



Bishop Perrin C.E Primary School

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If you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding of children who attend Bishop Perrin CE Primary School, these should be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Mr Corke. In his absence, concerns should be reported to the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Miss Macklearn. The School's Safeguarding Governor is Father David Cloake.

Dear Parents,

School Life It certainly has been a busy half-term, with the start of term back in September a distant memory. We have been so impressed at how the children have settled back in after the disruption of lockdown, and in this time, they have shown how important it is that they are back at school with their friends and teachers. I know I have said this before, but thank you for all you have done to help with the arrangements, logistics and organisation of school as it is now, compared to what we are used to. You have all played a huge role in supporting not only your own child/ren, but all the other children who part of the school community.

Yesterday we conducted our first whole school fire drill, with Reception Class taking part for their first experience. All the children exited the building quietly and sensibly and we were all impressed at how maturely they conducted themselves. As a thank you to the children for how well they have settled back into school, each class was given 15 minutes on the whole of the playground (no barriers were up!) to stretch their legs and use the space. They all seemed to enjoy remembering what it is like to be able to run across the whole playground!

School Uniform, Presentation and Clothing We have picked up that some children are persistently not wearing correct school uniform, including wearing trainers into school rather than school shoes. Please help us by ensuring that your child comes to school with the correct items of clothing as we will be following up with letters home after half-term for those children who are infringing. This also includes general presentation of children with having their shirts tucked in when in class and having hair tied back, as is in the School Uniform Policy.

Thank you for helping support the children with getting additional dark clothing to supplement school uniform clothing whilst we have windows and doors open to maintain good ventilation. We can only anticipate that the temperature will get colder as we move into the Winter, so please make sure your child has adequate clothing to help keep them warm in the classrooms if they feel the cold.

Punctuality After half-term we will be following up more formally with parents if their child is arriving at school persistently late. Due to the staggered start times, especially for children in Years 3-6, if they arrive late they are having to wait until the alleyway is free of the next class that is due in. This means that some children are arriving into their classroom 10 minutes later than the rest of their class, which is having an impact on their learning, as teachers are starting lessons now earlier than normal. Please help and support your child from being disrupted at the start of the school day by ensuring they are in school on time, as it can be distressing for them arriving into class when the rest of the children are settled and getting on with their work. Thank you.

Notifying The School About Covid Results Over Half Term We will be checking the info@bishopperrin.richmond.sch.uk email account daily over the half-term break in case any families experience a positive Covid result. Please forward us the confirmation email you will receive notifying you of the positive result so we can then establish timelines and notify other families from your child's class if it has an impact on them. From Monday 26th October onwards, any child who tests positive will have to self-isolate without it impacting on the rest of their classmates. However, if we receive notification of a positive test over this forthcoming weekend, it might mean that a whole class will have to isolate. We will communicate any pertinent information to as soon as we are able to if there is any impact for you and your child.

Parent Governor Election

We received two nominations by the deadline of 12 noon today for the vacant Parent Governor role, which we are delighted about. I would like to thank Mrs McArdle and Mrs Alladin for offering to take on this role. As we have two viable candidates, we will need to now hold a formal election, which will happen after half-term. We need to use paper ballot papers, which will be sent home via the children. There will be a covering letter giving details of how to send your ballot paper in and the deadline date for submission of ballot papers. Good luck to both our candidates.

Finally If you are able to get away for half-term, I hope you have a restful and relaxing break. If not, I know the children will enjoy having a well-deserved break whatever they do. Thank you again for your on-going support.

Mr Corke

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GOVERNORS MEETING

The school's Governors met on Thursday 15th October and during this meeting they welcomed Lucy James as Foundation Governor representing Ss Philip & James Church. The Governors are sorry to have to say goodbye to Charlotte Holder and Liz Poulter as Governors and they were thanked for all their work while on the Governing Board.

The Governors thanked the staff for how well they had handled the recent COVID-19 outbreak in the school with Reception Class and the positive feedback that was received from parents on the remote learning the children undertook. The Board were pleased to hear the school have received additional Covid-related funding and equipment from the Government and they also thanked all the BP staff for their hard work with putting the ever-changing risk assessment together and helping the children to settle back into school.

BUILDING WORK

Please be aware there are several houses having building works at the present time close to the school. Deliveries of building materials have taken place at drop off and pick up times. Whilst we have requested that they deliver outside of these times this may not always be possible.

If you walk to school with your child please keep them with you when approaching the school. If you have a child in Years 5 or 6 who walks to school without you, please make them aware of this hazard.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

This is to remind to all Year 6 parents that the closing date for Secondary school applications is on Saturday 31 October. Because the secondary closing date is on Saturday this year, we are advising you to make your secondary school applications before 6pm on Friday 30 October. The eAdmissions Helpdesk will not be available to assist parents who experience difficulty logging in to an existing account or creating a new one, until 8am on Monday 2 November and wish to avoid parents submitting a late application because of this.

Please be aware that applications submitted late (unless late for a good reason) would only be considered after all on time applications.

BOOK DONATIONS FOR THE LIBRARY

Thank you for all the generous donations we have received of second-hand books for the school library. For the time being, we are not accepting any more donations as we have plenty for the moment. We will continue to accept kind donations of class texts, as mentioned in the message above. Thank you.

SCHOOL MEAL BOOKINGS

The choices for the week beginning **Monday 9th November** are listed below. To make your booking please visit www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and enter code **dprdd**. Bookings will close on at 9am on Thursday 5th November.

Monday 9th November

Option 1: Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake
Option 2: Oriental Honey Ginger Soya Strips with Noodles

Tuesday 10th November

Option 1: Beef Lasagne
Option 2: Roasted Vegetable Lasagne

Wednesday 11th November

Option 1: BBQ Chicken and Rice
Option 2: Margherita Pizza

Thursday 12th November

Option 1: Fish fingers and chips
Option 2: Quorn Nuggets with Chips or Wedges

Friday 13th November

School Packed Lunch. There is no hot meal option but please ensure you still book a lunch if your child requires one.

SCHOOL MEAL PAYMENTS

The price of a school meal remains at £2.50. If you pay on a half-termly basis the amount due is **£82.50**. If you pay weekly the amount is £12.50. Please pay online via <https://payments.atomwide.com/bishopperrinschool>.

Celebration

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 12th October 2020.

CLASS	%
Endurance	97.71
Peace	97.21
Forgiveness	99.66
Reverence	99.15
Service	95.44
Justice	99.62

Well done to Forgiveness class for achieving the best attendance for this week.

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Those children presented with a certificate for their hard work, great improvement or good behaviour this week are:

Friendship class	Theo
Endurance class	Charlotte
Peace class	Whole Class
Forgiveness class	Mia
Reverence class	Mikhail
Service class	George
Justice class	Safa

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CLASS KEY TEXTS

Next half-term, each class will be studying the following texts in their English lessons:

Year R – a variety of picture books

Year 1 – Beegu – Alexis Deacon, Man on the Moon: a day in the life of Bob – Simon Bartram

Year 2 – The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark – Jill Tomlinson

Year 3 – TIME HUNTERS: Stone Age Rampage – Chris Blake

Year 4 – Indian Traditional Tales (no text needed)

Year 5 – Kick – Mitch Johnson*

Year 6 – Stay Where You Are and Then Leave – John Boyne*

*Denotes new key text for this unit

Whilst we have a number of copies of each text available in school, it is very helpful if the children are able to have their own copy to read in class. You may like to consider purchasing a copy or borrowing one from the local library for them. This will be even more helpful should we find ourselves in a position where we are providing remote home learning as we will continue to read and discuss the text together remotely.

If your child has had their own copy of their class text for this past half term and no longer has a use for it, please consider donating to the school to help us build up our class supplies.

These books were:

Year 1 - Handa's Surprise

Year 2 – Flat Stanley

Year 3 – Rainforest Rescue

Year 4 – The Thieves of Ostia

Year 5 – The Highwayman

Year 6 – The Wind in the Willows

Thank you very much for your support.

CHILDREN'S WORKBOOKS

Today you will see that your child has brought home a series of workbooks. These may include some, but not necessarily all of the following:

- reading comprehension book
- phonics workbook
- maths workbook
- handwriting workbook
- spelling and grammar workbook

We have invested in these booklets as part of our remote learning provision. As explained in the information you received earlier in the week, in the event of a class or school lockdown, children will be provided with online learning activities via their Google Classroom, but will also be set activities to do off-line which will be activities in these workbooks.

We are sending these books home over half term purely as a pre-cautionary measure. With the current Covid-19 situation being very unpredictable at the moment, in the unlikely event of a 'circuit breaker' lockdown being announced during half term, we wanted to make sure the children have the

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resources they need to be able to learn from home. Please be aware, we do not have any information other than what we all see on the news to suggest a further lockdown is imminent, but we feel with the fast-moving nature of developments and short notice of changes regarding such matters, we'd rather be prepared for any eventuality.

At this stage, the children are **NOT** to complete any of the activities in these work books until directed to by their teacher, and we would like them to be returned to school on the first day back, as we will start to use them as a class and a homework resource next half term. We have invested a significant amount of money purchasing these books, so any books that fail to be returned after half term will have to be charged for. Thanks for your understanding and support with this.

STATIONERY PACKS

Thank you for your support with providing your child with their stationery supplies this half term. This has helped us immensely to implement an aspect of our risk assessment that limits the sharing of resources. Half term may be a good time to replenish some of the items the children need, particularly whiteboard pens and glue sticks.

As a reminder, our list of stationery items are:

1 x small pencil case (KS2 children only)

3 x writing pencils

1 x pencil eraser

1 x small pencil sharpener (no battery-operated or winding mechanisms please)

1 x ruler (30cm)

2 x whiteboard pens

1 x glue stick

1 x fountain pen + ink cartridges

Optional (but very helpful):

6 – 12 x coloured pencils

6 – 12 coloured felt tips

1 x pair of scissors

Stationery packs in KS1 and pencil cases in KS2 will stay in school and will not be taken home every evening, so please don't send in treasured stationery items. We will provide stationery items for children who are unable to bring their own.

Up until now, children in KS2 have been keeping all their stationary items in a plastic wallet in class. However, after half term, they will be allowed to store their stationary in a pencil case once more. Due to the way our tables have to be set out in the classroom at the moment, space is limited, so children will only be able to have one pencil case on their desk. This should be used for essential items for the day. They may keep a second pencil case with felt tips, etc. in their locker for when they're needed. Please no more than two pencil cases, both of a reasonable size, not too big! Pencil cases will need to stay in lockers and will not be taken to and from home.

These changes do not affect children in YR, 1 or 2.