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*Believe in ourselves, be the best we can be*

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### 12.3.20– Newsletter

#### Staffing

We would like to update you on some recent developments with regard to our staffing at school. Mrs Dunn has decided to not return to her teaching role after her maternity leave at the end of May. As a family they have decided to move back to Australia. In her letter she wrote *'Although it is with regret that I submit my resignation, my family and I are looking forward to starting a new adventure in Australia, where we are moving permanently in 2020. A simple 'thank you' does not seem to be enough to express my sincere appreciation for taking a chance on this 'Aussie Teacher' and for the opportunities and experiences I have encountered ever since.'* Sara has been a wonderful teacher in her time at our school and, although we will be sad to see her go, I am sure you will join me in wishing her and her family the very best for an exciting future.

With this in mind, we have moved quickly to appoint Mrs Merrell and Mr Jeffrey to permanent contracts. After a fantastic start to life at Bishop in Pioneers and Inventors, we are delighted that they will be staying with us and teaching many more of our children in the future.

#### Gymnastics

As some of you may have heard, our Y3/4 and 5/6 Gymnastic teams recently won first place in a competition involving other local schools. They all performed their floor routines and vaults with control, strength, grace and elegance. This hard work and very impressive performances mean they will be representing the school during Monday's finals. Good luck to the teams! Go Bishop!

#### Reports and an Optional Parent Evening

Last year, as part of our focus on Mental Health, we significantly changed the report format that is sent home to parents once a year. As parents, you were very understanding about the amount of time the reports take teachers to write on top of their normal workload. This reduced format, although still requiring a great deal of thought and consideration, took less time for the teachers and meant that they could continue to dedicate time to preparing quality lessons that your children deserve and reflecting on their teaching to decide on next steps.

This year's reports will be coming home on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. As part of the change in our arrangements, we also offer an additional optional parent evening on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** to parents who wish to further discuss anything in the report. If you do not feel you need to see your teacher at this time, there will still be another parent meeting in the second half of the summer term.

#### Sports Relief

Just a reminder to keep collecting the sponsorship money for our Sports Relief challenges on Friday! Ask at our office if you need any more sponsor forms. Our School Council have arranged this year's event and they are excited to see how much money they have raised for the charity. Remember to wear your sports clothes tomorrow!

## Buddy Bus Stop

Have you seen our new Bus Stop? This is a place where children who are feeling lonely or upset at breaktimes can come and sit and one of our Mental Health Ambassadors will check in with them. The Ambassadors led an assembly in all the classes yesterday where they reminded the children of their role and what they did as well as introducing the new Bus Stop. We are lucky to have a community of children who are happy to help each other and make sure that school is the best place it can be!



## Pupil Voice

We talked recently about INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY which is one of the British Values. This is basically the right that we have in Britain to think and make choices of our own. We considered what it would be like to live in a place that was not like this and there were some great reflections!

**'It would be like someone else is controlling your body.'** Hero- Y2

**'Living in a place where you don't say your own idea it can be heart-breaking. You can't do what you want and you won't get to say your own opinion.'** Skye TL- Y5

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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

**Dave Killoran**  
**(Headteacher)**

## FUTURE DATES

<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Sports Relief
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Reports out to Parents- Y1-6
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Explorers Parent Evening #1
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Explorers Parent Evening #2
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Y1-6 Optional Parent Evening following Reports
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Last Day of Spring Term
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	First Day of Summer Term