



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 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

23rd September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the last Ofsted inspection we were tasked with *'Improving the quality of teaching, learning and assessment by making sure teachers assist pupils to select reading books that are carefully matched to their ability'*.

Since then the school has invested in a 'program' of which you may be aware – Accelerated Reader. Accelerated reader was introduced part way through last year. This approach provides the children with quizzes which, as well as being engaging, enable a good match of book to both fluency and comprehension levels. This helps us to ensure the best progress for your children. As this approach begins, broadly speaking, at year 2, our book match in Early Years and Key Stage 1 needed some consideration.

I am excited to tell you that (for Early Years and Key Stage 1) we have invested in the Read Write Inc. approach to teaching phonics and early reading. As part of this approach we have books which your children bring home to share and demonstrate their fluency. The staff using this scheme were trained on Thursday and Friday of last week so are now raring to go.

When making these decisions we have considered both the engagement and development of love of reading for the children and the facility to track books and ensure the level of support and challenge is right for each child.

In addition, as we know reading is the key to unlocking learning and therefore a real priority for all children, we have further broadened our skills set and training. All teaching assistants and teachers are receiving phonics training as we know the importance of this does not end in EYFS/KS1. This has been facilitated by the Trust.



BATH & WELLS
Multi Academy Trust

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

As there have been and will be changes, we would like to invite you into school for a reading meeting so that you are armed with the information you need. The meetings will take place on **Monday 7th October at 2.45pm** and again on **Monday 14th October at 6.30pm**. However, if you have questions before this date, please do not hesitate in contacting your child's teacher in the first instance.

In the meantime do rest assured that these decisions have been made for the benefits they present for our children and are in the best interest of your children's reading development.

Finally, and as always, you remain key to your children's success. Reading five times a week makes a monumental difference to both your child's love of reading and the progress they make. Simply put, the reading we do at school cannot provide enough hours in which children can master the skills needed without us narrowing the curriculum offered – reducing topic work around big questions. As I am sure you are aware we, as a school, are committed to maintaining a broad and balanced curriculum so that all children thrive, are engaged and develop their passions and interests in the wider world. Please support us in doing this by reading with your child at home thereby providing purposeful practice and nurturing the love of learning.

Mrs Lisa Harvey

Last week Fox class created a poem in RE. They used a range of nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs to describe God's perfect world in the Creation story.

Our Creation poem by Fox Class

Emerald	grass	waving	frantically,
Grey	wolves	hunting	sneakily,
Blue	birds	flapping	calmly,
Chestnut	horses	rearing	high,
Soft	snow	melting	slowly,
Wavy	trees	swaying	gently,
Cute	kittens	meowing	loudly,
Smooth	hill	tilting	steeply,
Beautiful	bunnies	bouncing	brilliantly,
Fluffy	puppies	barking	quietly.

After-School Clubs

There are still places available in most after-school clubs. Please sign up on ParentPay or contact the office for more information.

Flu Immunisation Consent

If you have not already done so, please return the flu immunisation consent form indicating whether or not you are happy for your child to have the vaccine. Many thanks

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.

Maths and English updates

Hedgehog	In Maths we are looking at ordering numbers to 10 and number lines. In English we are writing our own versions of Billy Goats Gruff, by changing the characters.
Rabbit	In Maths we are learning to count forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s in a range of ways and looking at sequences. In English we are using our story map and actions to support us in learning the story of Little Red Riding Hood off by heart and beginning to think about what we would change in the story to make it different (Innovate week of Talk for Writing).
Fox	In Maths we will be solving problems using blank number lines. In English we will be inventing a finding tale.

Owl	This week we will be looking at writing our own invented finding tales. In Maths we will be using varied scales on number lines to place numbers to 10000.
Badger	In Maths this week we will continue our learning on place value with a focus on negative numbers and recognising numbers to 1 million. In English we will continue learning about our class text 'The Canal'. This week we will be looking at the features of this text and innovating our own warning tales.
Dragonfly	This week we will continue to explore place value in numbers to 10,000,000 by ordering and rounding. In English we are beginning to write a warning tale that creates suspense by making careful word choices, subordinate clauses and dialogue.

Class Attendance Cup

This week Ladybird class won the attendance cup with 98% attendance and will be rewarded with an extra session on the trim trail.

Gold Book

- Hedgehog** Molly for doing lots of reading at home. Frankie for always contributing lots of ideas in class.
- Rabbit** Matilda for always being helpful and setting a good example of behaviour to other pupils. Dylan for showing he is keen, ready to learn and being in the right place at the right time.
- Fox** Bruno and Vinaya for working really well together as a team in English.
- Owl** Jayden for outstanding resilience, perseverance and improvement in sentence structure. Kyle for amazing efforts throughout the school day to listen and work hard.
- Badger** Alice for always showing respect and having a positive attitude in the classroom and also showing great perseverance in our swimming lesson this week. Maisie for working hard on her growth mindset this week and always being the first to volunteer to tidy our learning environment.
- Dragonfly** Kian and Milo for fantastic and detailed explaining in maths. Oliver W. for always being considerate of others and looking for the best in people.

Rainbow Award

Ellie-May for being really kind and helpful in assisting Ladybird pupils put on their shoes and doing them up.

September		
October		
4 th	Open classrooms	
7 th	Reading session for parents 2.45pm	
10 th	School photographer, individual and sibling photos	
14 th	Flu Immunisations	
14 th	Reading session for parents 6.30pm	
17 th	Harvest service, 10am, St Mary's Church	
November		
7 th	Parents' evening	
13 th	Parents' evening	
11 th – 15 th	Anti-bullying week	
December		
13 th	Enterprise sale, 3.15pm	
16 th	Nativity	
17 th	Nativity	
18 th	Carol service, 6.30pm, St Mary's Church	