



Bishops Lydeard

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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

26th November 2019

Attendance

Whole school attendance: 95.17%

Class with the best attendance w/c 11/11/19: Rabbit 100%

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you spare a little time to support a BLSA event?

Thank you,

Mrs Lisa Harvey

BLSA Update

The BLSA committee met on Wednesday 20th November for the AGM, and we are delighted to announce that we raised **£5,199** last year – all of which is going to the school.

A massive thank you to you all for your support.

In the last year we have donated money to the early years' outdoor space (and are awaiting to hear if our lottery bid has been successful for an extra £10,000).

Some of the other items we have funded include: **licences for music and times table rockstars**, **help with funding the year 6 trip to Parliament**, **our annual first aid day** (set up by committee member, Lucy Chalkley), the **Samba band**, **Space exploration day**.

Over the last four years our large projects have included: **purchasing the trim trail**, **the complete re-design, fit out and stocking of the library and classroom reading areas**, **provision of a suite of iPads**.

Before the AGM we had two new parents/guardians express an interest in joining us, which is fantastic, thank you to them, it really is appreciated.

We are still a really, really small committee and therefore we have decided, **until we can get further volunteers** to help out, that we are going to limit activity for the next school year. We really regret that we have to do this, but we do not have the time as a committee to put on all of the events that we have done previously.

We have therefore decided to concentrate on one event per term, in addition we will be continuing to write bids for grants – which is where we can see that we can get the biggest return on our time.

The events that we are going to hold are:

Christmas disco – 13th December

Easter Chocolate Bingo – 27th March

Sponsored Olympic themed event – Summer Term

Unless we can get a bigger committee there will be no summer fete, no further discos, no movie nights, no ice cream Fridays. This will also have an impact on the amount of money we will be able to raise for our children and their school.

Becky Sprangle and Lucy Chalkley will be at the open classroom afternoon on 6th December (you won't be able to miss them – they will be stalking the corridors!) So please – find out more about what we do, how much time you will need to commit (not that much!) and what our plans could be for the year (including a tea party in the new outside area for the school and local community).

Hope you can help.

Ruth Warren

Secretary of the BLSA

Fundraising

Bags 2 School

Please leave bags by the bike shed for collection on **Friday 29th November**. Many thanks for your support.

The Giving Machine

Sign up at The Giving Machine to earn cashback for the school while you shop:

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/bishops-lydeard-church-school/>

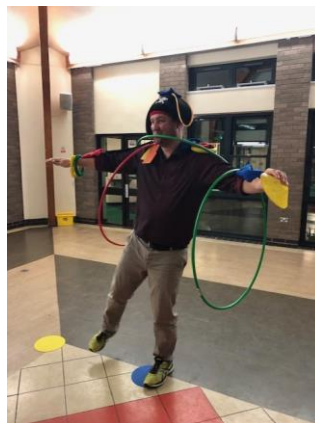
Co-op

Please register for a Co-op card and choose the school as your cause. 1% of what you spend on Co-op products will be donated to the school. We are planning to develop a disused area of the school grounds into an outdoor learning and nature area.

Reading books for schools

Please help us to collect 3500 tokens printed daily in The Sun between Saturday 23rd November and Saturday 18th January. If we collect enough tokens we will receive a free box of over 100 books from the Collins Big Cat reading scheme.

Teachers do PE as well!



We are refining our PE syllabus through the 'real PE' resource. This incredible resource will be rolled out over the next few terms and is focussed on your children's: personal, social, cognitive, creative, physical and health skills. We had two evening training sessions and loved the programme's focus on challenging everyone and celebrating different skills. It really does match our intent of living "*life in all its fullness*".

Nursery

Thank you very much to Mrs Jones from Daisy Cottage Tea Rooms who spent time in the Nursery this morning. She brought in some beautiful tea cups and saucers and we looked at cookery books together and talked about our favourite food.







Healthy School

We encourage you to send your child to school with water in their bottles rather than squash and a fruit snack for break times. Thank you.

Maths and English updates

Ladybird	We will be colour mixing and continuing with the story Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See? and using it to help support our learning. In Maths we will be working on 1 more and 1 less in Maths. We will be revisiting single sounds and using ng and nk.
Hedgehog	In English we will be innovating and changing the story of Monkey See Monkey Do. In Maths we will be exploring reading, writing and counting to 20.
Rabbit	In Maths we will continue to explore money using addition and subtraction. We will be problem solving, finding out how much change to give when buying items. In English we will be innovating our new Talk for Writing text of The Magic Brush where we will change one part of the text and re-write it in our own way.
Fox	We are finishing innovating and starting to invent our own warning tales. In Maths we are multiplying and dividing numbers by 3 and 4.
Owl	This week, Owl class will be writing reports. Our skills focus will be: headings, sub-headings, subordinating conjunctions and writing in the present perfect. In Maths, we will be consolidating our learning from the term. This week we will be going over subtracting 3 digit numbers using multiple exchanges.
Badger	In Maths this week we will continue looking at multiplication and division with a focus on prime, square and cubed numbers. In English we will be continuing to write and edit our innovated wishing tales and then sharing them with the class.
Dragonfly	This week we will be applying the skills of careful word choice and figurative language in our writing. In Maths we will be solving a range of problems using written methods for all 4 operations.

House Points	This week	Overall
 Brendon	121	1433
 Quantock	120	1035
 Blackdown	76	817
 Mendip	71	1373

Gold Book

- Ladybird** Harrison and Lacey for being kind friends. Alfie for some great talking.
- Hedgehog** Nicole and Leo Sim. for some excellent descriptive writing.
- Rabbit** Dylan for working well in Maths when using money and demonstrating his skills well. Ruby for showing increased independence in English this week.
- Fox** George for reading well and getting 100% in two quizzes. Oscar and John for super information posters on Everest. Bruno for doing a talk about India in front of the whole class.
- Owl** This week, Jacob has been resilient and has improved his growth mindset. When things get tough he overcomes and has made huge progress in maths and English. Jake has been working incredibly hard in class this week. He has been taking on challenges and has had a good attitude to learning.
- Badger** Ina for showing fantastic resilience in our maths learning on factors and multiples this week. Henry for remembering lots of facts about our previous learning and being able to relate this to what we are learning currently.
- Dragonfly** Johnny and Elle for superb use of figurative language in their writing. Oliver for excellent effort when dividing by a 2 digit number. Lilly G. for demonstrating a super attitude towards learning.

December

- 6th Open classrooms, 2.45 – 3.15pm
- 11th Christmas dinner
- 13th Christmas jumper day
- 13th Enterprise sale, 3.15pm
- 13th Christmas disco
- 16th Nativity, 9.30am, school hall
- 17th Nativity, 2pm, school hall
- 18th Carol service, 6.30pm, St Mary's Church
- 23rd Christmas holidays

