



# Bishops Lydeard

Church School

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## Newsletter 2 Autumn 2017/18

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

**Respect**

**Endurance**

**Friendship**

15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Inset Day

Please remember we have an inset day on 29<sup>th</sup> September. All teachers will be joining other teachers across the Bath & Wells Multi Academy Trust (BWMAT) for a day of professional development.

### Attendance

Last academic year our whole school attendance dropped just below the national average. We ask you to help us this year to ensure that attendance is above the national average of 96.1% and refrain from taking holiday in term time. Children who are absent or persistently late soon fall behind with their learning. Children who are absent from school frequently develop large gaps in their learning which will impact on their progress and their ability to meet age related learning expectations. A child whose attendance drops to 90% each year will, over their time at primary school, have missed two whole terms of learning!

### Class Attendance Cup

This week Hedgehog class won the attendance cup with 99.45% attendance and were rewarded with an extra session on the trim-trail.

### Open the Book

The 'Open the Book' team came into school this week to present 'Samuel Hears a Voice'. All the children enjoyed the assembly and well done to the pupils that took part.

### Roald Dahl Day

To develop every child's love of books and reading we celebrated Roald Dahl Day on Wednesday. Children joined classes and chose whether to make marvellous medicine potions, dream catchers or books!

### Meet The Teacher

Our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions took place this week. Thank you to all those that attended, we hope you found them both interesting and informative. For those that were unable to attend or did not have a chance to view the class PowerPoint, they can be viewed on the website under the 'Learning' then 'Class Pages' tab or by clicking on the following link [Class Powerpoints](#).



### Class Newsletters and Termly Overviews

Year 1 – 6 class newsletters and termly overviews will be emailed to parents today. Both of these can also be viewed on the website under the 'Learning' then 'Class Pages' tab or by clicking on the following link [Class Pages](#).



### 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.

### Updated Safeguarding Policy

Our safeguarding policy has been updated and can be viewed on the school website under the 'Key Information' then 'Safeguarding' tab or by clicking on the following link [Updated Safeguarding Policy September 2017](#). We would encourage all parents to read the updated policy.

### School Carpark

To ensure the safety of all our children please do not use the school carpark after 8.30am.

### **Bishops Lydeard Preschool Quiz**

The Preschool is holding their popular quiz night at the Quantock Brewery on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. £3/head, teams of 6. Pop along for an enjoyable night out and to support your local preschool.

### **Shoebox Gift Appeal**

The Co-op is running the shoebox gift appeal, donating gifts and essential items to children in need worldwide. If you would like to contribute, shoeboxes and further details are available from the Co-op in Bishops Lydeard.

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30pm at the School. Please feel free to come along.

### **Gold Book**

- Hedgehog** Amelia Chilcott for keeping the classroom tidy and helping others. Layla Donnelly for neat work.
- Rabbit** Rico Battist for answering so many questions in class. Seren Date for completing work quietly and very neatly. Scarlett Cosens for challenging herself in maths.
- Fox** Bella Gridley and Lyla Chamberlain have both worked incredibly hard in English this week. They have been able to identify adjectives and verbs in the story 'The Quest' and have been able to find synonyms for these.
- Owl** Kian Hayman for bravery, acting prowess and humour when acting in the 'Open the Book' assembly.
- Badger** James Evens for his excellent start to Year 5 and for listening to all the advice and feedback he has been given to help him improve his work. Lily-Mae Wright for her excellent 'Growth Mind-set' attitude and effort in all areas.
- Dragonfly** Ieuan Anthony and Harvey Butler for a fantastic start to the term and showing great effort.



### **Diary Dates**

#### **September**

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Reception class starting full time Kingsmead open day 9.15am – 10.30am
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Kingsmead open day 9.15am – 10.30am
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Kingsmead open day 9.15am – 10.30am
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Kingsmead open evening 6.45pm – 8.45pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Inset day

#### **October**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	BLSA AGM 7.30pm at the school
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### **School Office**

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

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Stoddart  
Headteacher