



# Bishops Lydeard

Church School

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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

10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Reports

Today, you should have received your child's school report. We are very proud of all that the children have achieved and the effort that they have put into their learning, both in school and during the period of home learning. What is not captured in the report is the way in which we have worked together, via Teams, phone calls and learning packs to continue to support your children in these different times. For your support and understanding with this I thank you.

You child's report will give you an indication of whether they were on track to meet the end of year expectations at the point of closure along with other information which I hope will be useful to you. If you feel your child would benefit from further support at home over the summer, and you wish to spend the time supporting them, we have produced the home learning pack which focuses on key skills.

With regard to the curriculum not taught in school due to the closure period, we have looked at the key elements and are reshaping the content for the coming year. This is not yet finalised as we need to work with the children in the first few weeks back in school to fully understand which skills and knowledge remain embedded and what the children's next steps need to be. We will, in September, be sharing the class topic web with you so that you are aware of the focus.

#### Summer Learning Packs.

These optional packs, designed to focus on the key skills for English and maths, will be available on Teams from next week. If you are not able to access the pack in this way and would like one, please email the school office so that we can make an alternative arrangement to get it to you.

#### Teachers and Transition

You should have received a letter last week informing you of your child's teacher next year. The teacher will also be sending a letter to the class and will join or lead a Teams meeting session between now and the end of term as we are not able to run an in school transition session as we normally would.

#### September opening

The details around our plans will be with you early next week once our risk assessment is completed and agreed. As outlined previously, school will open full time for all children and children will form class sized bubbles/groups, these groups will have a time table which works to ensure the groups do not mix during lunchtime, playtime and during the school day (including at drop off and pick up). The rigorous routines around hand washing, good respiratory hygiene and enhanced cleaning will remain firmly in place.

## Wider support over the summer



Somerset Choices is a great website which will help you to find support available over the summer (and beyond). <https://choices.somerset.gov.uk/> and <https://www.somersetcommunityconnect.org.uk/> Please also see the Health and Wellbeing helpsheet attached for support of this nature.

### Safeguarding concerns during the holiday period

If your concern is urgent, you should consider contacting the emergency services or the Children's Social Care duty team on [03001232224](tel:03001232224).

Alternatively, you can complete and send a 'concerns form' to us, we will check our email box twice a week for these forms. Therefore, if the support you require is urgent please use the contact details above instead.

Please also find attached contact numbers for other agencies which can offer support.

Best wishes

### Nursery

Nursery will reopen on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, Monday – Friday, 9am – 3pm. If you are interested in a place for your child, please email the school office, [office@bishopslydeard.bwmat.org](mailto:office@bishopslydeard.bwmat.org)

### Reception Start Date

Stay and play sessions for new Reception pupils will run during the first week back w/c 7<sup>th</sup> September with pupils starting full time in school w/c 14<sup>th</sup> September. Details will be sent to parents shortly.

### Job Vacancies

We have vacancies for a Breakfast Club Assistant and a School Cleaner to start in September. To find out more, please visit the links below.

<https://www.bwmat.org/cleaner-10-hrs-bishops-lydeard-church-school-taunton/>

<https://www.bwmat.org/breakfast-club-assistant-bishops-lydeard-church-school-taunton/>

## Nursery and Reception

It has been a busy few weeks again in Nursery and Reception. There has been some wonderful learning in school and at home. The children have been taking part in a wide range of activities: junk modelling, painting, bead and felt crafts, 3D shape hunting, writing and number practise and puzzle making. We have been enjoying the TEAMS calls with some of the Ladybird children at home and also TEAMS calls with the new Ladybird Reception children.



## Year 2

This week, we have been learning about mass in our maths session on Monday that was very successful. I am so proud of how well many of year 2 have adapted to online learning and class sessions on TEAMS. This week we had our highest amount of children log in on Monday and join me for the virtual maths lesson. Everyone worked extremely hard and were asking and answering questions just how they used to in our class. This was lovely to see and hear!

Well done Rabbit class – keep up the great work!

Miss Sparks 😊



## Mr Dakin's Class

Our class have been keeping up our outstanding literacy and maths over the last few weeks. We have been working hard and getting ready for all our learning next year. The children have been so lovely, hard working and joyful every day they are in school.

We don't just do literacy, reading and maths. We loved what some of the other classes were doing so created our own monster book marks and parabolic curve pictures. Look them up and try them yourself at home.

