writing this week. Well done!

Dragonfly

Anna Collins and Berry Potter for stunning writing. Harrison Davies for a mature and sensible approach when asking a question. William Sherwood for fantastic fraction work.

Diary Dates

January

22nd 7.30pm, BLSA meeting

February

12th – 16th Half-term

22nd NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe

26th First Aid Week

March

1st 3.30pm, NSPCC workshop for parents – online safety



Dates for
the Diary: