



Bishops Lydeard

Church School

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Newsletter 1
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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 (Mr Dakin or Mrs Crane) or ring Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224
- If you notice a Health & Safety concern, please report it to Mr Dakin 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

15th September 2023

Attendance

Whole School attendance: 97.19%

Class with the best attendance this week: Ladybird Class with 99.2%

100% attendance: 126 pupils were entered into this week's 100% attendance raffle. Jake's name was pulled out of the hat. He will be given the school bear to take home for the week.



Our school needs you!

The **Bishops Lydeard School Association (BLSA)** is a small group of parents who raise essential funds for the school by organising fun events that we hope the children and parents will enjoy. Anyone with links to the school can help and parents do as much or as little as they choose. Some parents help now and again, some are more involved and make up the committee.

We wish Government funding would provide all the things we would like for the school but this is not the case. Therefore, our aim is to support and enhance the education of our children by providing equipment and supporting projects and outings that would otherwise not be possible.

We are always keen for new people to join and help us with fundraising ideas and organising events. It's a great way to get involved in your children's education, make new friends and help to improve the school. If you would like to find out more, please email enquiries@bishopslydeard.bwmat.org

Governor vacancies

We are looking to expand our governance team and are keen to hear from parents who would be interested in the role.

If you have time and enthusiasm to give, we would love to hear from you.

To find out more about the role of a governor and the commitment expected, please email enquiries@bishopslydeard.bwmat.org

Breakfast Club and After School Club



Pom pom making; card making; baking; lego; cross stich; den building; football; knitting; bubble machine; model planes; chalk drawings; playdough; beads; loombands; colouring; reading; floor lava; board games; gardening

Breakfast club and After School club are offered each day. Booking is through your ParentPay account. Please contact the office with any queries.

Lunchtime Clubs



Teachers will be offering different lunchtime clubs each half term. This half-term, iPad Club, Arts and Crafts Club and Carnival Club are on offer. Places are free but must be booked through the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=zYYnkfAdvk6PP19ExfR4BdSwA1N7QQ9Hp5KVh780C6NURDFNQzAyVkrFVDc4TUg2RDI5NUpCTIAyNC4u>

Self-portrait tea towels

As part of our BLSA fundraising this term, the children have designed a brilliant whole-school **self portrait tea towel**.

It will make a great present for family and friends while also raising money for the school! The product is 100% cotton and is very high quality.

As the tea towels will be printed to order, would you **please complete your payment by Wednesday 4th October via Parentpay**.

The cost of each tea towel is £6. Order now so you don't miss out! Thank you for your support from the BLSA.



Flu Vaccination, all year groups

The NHS Immunisation Team will be in school on Wednesday 18th October to offer the flu vaccination spray. Please visit <https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/Flu> to give or refuse consent by 17th October. The school code for the form is SM142402.

Uniform/PE reminder

Please could you ensure that all school uniform and PE kit items are named.

Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school. PE bags can be left in school and will be sent home each half-term.

We have a large amount of unnamed uniform that has been left unclaimed for an extended period of time. Please help yourself.

Harvest Service

Families are invited to join us in our celebration of Harvest on Thursday 19th October, 1.45pm in St Mary's Church. Donations will be collected for Taunton Foodbank.

Message from Taunton Foodbank:

We would like to thank all schools who have supported Taunton Foodbank in the past for your support collecting much needed food items. We are so grateful of your partnership, allowing us to help those individuals in our community who are in crisis.

Last year Taunton foodbank provided food to 3747 adults and 3068 children in our local community. This required over 77951 tonnes to provide these people with emergency support. With demand growing year on year in the food bank, your help and assistance will be invaluable in providing support to people that need it.

Thank you for your time and support.



Year 6 parents

The application website for parents and carers of children moving to Secondary Schools is now open and parents and carers can apply for places for their children from now until 31 October 2023. Please visit:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september/>

Request for hangers

If you have any child-sized hangers going spare, Ladybird Class would be very grateful for them to organise their dressing up area. Many thanks!

Gold Book w/c 11th September

- Ladybird** All of Reception class for settling in so well. Milly for excellent independent writing.
- Rabbit** Jack for fantastic endurance in all of his learning and for developing his independence when having a go by himself. Blake for developing his mathematical knowledge and sharing some fantastic place value knowledge with the class.
- Owl** Alex for fantastic effort in maths all week. Ela, Jesper, Alisha, Amelia-May, Magnus, and Jessica for constant respect and readiness to learn. Harrison for great effort and attitude to his learning, especially English.
- Badger** Evie for showing perseverance while settling into a new school. Hugo being polite and helpful to his classmates and teacher.
- Dragonfly** Kesha for a fantastic start to Dragonfly Class. Joe for a week of marvellous mornings. Yasmina for fantastic effort and involvement in all lessons. Ollie for great detail in his sentences.
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Dates for your diary

September

Mondays 18th, 25th September Dragonfly Class Swimming

October

Mondays 2nd, 9th, 16th October Dragonfly Class Swimming
Thursday 12th October Tempest Photography in for individual photos
Monday 16th October Parents' Evening, 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 17th October Parents' Evening, 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 18th October Flu Vaccinations – all year groups
Thursday 19th October Harvest Service
w/c 23rd October Half-term

