



Bishop Perrin C.E Primary School

Newsletter

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2022

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 Lucy James.

Our School Value this week is: Creation

"Learning is the new skill. Imagination, creation and asking new questions are at its core." - Sugata Mitra

Dear Parents,

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

We are all coming to terms with the very sad news of the passing of Her Majesty yesterday. We used our Friday Worship this morning to recognise, acknowledge and celebrate her remarkable reign of 70 years, along with her dedication, service, duty and loyalty to the country. The children were incredibly respectful and we were able to share with them some lovely pictures of The Queen and listen to the National Anthem. We will follow up further next week remembering and showing our respects to The Queen with the children in both Worship and in class.

Back to School

It has been lovely to see the children back in school so enthused and enjoying seeing their friends again. It's not been great with the weather this week, making all the hot weather seem a distant memory, but I hope you and your family were able to rest and relax over the holidays and get away for a bit.

We have welcomed all our new Reception children this week and Miss Holloway, Mrs Vanstone and Mrs Miah have all been impressed with their positive attitude and their enthusiasm, so well done Friendship Class! We also welcome all our new families to Bishop Perrin School and we look forward to getting to know you better over the course of the year.

New School Year Mass

On Wednesday this week Father David, our Chair of Governors, kindly came to school to lead Mass for Years 1-6 in the Hall. Father David spoke to the children about what it's like to start somewhere new and how change is a good thing, although sometimes we might not always see it that way at the start. The children sang beautifully during the service and we had some lovely prayers read out by children from across the classes.

Meet the Teacher Meetings for Years 1-6

I hope as many of you as possible are able to join the online meetings next week when your child's teacher will share with you information about the year ahead and how you can help and support your child at home. If you are unable to make the meetings, the slides that the teachers use will be emailed out to you and uploaded to the school website. If you have a question you would like answered, please email it through to the office. Only questions that have been sent in via email will be answered in the meeting, but of course you can always check anything with your child's teacher at pick-up time over the coming weeks. Please look out for a separate email that will be sent today with the joining code to join the meeting, using Google Meets as the platform.

Parent Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

Please find accompanying the newsletter this week our Parent Acceptable Use Policy (AUP), as well as our guidance to parents about filming and photography at school events. Please make sure you read both documents carefully, and we will be asking you to acknowledge your support of the Parent AUP (as well as the new Home-School Agreement) when you come to sign the Pupil Emergency Contact Form. The Pupil Emergency Contact Forms will be sent out next week, so please do complete these and return them as soon as possible.

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Some Dates for Your Diary-Parent Interviews and Carousel Parent Workshop Evening

Our Autumn Term Parent Interviews will be held during the week beginning 10th October. Year 1 will have their Parent Interviews on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th, whilst all other classes will have theirs on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th. Following feedback from our Parent Survey last year, we are going to offer a hybrid model of Parent Interviews, with the shorter session being virtual, for those parents who prefer this, and the longer session on Wednesday 12th being face-to-face meetings with teachers in the Hall. More information about the Parent Interviews will follow, but please be aware that for children in Reception and Years 2-6, **school will close at 2.15pm on Thursday 13th to help facilitate the Parent Interviews.**

After several years of not being able to run our Carousel Parent Workshop Evening, we will be offering this to you on Thursday 3rd November. This is a free event for parents to come to school and sign-up for a variety of different workshops in one evening. The workshops will be delivered by Bishop Perrin staff and other trusted outside agencies, ranging from supporting you with phonics, reading, maths, online safety, wellbeing and anxiety. We are in the process of putting together the menu of workshops that you will be able to sign up for, so please keep your eyes out for more information about this. We normally get started around 5.30pm and have in the past offered a free crèche for childcare during the event. All this will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Finally

Thank you for all your support in getting the children in school this week with all their new uniform and equipment. We will have a busy year ahead and we are already in throes of planning events and trips for the children, alongside all their learning in the classroom. We are very aware that with the current cost of living crisis, family finances are going to be squeezed and under tremendous pressure. If at any stage during the year you are experiencing financial difficulties and are finding it difficult to meet any school costs or commitments, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us, in confidence, and we will see what can be done to help and support.

Have a restful weekend.

Mr Corke



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CELEBRATION WORSHIP

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

CLASS	%
Friendship	n/a
Endurance	Whole Class
Peace	Aimee
Forgiveness	Whole Class
Reverence	Keeva
Service	Charlie
Justice	Whole

TEXTILE BANK @ BP SCHOOL

The UK is the fourth largest producer of textile waste in Europe, according to a new study.

Clothes can take up to 40 years to decompose and shoes can take up to 1000 years to break down.

However 95% of textiles can be recycled.



This week we have had a textile bank, provided by Astra Recycling, delivered to school. Our main aim is to promote recycling and prevent used clothing ending up in landfill. In addition we will also be able to raise money for school as we will receive a small payment for each kilogramme of textiles donated. Most donations will be shipped to Eastern Europe or Africa to be worn again. Any textiles that cannot be reused are converted into industrial cleaning wipes or insulation materials.

We **accept** the following wearable items:

- All men's, ladies and children's clothing including School Uniform
- Paired Shoes
- Handbags, bags, ties and belts
- Bed linen, towels, soft toys

We **cannot** accept:

- Duvets, pillows or cushions
- Carpets or rugs
- Used underwear or socks
- Curtains
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

The textile bin is located down the side path of the school so please use the bin as often as you can and help reduce textile waste and raise funds for our school.

Thank you.

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PHONICS & READING PRACTICE BOOKS

In a change to our provision of the teaching of phonics in Year R and Year 1, we will now be following the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds scheme.

This is a government validated phonics teaching programme. Information about how we use this scheme to teach phonics can be found here: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> We have chosen this scheme because its very similar to our previous approach to teaching phonics.

For parents of children in Year R and 1, your child's class teacher will explain more about the process of teaching phonics and how we will be using the Little Wandle scheme. Another change that parents of children in Year R, 1 and 2 will notice, is that we will no longer be sending reading practice (book-band) books home. Instead they will be assigned to your child online, on a weekly basis. This allows us to carefully match your child's reading book to their phonics knowledge and ability, link it directly to the practice book they are currently reading with their teacher in class, and it enhances the accessibility of resources we have available to us. Instructions and log-ins for your child to access their online reading practise books will be sent home in the next couple of weeks and more information about how we will be using online reading practice books will be shared at the parent information meeting next week.

In the meantime, more information can be found by following the link above and clicking on the tab labelled 'Books coming home'.

Children in YR, 1 and 2 will continue to bring a book home from school, but this will be a book selected from the library and is designed to be shared with an adult. Your child is not required to be able to read their library book, but enjoy sharing the story by having an adult read it to them.

Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will continue to bring home a copy of their reading practice (book-band) book, as necessary.

If you have any concerns about being able to access the books online, please contact your child's class teacher after the parent information meeting next week and we will be able to help you.





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YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL JOURNEY – ISLE OF WIGHT, MAY 2023

Year 5 Parents and Carers will receive a communication today with the exciting initial details of Year 5's residential trip to the Isle of Wight, taking place in May 2023.

Please visit the school shop site to make payment for the deposit by the 30th September.
<https://payments.atomwide.com/bishopperrinschool>

More details and information will be shared with you in the coming months, in the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or your child's teacher.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL JOURNEY – BOWLES ROCKS, JUNE 2023

We're in the final stages of compiling all the details for the Year 6 Residential Journey to Bowles Rocks in June 2023, we aim to share this with you by Friday 16th Sept.

CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

We would like to draw to your attention some changes to our Charging and Remissions Policy (which is attached with the newsletter), effective for the start of this new school year. We will now make a charge to parents if we are asked to write and submit a reference for a child who is applying to a selective school that is over and beyond our statutory requirements. In addition, we will also make a charge for the validation of visa renewal letters. Parents who need a counter-signatory for a passport application (for either a Bishop Perrin pupil or parent) can request the school to provide this at a cost of £20. The parent/child will need to have been known to the school for a minimum of two years before we are able to counter-sign a passport application.

CHILDREN'S WELLBEING PRACTITIONER

At Bishop Perrin School, we are very committed to supporting our children and families with their wellbeing and have the privilege of being able to offer some services which are financed through our school budget. We are delighted that we are going to be continuing our relationship with 'Richmond Child and Young people's Wellbeing Service' which many of our parents have engaged with over recent years. Kathy Barnett is our Children's Wellbeing Practitioner and works with us on Tuesdays. Please see the attached flyer for information about Kathy and the service. If you would like to self-refer, please see me or complete and referral form and send it back to me via the school office. Thank you, Miss McAvoy

Y1 – Y6 HOME-TIME COLLECTION SHEET

If you need to make any amendments or updates to your child's collection arrangements (approved list of adults permitted to collect your child) please do so by completing a new home-time collection sheet with the School Office. If you have no amendments to make we will use the collection sheet you provided last year.

HOUSE COLOURED T SHIRTS SALE

We will be holding a second-hand sale of house coloured t-shirts in the playground next Friday 16th September. If you have any second hand red, blue or green house t-shirts that you no longer need please send them in for the sale.

The names of the houses are yet to be finalised, but the children have been told which house colour they are in.

We are going to place an order for the **smaller sizes of age 5/6** and would ask that parents pre-order these by Friday 23rd September by either sending an email in with the relevant information (child's name, colour of T-shirt and quantity) or complete the slip emailed to you and hand this to the School Office.

Just to keep you informed there has been a delay in receiving our order for some of the larger sizes/colours. In the meantime your child can wear their previous house coloured or a plain white t-shirt for PE until your order has been fulfilled/we receive the stock.

Thank you.

TERM DATES

You can find this years term dates on our website; <https://www.bishopperrin.richmond.sch.uk/parents/term-dates> The Governors have just signed off the 2023/24 dates which have also been uploaded to the website.

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