



# Bishops Lydeard

Church School

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**Newsletter 11**  
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**Respect**

**Endurance**

**Friendship**

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Current Whole School Attendance –95.66%**

Winter is definitely here! It is the first week of the year that I have had to scrape my windscreen before leaving home in the morning. One of my favourite things in the morning is seeing the very wide and interesting variety of children's hats as they are coming into school. As the weather is changing we have lots of colds in school so please make sure your children have warm clothes to wear outside. If your children are taking medicines for any reason, please take these to the office in the correct container with the printed prescription details on so we can administer.

This week, we were very proud as a staff to get a mention on the Trust CEO's weekly blog recognising the exciting week that we all had after half term. This blog goes out to all staff who work for the Trust so a very wide audience. The school is also in the Somerset Gazette this week recognising the improvements in the school detailed in the Ofsted report. <https://www.somersetcountygazette.co.uk/news/17229913.bishops-lydeard-church-school-ofsted/> I have been updating the School Development Plan so I am sure that we are working on all areas highlighted in the report. Next week, I will publish a version for the whole school community so you all know what we are improving.

We are still advertising for Playleaders at lunchtime, this closes on Monday. If you or someone you know might be interested in applying please find the details on our website.  
I hope everyone has a lovely weekend. Tracey Trood

### **Tree planting**



This week we planted trees in our nature area. Parents helped with the planting and the children enjoyed working in mixed year groups to plant the trees. Thank you very much to Clare Machell for organising.

### **Pen recycling scheme**

We are proud to be the only school in Taunton signed up to the Terracycle writing instrument recycling programme. From Monday there will be a box in reception where you can put old pens that are no longer working. The school will receive 2p for each pen recycled. Thank you very much to the BLSA for organising.

### **The Giving Machine**

Do you do Christmas shopping (or any shopping!) online? Please remember to use The Giving Machine to do this! There are hundreds of stores that donate highly to our school when anyone uses it. There is even a handy app to add to your phone - Shop&Give. Let all your friends and family know too! Follow this link for all the details <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/bishops-lydeard-church-school/>

### **Christmas dinner**

Lunch menus went home this week and include orders for Christmas dinner on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Please return any orders/payment to the office by 9am on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Poppy Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who supported the poppy appeal this year. Our school raised £60.21.

## **KS2 Carol Concert**

Children in KS2 will be performing in a Christmas Carol Concert on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 6–7pm in St Mary's Church. Everyone is welcome.

## **KS1 Nativity**

Children in KS1 will be performing *Christmas with the Aliens* on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2–3pm in St Mary's Church. Letters will go home next week with a request slip for tickets.





## **Maths and English updates**

<b>Ladybird</b>	In English we will focus on cursive handwriting. In maths we will continue with adding and subtracting.
<b>Hedgehog</b>	In English we will continue our work on story writing, including suffixes and prefixes in our sentences. In maths we are working on measuring the length of objects and extending our work on addition.
<b>Rabbit</b>	In English we will be continuing to write our stories focusing on editing and improving our work. In maths we will be solving missing box addition and subtraction calculations and word problems.
<b>Fox</b>	In English next week, we will begin our work on newspaper reports. In maths, we will continue our work on multiplication, learning the relationship between multiplication and division.
<b>Owl</b>	Next week Owl class are exploring area in maths. We will be learning in context by measuring the area of objects around us. In English we will be looking at newspaper reports. Our model text title is, 'Holy Grail Stolen!'
<b>Badger</b>	We will be learning to write a diary entry about life in the trenches. In maths we will be working on line graphs and timetables.
<b>Dragonfly</b>	Next week we will be writing our evacuation diaries and in maths we will be solving problems using written multiplication and division.

## **Class Attendance Cup**

This week Hedgehog class won the attendance cup with 98.24% attendance and were rewarded with an extra session on the trim trail.

## **House Points**

	This week	Overall
 Blackdown	200	494
 Brendon	188	573
 Quantock	182	439
 Mendip	153	466

## **Gold Book**

This week the golden rule was: We know when to listen and when to talk.

Next week the golden rule will be: We are always polite and well mannered.

**Ladybird** Lilly for always smiling and helping others.

**Hedgehog** Eleanor for superb speaking and listening skills. Dylan for always putting his hand up during whole class discussions and explaining things descriptively.

**Rabbit** For always talking clearly and confidently and listening well to others: Beatrice, Lily and Kaden.

**Fox** Ruby and George have listened well in class this week and have contributed some superb ideas when asked. They have both been excellent in supporting others in improving their writing and working through tricky multiplication calculations and word problems.

**Owl** Francis and Alfie always know when it is time to talk and when it is time to listen. They set a good example for the class to follow.

**Badger** Oliver W. for always listening and contributing excellent ideas.

**Dragonfly** Zack and Alfie for taking part when we talk in partners in class and being ready to listen and learn too.

## **November**

30<sup>th</sup> BLSA Movie Night

## **December**

6<sup>th</sup> Reception 2019 open morning, drop-in between 9.15 – 11.45

7<sup>th</sup> Christmas carol singing at Bishops Lydeard train station

12<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity at St Mary's Church, 2-3pm

12<sup>th</sup> KS2 Carol Service at St Mary's Church, 6-7pm

13<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity at St Mary's Church, 2-3pm

14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day

14<sup>th</sup> BLSA Christmas Disco

18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner

21<sup>st</sup> Last day of term

