



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

Staying Safe

- If you have a Child Protection (Safeguarding) concern, please see a Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Trood or Mrs Culverhouse) or ring Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224
- If you notice a Health & Safety concern, please report it to Mrs Trood or Mrs Fillingham
- We have children with nut allergies so please remember our school is a nut free school
- Mobile phones must not be used within the school grounds
- If you drive your children to school, please park responsibly on the surrounding roads

8th February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Current Whole School Attendance –95.02%

It has been another busy and productive week in school. To launch our 'Space and Science Week' we had a visit from the Space Odyssey dome. The children (and adults) thoroughly enjoyed the experiences and learnt many interesting facts about space travel, the planets, our solar system, constellations and planet exploration. When the dome turned into the cockpit of Tim Peake's rocket and we set off into space, the excitement from the children was incredible. One quote from a KS2 child that described the experience was, 'It is amazing how we can learn about something so big like space from something as small as a dome'.

We have also been lucky enough to have Little Knox join us in school and each class has taken part in first aid sessions that have included who to call in an emergency and how to perform CPR. Again, another learning experience for us all.

As we move into our final week of this half-term, we will be enjoying our whole school 'Space and Science Week' and I know that there are a range of exciting learning experiences planned ranging from making 'snow fluff' to papier mache solar systems. We would love to see as many of you as possible on Friday next week at 2:45pm so the children can share their learning.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Culverhouse



Tuesday 12th February

Headteacher interviews are taking place next week and the Trust and Local Governing Body would like to offer parents and carers an opportunity to meet the candidates. We would be pleased if you could join us for refreshments in the school hall at 3.30pm on Tuesday. Bath and Wells Trust representatives and I will also be in attendance. David Williams, Chair of Governors

There will be no after-school clubs on Tuesday 12th. Parents will be refunded for this session.

Space rockets

Next week Hedgehog class will be making space rockets. If you have any suitable junk modelling materials we would be grateful if you could bring them into school on Monday. Thank you for your help!

Space and Science Week open classrooms

Please come along to share your children's learning on Friday 15th February from 2.45 – 3.15pm.

Kilve Residential meeting, Tuesday 5th March, 6.00 – 6.30pm

Year 5 parents are invited to a meeting on Tuesday 5th March in the school hall. A senior instructor from Kilve Court will give a presentation about the activities planned for the week. Parent information packs and consent forms will be handed out at this meeting.

Thank you to Bishops Lydeard Co-op

A huge thank you to Bishops Lydeard Co-op staff who are generously donating funds from their Charity Book Trolley to buy pencils and pencil sharpeners for the school. Any donations of books for the trolley are most welcome. Please do look through the books on offer on your next visit and help raise money for our school. Thank you for your support.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will be held on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th February, 3.30 – 6.30pm. Please see teachers at morning drop-off to book appointment times or call the office after 9.30am.

SATs information sessions

We will be holding SATs information sessions for parents of children in Years 2 and 6.

KS2 SATs session for Year 6 parents: Wednesday 27th February, 6 – 6.30pm

KS1 SATs session for Year 2 parents: Monday 4th March, 3.15 – 3.45pm

Parking





We have had some complaints from residents in Quantock View regarding parents parking inconsiderately and dangerously when collecting their children from school. The PCSO will be visiting the school to monitor the situation next week.

Messy Church

Come along and join the fun at Messy Church this Saturday, 3.00 – 5.00pm. Free of charge, all welcome.

Maths and English updates

Ladybird	Next week's Science Week will give us a wonderful opportunity to explore the children's particular interests in pirates, space, aliens and maps and inspire our work with shape and numeracy. We will be reading Oliver Jeffers' book, The Way Back Home.
Hedgehog	In English we are going to read the story QPootle 5 by Nick Butterworth. We will make our own space station in our role play area and write postcards to the aliens in space. In maths, we are going to work on 3D Shapes linking this to planets.
Rabbit	In English we will be making space crafts and using them as inspiration for our writing. In maths we will learn to name, sort and describe shapes based around a space theme.
Fox	In English next week, we will be using our knowledge of instructional writing to complete and write about scientific experiments and design projects. In Maths, we will be collecting, representing and interpreting data.
Owl	Next week is Science Week. In English we will be debating whether we should send people to Mars. In maths we are looking at fractions with a science twist.
Badger	In English next week we will be linking our discussion texts with our 'Space/Science' week. We will also be writing up our science experiments. In maths we will be looking at space themed word problems, constellation angles and planet ratios.
Dragonfly	Next week we are looking forward to a science week with plenty of experiments as well as writing our own discussion writing based on space. In maths we will continue learning about percentages.

House Points	This week	Overall
 Quantock	195	911
 Blackdown	188	819
 Brendon	182	972
 Mendip	161	868

Class Attendance Cup

This week Rabbit class won the attendance cup with 97.47% attendance and were rewarded with an extra session on the trim trail.

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** Daniel for his polite behaviour and excellent listening skills. Molly for challenging herself in her learning.
- Hedgehog** Dylan for super maths skills and doing well with our Greater Depth Challenge when weighing objects using the balance scales. Arabella for not only working through the Greater Depth challenge while working with measuring mass, but also helping others who were finding it tricky.
- Rabbit** Beatrice and Lily for always being excellent listeners, not only to adults but also to the other children in the class too.
- Fox** Ezel has worked extremely hard this week, showing superb listening skills and excelling in his use of the columnar method for addition and subtraction. Seren has worked extremely hard this week, listening well and contributing brilliantly in class discussions. Furthermore, Seren has produced an outstanding set of instructions to show how to mummify an Egyptian King.
- Owl** Olly and Harry have been kind and encouraging in every lesson, at every play time and in every minute of the school day.
- Badger** Rosie and Charlotte for always listening and being good talk partners to other children.
- Dragonfly** Alice and Samy for listening carefully in class and taking part in discussions whether in pairs, small groups or as a class. Tyler for his superb effort with writing his story. Declan for confident explaining of converting fractions, decimals and percentages to others to help them understand how to work out a question. Chloe and Bailey for excellent effort with writing.



February

- 11th – 15th Science Week
- 13th An opportunity to meet the headteacher candidates, 3.30pm with refreshments in the hall
- 15th Open classrooms, 2.45 – 3.15, for parents to view work completed during Science Week.
- 18th Half-term week
- 25th Inset day
- 26th Back to school
- 26th Parents' Evening
- 27th Parents' Evening
- 27th KS2 SATs information meeting for parents, 6.00 – 6.30pm

March

- 4th KS1 SATs information meeting for parents, 3.15 – 3.45pm
- 5th Kilve Court Residential meeting for Year 5 parents, 6.00 – 6.30pm
- 8th BLSA Disco