



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

10th November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Current Whole School Attendance – 95.42%

Open day

Ladybird Class welcomed prospective reception children this week and had SUPER fun creating SUPER veggies! Creative learning was inspired by the story 'SUPERTATO', a popular read with many children. Here are some of the new SUPER veggies! Our information evening for new parents (September 2018 entry) will be on 19 April 2018.



Website launch

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new website. Please visit www.bishopslydeardbwmat.org. Class teachers will be updating their class pages over the next few weeks.

School photos

Photos are going home in bookbags today. Please return orders and payment to the school office by Friday 17 November.

Parents' evening

Tuesday 14 November and Wednesday 15 November

If you have not yet signed up for a parents' evening slot, please see your child's class teacher in the playground or call the school office.

Anti-Bullying Week 2017, Monday 13th – Friday 17th November

In response to our most recent parent survey we hope to raise awareness across the whole school community of our commitment to anti bullying. The 13th– 17th November is National Anti-Bullying Week and, as a school, we are planning a week of activities based around promoting the message of 'All Different, All Equal'. All schools involved in anti-bullying week will be using this tag line and exploring it using drama, art, English and many other creative ways.

We will start the week by inviting children and staff to wear odd socks to school. Throughout the week all children will be taking part in creative activities and we will also be looking at safety online and the effects of cyberbullying. The children will have the opportunity to work with other classes and other year groups. Through working with each other we will continue to promote our Christian Values of respect and friendship. We will be sharing and celebrating our anti-bullying week in classrooms during the open classroom sessions.

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

BLSA Update

Last school year, with the help of Co-op funding, Bishops Lydeard School Association raised £7,300 for the school. A huge thank you to the volunteers of the BLSA for this fantastic effort. The money was used to completely revamp and rejuvenate our school library.

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.

Wilf's walk for Children in Need

Wilf Stirzaker has decided to complete his own Countryfile Ramble for BBC Children in Need. When he started school in Ladybird class he used a walking frame or a wheelchair most of the time. Now he is in Dragonfly class and manages without either. He is going to try to walk the length of the Quantocks from Lydeard Hill to Staple Plain. Six miles is a long way for someone with cerebral palsy! He'd love you to help him raise £200 for Children in Need. If you would like to donate, please go to <https://countryfile-ramble-for-bbc-children-in-need.everydayhero.com/uk/Wilf>

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. This will enhance current learning opportunities in a variety of ways but we need YOUR VOTES! Please go to <https://www.direct.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-4566> or see the link on our new website. One click is all we need from you! Thank you.

Christmas Cards

A reminder that the deadline for orders is Wednesday 15th 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. There is a display of sample cards/gifts by the school office so feel free to take a look.

Class Attendance Cup

This week Dragonfly class won the attendance cup with 98.52% attendance and were rewarded with an extra session on the trim trail.

St Mary's Messy Church

Come along for fun, crafts, songs, games, prayers and stories this Saturday, 10am to 12 noon at the Church Centre. Everyone is welcome and the event is free.

Diary Dates

November

13 th – 17 th	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 13 th	Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 14 th	Parents Evening, 5.00pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 15 th	Parents Evening, 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Monday 20 th	After-school fundraising event organised by Year 5
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

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