

Bishopsteignton Primary School
Cockhaven Close
Bishopsteignton
Teignmouth
TQ14 9RJ
01626 775873
Email: admin@bishopschool.co.uk
Website: www.bishopsteignton.devon.sch.uk/



Believe in ourselves, be the best we can be

18.10.19– Newsletter

Christmas Arrangements

We have decided to change some of our traditional arrangements for Christmas this year. These changes are all based around the practicalities of having more children in the school, ongoing reflection of their safety when going to the church and also the external pressures of national assessments.

Pioneers and Inventors (Y5/6) will this year do a production at Christmas instead of one in the summer. The children look forward to their production and we certainly wanted to keep it as part of the Y5/6 experience! However, there are such high expectations of Y6 in May and June alongside lots of other opportunities (i.e. Forest School, Swimming, Specialist PE) that it has become increasingly hard to balance an exciting show with giving the children a calm environment in which to concentrate on their learning to ensure that they achieve their full potential.

Therefore, the Christmas Carol Service at St John's Church will be performed by Voyagers and Discoverers (Y3/4). In the past, rehearsing with 120 children and fitting them in the church had become a real challenge! This way, the two classes will take a lead role with this service and we will also ensure more opportunities for the congregation to show us their vocal talents!

Adventurers and Investigators (Y1/2) will continue to do their Christmas Nativity at school and our Explorers will repeat their successful festive 'stay and play' where adults are invited to come in and join us for seasonal craft activities.

We hope you can see the thinking behind our changes and that we still endeavour to make this a very special time of the year for our children. In the past, parents have appreciated having the dates for these events as early as possible to book time off if needed and you can once again find all the dates at the end of this newsletter

Water Bottles

Just a reminder that we ask that children's drinks bottles are filled with water rather than squash or other drinks.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding remains one of our main priorities as a school and we try to update you with any advice or support that we see which we feel might be appropriate. Although like many other apps on social media **Tik Tok** has a 12+ rating, we are aware that many children may be using this video production app. This extremely popular platform enables users to upload,

watch and create short videos of between three and 60 seconds and also 'react' to other videos. Even if your child does not have this app, they may well be aware of it and have friends or older siblings that are using it. The link below provides a parent guide that you may find helpful and interesting.



<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok-everything-you-need-know-about-video-production-app?utm>

Pupil Voice

In our recent assemblies we have been talking about one of the British Values- 'The Rule of the Law'. We have been considering how laws and rules are important on our country and also in our school. When thinking about our playtime agreement, we considered how it felt when other children kept on breaking the rules. It proved to be a very evocative subject!

***'I feel frustrated at first but after a while I get fed up when it is the same people constantly not listening to the rules. Maybe we could make it that we do more assemblies on the rules so people understand.'* -Julliette- Y5**

***'It feels like we've told you so many times - you just don't listen!'* -Rowan Y5**

We hope you have a great half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Killoran".

**Dave Killoran
(Headteacher)**

FUTURE DATES

Monday 21st October-Friday 25th October	Half Term
Tuesday 29th October	FOBS Haloween Disco
Tues 5th and Weds 6th November	Parents' Evenings
Tuesday 3rd December	Adventurers and Investigators Xmas Nativitiy- 2PM and 6PM performances
Friday 6th December	FOBS Xmas Fayre
Tuesday 17th December	Pioneers and Inventors Xmas Production- 2PM and 6PM performances
Wednesday 18th December	Xmas Dinner
Thursday 19th December	Discoverers and Voyagers Xmas Church Concert- 2PM and 6PM performances
Friday 20th December	Last day of the Autumn Term