



# 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.**

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

**Respect**

**Endurance**

**Friendship**

20<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **2023/2024 classes and teachers**

Careful consideration has been given to the class structure for the next year. When making the decision around the best class for your child to continue their learning journey, we are very careful to ensure your child will feel safe, confident and able to take their learning forwards to make the best progress possible. As part of this decision, we consider your child's self-esteem, confidence and approaches to learning - we seek the best fit for every child on an individual basis. We have also drawn on the successes from this year and used this to inform the decisions made.

Class	Teacher	Year groups
Ladybird	Mrs Arafa	Reception and Year 1
Rabbit	Miss Collins	Year 1 and Year 2
Owl	Mrs Wheeler	Year 3 and Year 4
Badger	Mr Theodossiou	Year 4 and Year 5
Dragonfly	Mrs Harris	Year 5 and Year 6

Mixed year group teaching will again support us in ensuring that starting points of individuals are identified and that their knowledge and skills are developed. Similarly, as it has been this year, where there are two year groups in a class, the curriculum and learning enables the coverage of content for both years. This is presented as a series of steps or tasks so that children can work from their starting points in any given session. Additionally, for the foundation subjects, teachers plan in pairs (or trios) so that the topic of the term and the learning pathway is similar for children of one year group who are in different classes. Our rolling topics enable this to take place and also ensure the national curriculum is covered during your child's time at school with us.

In order to support a positive transition, classes and teachers will be spending time together this term. Also, before the end of the term, teachers will have time to share information about your child with their next teacher so that the next teacher is ready to support your child, both academically as well as socially and emotionally.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Theodossiou who will join us from St James Church School. I know he is very much looking forward to meeting his class and spending time in school this term. We will let you know when this is taking place.

If you have any questions, please do speak to either the class teacher, Mrs Culverhouse, Mr Dakin or myself.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Harvey

