



# Bishops Lydeard

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Bishops Lydeard Church School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

**Respect**

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#### 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

7<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear All,

I hope this newsletter find you all safe and well.

It is has been **fantastic** to see and hear about all of the learning that has been taking place (both of the Teams or school set kind and the wider life skills kind). I know myself and the whole staff team are so proud of how you are doing in these unusual times. I would like to say thank you to you all, children and parents alike, for this. In turn this has really helped us to remain focussed on the tasks at hand. In the coming weeks we would like to send you a survey about how you have found the home learning experience. We know many challenges have been faced and that creativity and resilience has been key. We also know that we do not have the whole picture and would like to know more.

Thank you too for the welcome we have received when making the home-school phone calls. I believe the contact really did provide the children with a degree of reassurance at such an unusual time. Now we have new routines established these calls will become approximately fortnightly. However, do of course continue to make contact via Teams if the contact is work related or via the office if you need to speak to your child's teacher (or myself) about something more personal or confidential. We will now turn our focus to include the celebration of all of the amazing things that are going on. Teachers will write to their class on a fortnightly basis via the newsletter (see below).

Looking to the future, we await guidance with regard to the reopening of schools (though of course we have been open throughout this period). I know there will be many questions, hopes and concerns. To this end I have asked the school forum of class representatives to support us so that we better understand what your thoughts to the future are along with what the period of closure has been like for yourselves. This information will be used to help us shape and to inform our opening plans. Once more is understood about the Government guidance and direction (which from my understanding will be Sunday) I will send a request for information and questions out to the parent forum. I will also add these to a newsletter and website (and let you know they are there). Please do feed your thoughts back to your class representatives as Mrs Culverhouse and myself will meet with the forum to understand more before we move to finalise any plans.

The class representatives are: Mrs Date YR, Mrs Knee Y1, Mrs Chalkey Y2, Mrs Sprangle Y3, Mrs Machell Y4, Mrs Hayes Y5 and Mrs Lambert Y6.

#### **VE DAY**

Though we are not able to mark this important date in our nation's history as we would have wished, I am delighted to see the decorations and displays which are appearing round the village. When you are next out for your daily exercise why not see what you can spot. Pictures welcome!



Throughout the period of school closure the Trust has been providing a host of continued support: teachers have been networked together with year group colleagues in other schools to provide support and share ideas; head teachers meet to the same ends; the Trust central team provides guidance which, along with the government information, keeps us up to date with the (necessarily) ever changing landscape of provision; governors are included in this information so that they are able to maintain an effective overview. In addition, without the Trust (Ben Ford more specifically) the Teams learning platform would not be likely to be in place in the way that it is. Learning aside, this would have reduced our ability to reach out and support you and your children. In essence, these actions have supported our well-being and capacity and this means we, as staff, are ready, resilient and motivated for the coming weeks and months.

I look forward to seeing you all when the time is right.

Lisa Harvey

**Year 1**

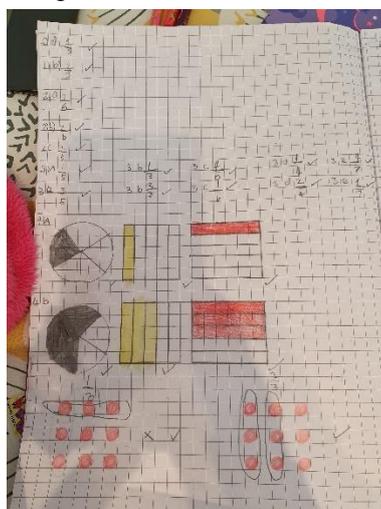
Year 1 have been working very hard and I have been enjoying reading their excellent sentence ideas and the start of the innovated stories based on The Three Little Pigs. The maths has been learning focussed on finding halves/quarters and grouping and is moving onto number bonds. There has also been some great research and learning about Africa.

There have been some brilliant, creative things going on at home. I have seen and heard about some wonderful den building, model making, giant Lego constructions, and much more.

I have enjoyed talking with the children and have smiled and laughed from all the things I have been hearing. A few have ranged from hearing about the large number of Easter eggs consumed, happy birthday calls and conversations about animals to listening to hamsters on the other end of the phone! It's lovely to speak with you. I have enjoyed hearing about how families are spending time together and the creative ways they are spending their time. Brilliant work and learning Year 1.

**Year 3**

Fox Class have been creative with their learning at home and have produced some lovely work. Kaden sent in a video of himself performing a poem, and he was so expressive and enthusiastic that I couldn't stop smiling while watching! Summer used Connect 4 counters and chopping boards to help her with her fractions work. As you can see, she completed her work beautifully. What a great idea!



I have been amazed by the wonderful stories and poems written by Fox Class and have giggled with delight and shuddered with horror while reading. John has spiders in his story this week, and I shudder at the thought! Beatrice is becoming quite a story-teller and I can't wait to see what happens in her story this week.

Xanthe created an informative poster for our project 'How Green Is Our Planet?', and included some fantastic art work. Freya sent some photos of her science experiment to find out which materials are biodegradable – I wonder if her predictions will be correct?



I am so very pleased with all of Fox class, and their families, for all of the amazing work they are doing. I have had some lovely chats with parents and children on the phone and could even *hear* Lily smiling! Keep up the good work and please stay safe. ☺

### Year 5

It has been fantastic seeing the efforts Badger class have put into their home learning over the past few weeks. The efforts of the children and their families have been commendable and the children should be proud of what they have achieved. I have really enjoyed seeing the innovative, creative and detailed responses to home learning from all of the children along with hearing about all of the extra-curricular activities they have completed. When talking to them on the phone it has been clear to see that all of the children are enjoying their time at home and have definitely been busy!

From Lego models, stop motion movies and a variety of art activities to climbing the stairs to reach the height of monuments and attending 'map school' the children have been filling their days with lots of fantastic learning and fun and it has been a pleasure to hear all about it! In English, the children have created some fantastic reflective diary entries and newspaper articles about significant events along with some amazing character and setting descriptions, which they have then included in their stories, along with this they have shown fantastic skill and perseverance in their maths learning.

Thank you Badger class for your fantastic work so far and I look forward to seeing and hearing about your future learning and activities.

Miss Collins

If you would like to share photos of your home learning please send to [office@bishopslydeard.bwmat.org](mailto:office@bishopslydeard.bwmat.org) It would be lovely to include some in our weekly newsletters.