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9th February 2018 - Newsletter

Playtime Tickets

As you will be aware, at Bishopsteignton Primary School we promote positive behaviour to ensure all pupils are given their best opportunity to learn throughout the school day. For pupils that sometimes do not make appropriate choices, and disrupt either their own learning or the learning of others, the School Council introduced the idea of Playtime Tickets and this is now part of our Behaviour Policy.

<http://www.bishopsteignton.devon.sch.uk/school-information/policies>

If given a playtime ticket for poor behaviour choices, a child stays behind for the first 2 or 3 minutes of their break to reflect on their behaviour and consider how they would do things differently next time. The idea is that we do not want to waste long periods of the child's active play time, but we do want children to take responsibility for their actions and improve their future behaviour choices.

This has mainly been used in KS2 recently and is a largely successful system with a good impact on behaviour in the classroom. We wanted to highlight this part of our behaviour policy so that, in the future, if any further discussions were needed regarding playtime tickets you would be aware of how we use them.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6th February was Safer Internet Day across the country and this was marked at Bishop by us having extra lessons on the topic and special assemblies. I hope you found the conversation starters that were emailed/sent home helpful and that you managed to continue a dialogue around this important issue at home. If you would like any further advice or support on this topic, you may wish to have a look at a very useful government site- <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> Here you can find up to date information on the use of privacy settings and suitable ages and content for various sites. We are also very happy to talk to you and support where we can with any other concerns or questions.

Tesco's Money

We recently had confirmation of our Tesco's 'Bags of Help' award. As you will remember, Julia Fuell applied for us to be part of this scheme and we were all then busily collecting blue tokens before Christmas. We found out that we have been awarded £2000! This is a fantastic achievement and again supports us financially during these very challenging times. Some of the money has been put towards our

new Explorers' shelter (see below) and also our outdoor education provision and resources. Thank you Julia!

Explorers' New Shelter

As I am sure you have seen, the Explorers finally got their shelter over their outside area! This will make such a difference to the children's ability to continue to play and learn outside in all weathers and also on how equipment can be stored and manoeuvred on a daily basis. This has been funded by the Tesco's money (as mentioned above) and also a kind donation of £1000 from our wonderful FOBS team.

I hope that you have a great half term break! Please remember that school does not start again until Tuesday 19th February.

Kind regards,



Dave Killoran
(Headteacher)

SPRING 2018 TERM DATES

12th-16th February	Half Term
Monday 19th February	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 21st February	Yr4 Residential Trip Meeting 3.30PM
Thursday 22nd February	Y6 SATS information evening- 5PM (Parents only)
Thursday 1st March	World Book Day
Thursday 8th March	Science Day
Monday 19th March	Explorers Parent Evening #1
Tuesday 20th March	FOBS Spring Discos
Wednesday 21st March	Explorers Parent Evening #2
Thursday 22nd March	Sports Relief Day
Monday 26th March	Reports out to Parents- Y1-6
Tuesday 27th March	Open Evening- Informal opportunity to discuss reports
Thursday 29th March	Last Day of Term