



# Bishops Lydeard

Church School

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**Newsletter 1**  
**Autumn 2019/20**

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 Harvey or Mrs Culverhouse) or ring Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224
- If you notice a Health & Safety concern, please report it to Mrs Harvey 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

9<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Welcome back one and all.**

**It is lovely to see the children looking so happy, well and ready for learning.**

There has been a monumental endeavour to prepare the school for the start of the new school year. Floors have been laid, classrooms adapted, corridors decorated and classrooms refreshed. Thank you to the teachers and their families who have given up their time to make this a reality. If you have not had the opportunity to come into school yet why not come along to our Meet the Teacher afternoon at 2.45pm on Wednesday?



BATH & WELLS  
Multi Academy Trust

"That they may have life, life in all its fullness" John 10:10

**TRUST Matters**

You will notice that fencing has been installed along the low stone wall area of the playground. This is to make the site more secure. Many thanks to the Bath and Wells MAT for funding this for our children.

### Dedicated Reflection and Improvement Time (DIRT time to the children)

As part of our sustained endeavours to improve our school for the children we have introduced a morning session into our daily routine. This is where the children have time to respond to marking and feedback from their teachers before moving on with the next session. It is also a great chance for teachers to spend a valuable few minutes supporting children with the previous day's learning. This approach is evidence based and can lead to improved progress. This session begins as the school doors open at 8.45 a.m. Please do support your child to be present at this time so that they can make the most of this opportunity.

### Parents of Reception children

Thank you for welcoming Mrs Culverhouse and Mrs Foster-Burnell into your homes. This really does help the children to feel safe and secure when they meet their teachers again in school. It also helps us to get to know you and your children and to find out what your child's next steps in learning may be. We look forward to welcoming you this week.

### Parents of Nursery children

It was lovely to see so many of you at the open doors session on Friday. To see the children using the space was a real pleasure. We are now able to offer sessions between 9am and 3pm to children who are 2 years+. Please contact the school office if you would like more details. For parents dropping off and collecting children from the Nursery please use the Nursery entrance.

I look forward to sharing photographs of the first week at our nursery and the first week in reception in the next newsletter.



Mrs Harvey

### Parent Voice

We have been made aware that some families wish to receive a paper copy of the newsletter. Please come in and let the office team know so that we can arrange this for you.

### Swimming

Swimming begins this week for Year 5. Please see the letter which went home last week for more details.

### Parent Talk

Parent Talk is now available to view online. The newspaper edition will no longer be distributed. Please visit <https://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&pubid=79f54e6f-8ded-4a4d-a153-592e7c18ff2b>

### Car park

Please can we remind you that for safety reasons the car park is for staff members only. Please can parents park offsite. Thank you.

### Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a school cleaner. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

### Whole school project

Please take a photo of your child reading in an unusual place and bring in for a school project next Wednesday. Please print or email the office. Many thanks

### Key dates

Please note key dates for the year in the diary dates and school calendar below.

### School Meals are now on ParentPay

School meals are now available to view, book and pay for on ParentPay. Paper copies of menus will no longer be issued. You will be able to book meals up to six weeks in advance. Please be aware that KS2 meals must be paid for at the time of booking. To view the menu and instructions for booking on ParentPay, please visit <https://bishopslydeardbwmat.org/parents/catering/> If you need any help, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

## **Bishops Lydeard Church School Nursery**

Our Nursery is now open. We offer sessions from 9am-3pm for children aged 2 years+. Please contact the school office if you would like more details.

### **September**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Please bring in a photo of your child reading in an unusual place for a school project
- 11<sup>th</sup> Meet the teacher, 2.45 – 3.15pm

### **October**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Open classrooms
- 10<sup>th</sup> School photographer, individual and sibling photos
- 17<sup>th</sup> Harvest service, 10am, St Mary's Church

### **November**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Parents' evening
- 13<sup>th</sup> Parents' evening
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Anti-bullying week

### **December**

- 13<sup>th</sup> Enterprise sale, 3.15pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nativity
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- 18<sup>th</sup> Carol service, 6.30pm, St Mary's Church



Dates for  
the Diary: