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Newsletter 1
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Bishops Lydeard Church School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

Respect

Endurance

Friendship

8th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. What a positive start to the school year! Our new Ladybird class children started school yesterday and all a fantastic time. They will be with us every morning until Monday 18th September when they start full time. KS2 had a wonderful day out on their first day back and all represented our school superbly. The children are showing exemplary behaviour and have already earned extra Golden Time on Friday afternoon for excellent, silent lining up and sensible walking around the school. All the children are excited to be in their new classes and are keen ready to learn.

Train trip

On Tuesday the whole of Key Stage 2 travelled to Minehead on the Flying Scotsman.



Unfortunately, the Bishops Lydeard Church School train - which the children love to play on has reached the end of the line as the wood has weathered. It deteriorated and is no longer safe to climb on - we will be removing it soon from the school grounds. If anyone is willing, capable and able to construct us a new train - please do let us know.

Safety Around Railways

We have been talking to the children about railway safety and the dangers of being near train tracks. Please reiterate this with your children. Thank you.

Never climb over or through a fence by the side of the railway tracks.

Never play with a ball or any other toy on a railway station platform.

Never play with a kite or balloon near electric cables over the railway tracks.

Never throw stones at a train or put anything on the railway tracks.

Nut Free Reminder

We have a number of children at school with severe nut allergies therefore; please can I remind everyone that our school is a nut free environment to keep every child safe. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all children that have completed summer reading, writing, maths and library challenges - please bring into school next week to share and celebrate in Friday's assembly.

School Site Improvements

We were incredibly lucky to have members of Bishops Lydeard Co-op decorate the Elmer Room over the summer holidays. They have raised over £900 to furnish the room which is amazing. A big thank you to our local Co-op staff team and all shoppers who so kindly donated.

Over the summer holidays the boys' toilets were also refurbished

Morning Routines

Once the bell has rung, children line up with their classes and are escorted into school by school staff.

So that all of the children can easily walk up the path between the Year 6 hut and the gazebo please can we ask that parents do not stand on this pathway once the bell has gone each morning. Thank you for your co-operation.

Meet the teacher

Please come and meet the teacher. We promote an 'open classroom' and good communication with our families is of great importance to us.

Mrs Byrne (Year 2 lead teacher); Mrs Cable (Year 1 lead teacher) and Mrs Foster-Burnell will be available to meet with you on **Tuesday 12th September at 3.15 for Year 1 and 3.30pm for Year 2**. Three of our Key Stage 1 teachers work part-time, should you wish to see or speak to a particular teacher and they are not available on that day - please do contact them via Mrs Byrne (KS1 lead) or the school office and they will get back to you. The Key Stage 1 team also includes Mrs Parks, Miss Hunt, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Rawles, Miss Gigg, Mrs Birch and Mrs Fleming.

Please come and meet Key Stage 2 teachers Mrs Harris (Year 6 teacher), Mrs Culverhouse (Deputy & Year 5 teacher), Mr Dakin (Year 4 teacher), Mr Duncan (Year 3 teacher) on the dates below:

Year 3 – Thursday 14th September 3.30pm

Year 4 – Wednesday 13th September 3.30pm

Year 5 – Thursday 14th September 3.30pm

Year 6 – Monday 11th September 3.30pm

The Key Stage 2 team includes Mrs Constance, Mrs King, Mrs Rees, Miss Gibbs and Mrs Sapey.

Ladybird Class (EYFS) will offer 1-1 parent meetings once all the children are in school full time.

School Office

Please be aware that the school office will now be closing at 4pm each day.

Endurance and Growth Mind-set

As a school we are going to be developing the idea of encouraging children to have a 'growth mind-set' throughout the year. Growth mind-set is the understanding that we can all develop our abilities and intelligence. It is based on research from Professor Carol Dweck and is used in schools across the country. It is about developing lifelong learners who will value effort, not just outcome, in their learning; who will see persistence and resilience as strategies to use when their learning is challenging and learners who understand that their brain can grow with effort and hard work. We will be using the 'power of yet' to encourage children to embrace that they may not have achieved their learning goals 'yet' but that they can with persistence. We will also be celebrating 'marvellous mistakes' in our learning which will help us to learn from failure and move towards even greater success. We will make many links between growth mind-set and the Christian value of endurance.

New Staff

We would like to welcome our new staff members Mrs Sarah Culverhouse - Deputy & Year 5 teacher; Mrs Alex Batten – Administration Assistant, Mr Nigel Gigg – Caretaker and Miss Jenna Gigg – Teaching Assistant.

School Uniform

Please name uniform - we have so much unnamed lost property which is now going into second hand sale rail.

ParentPay – Payments from September onwards

As you will be aware the School offers parents the facility to pay for school trips, Breakfast Clubs etc. using an e-payment system called ParentPay. This is a secure payment system which protects the School from the risk of keeping cash on site, whilst giving parents the convenience to pay for items from home.

With effect from September we will no longer be accepting payments into the school office, we are therefore asking all parents to activate and use ParentPay if they are not already doing so. All future school trips and Breakfast Club bookings need to be paid for using ParentPay and in time we hope to include school lunch payments too.

BLSA AGM

The Bishops Lydeard School Association are holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday 3rd October at 7.30pm at the School. Please feel free to come along.

Diary Dates

September

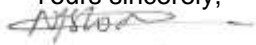
Monday 11 th	Afterschool clubs begin / Yr6 Meet the teacher 3.30pm
Tuesday 12 th	Yr1 Meet the teacher 3.15pm / Yr2 Meet the teacher 3.30pm
Wednesday 13 th	Yr4 Meet the teacher 3.30pm
Thursday 14 th	Yr3 and Yr5 Meet the teacher 3.30pm
Monday 18 th	Reception class starting full time

October

Monday 3 rd	BLSA AGM 7.30pm at the school
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Yours sincerely,


Nicola Stoddart
Headteacher