



# Bishopstone C.E. Primary School

## Upcoming Dates

Thursday 6th March—World Book Day/Usbourne book fair in school/Dress up as a book character!

Wednesday 12th March—Voice in a Million Trip—Wembley

Wednesday 19th March—'Explore' workshop with year 2 in school

Thursday 20th March—Junior music festival—after school

Thursday 27th March—Junior Road Safety (tbc) - after school

Friday 31st March—Make a noise concert—Reception/Year 1—after school

Dear Parents/Carers

We have launched into our second Spring term and the weather is certainly pointing more that way. Thank you for your feedback at the parent/teacher consultations. I will certainly be discussing with staff if they think it would be beneficial for the children (particularly in KS2) to partake in the consultations. I look forward to seeing you at the book fair on Thursday. Miss Lindsay

## Clubs

We are continually looking at new ways to embrace club opportunities for the children. We are currently exploring linking up with another school so that our children would have the option of joining in with their clubs . . . we will keep you posted



## School Questionnaire

Thank you to the 17 parents that responded. We have collated the results and will be sending these out to you shortly. The information was vital and will now be fed into the School Improvement Plan, which we will also send out shortly. Our next focus is with the children, concentrating on their perceptions of their school and the areas that they would like to improve.

## Prospectus Update

We are currently redoing our school prospectus and have asked the children to draw the staff of the school. They need to be drawn on paper, no bigger than A4, they can be black and white or coloured but nice and big please as we can then scan and scale down to fit the pages. Please hand in to the teachers by Friday 14th March.

## Reminder—Active Kids at Sainsbury's

We are now collecting tokens from Sainsbury's towards sports equipment. The more tokens the more equipment. The school benefits hugely from this scheme so please start sending them in if you receive them. Ask friends and family . . . the more the better and the children will keep you up to date with the totals and their choices of equipment.



## Website Update

As a staff we have recently spent time discussing in depth an area that we wish to improve—communication. From feedback from yourselves, and the vision that we have as a staff, we have entered into a new contract to overhaul the current school website. This will take two months to complete but will not change for you until the new site is ready to 'go live'. The new website will be easier to navigate, allow you easy access to information and letters and provide a 'portal' for communication to flow both ways! If you have any positive ideas please let us know so that we can build them into the new site.

**Extreme** reading

## Junior Librarian

The school has invested in a software system for the Library, which will allow children to access the Library at home, seeing which books are in stock, e-books, creating book reviews and many more exciting activities. It also promotes responsibility to the children as they will be maintaining the library. It will take us a little while to place the books onto the system, as we are combining the inputting of this, with the children choosing new books, to enhance their reading choices. If you wish to look at the opportunities that the software will provide please visit their website—

<http://www.microlib.co.uk/products/JuniorLibrarian.aspx>

## School Policies

From the recent parent questionnaire, homework was an area that as parents you felt could be more defined. We are currently revisiting key school policies including developing a homework policy that enhances the children's learning outside of school. We will then be sending you a copy of the new behaviour policy, homework policy and healthy eating.

## Ragtex collection

We are once again collecting rags, we are aiming to beat our target from last time. Please bring in on 11th March to the village hall, this will be open from 08:45.

## Bishopstone Coffee Morning

The coffee mornings are starting up again on Wednesday 5th March, 09:00-10:00, £2 a family.

A great opportunity to have a 'playground natter' out of the rain!



## Sport relief

Efe and I have signed up for the 11am Coate Water 'Run a Mile'. It would be great to have some company and we will be helping to raise money for such a good cause in the process. The more from Bishopstone the merrier!