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Believe in ourselves, be the best we can be

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It has been a pleasure to be at Bishop for the start of this term! There is such a wonderful positive atmosphere around the school. Our assembly last week discussed 'New Beginnings' as I wanted the children to reflect on how this felt and importantly how others might be feeling and the children reflected that change can be a very positive thing. I think this encouraging September start reflects an effective transition from one academic year to the next and I would like to thank staff and parents for everything they have done to prepare the children. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new Explorers' parents. The children have settled in brilliantly to their new class and I have enjoyed getting to know them. We very much hope you enjoyed being part of the Bishop school community.

Additional Bank Holiday- Monday 19th September

Just another reminder that Monday 19th September, the date of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's state funeral, will be a Bank Holiday and school and preschool will be closed. This is following advice from the Department of Education who have asked that schools close as a mark of respect.



School Jotter App

As a school, we use the School Jotter App to frequently communicate with parents about a number of different things throughout the term. There is also lots of additional information on the app linked to our website that can be quickly accessed at any time. Please make sure you have downloaded the app and also checked your setting if your child has changed classes so that you are receiving the relevant information.

SCHOOL JOTTER



Communication

We are aware that parents in some classes are members of group chats. We recognise the benefits of these - they are useful places to share information regarding your child's day in school; receive updates and reminders about school events and share tips relating to home learning! However, at times they can harvest concern and worry about particular issues. In these circumstances, we would urge you to get in contact with the school directly so we can clarify or explain particular concerns or questions in more depth.

Preschool- Crowd Funding

As previously communicated, a number of factors beyond our control have meant that funding for the preschool has significantly reduced and the long-term future of the setting is uncertain. We are not able to use school funds to support the preschool. We hope to restart some fundraising activities which were halted by COVID and our Governors are working hard on a marketing strategy to increase the numbers of children attending.

To help further, we have also set up a Go Fund Me page, which we hope will be an easy way for people to donate and help to secure the future of the setting. As the saying goes "Every Little Helps!" and we would be very grateful if you could donate anything you can and share the link more widely.



<https://gofund.me/794df376>

Preschool Update

At preschool we have been enjoying a settling-in period to welcome our new starters and to enable children, who are already familiar with the setting, to ease back into the new term after the summer break. We have been enjoying a range of activities, related to the children's interests, to help build confidence and communication skills. We are so impressed at how well the children are settling in and we are really looking forward to the term ahead!



Pupil Voice

As I have mentioned, in our first assembly we thought about New Beginnings- how it feels to start something new and which of our school values can help us if we are new to something or if we know someone else is. As ever, the children shared some thoughtful and empathetic reflections that I very much enjoy sharing with you in our newsletters.

'When you are doing something new then you have to believe you can do it and be really brave.' Thea- Y1

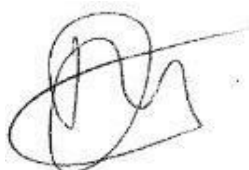
'I think empathy can help us if we are new to something because you can step into someone else's shoes so you know how they feel and you can help them.' Sophie M- Y4

'It makes you nervous but excited when something is new. At first when you're unsure, that's the bit that can make you nervous because you don't always know what's happening but once you get used to it, it can make you happy! I think curiosity and self-belief help us because you need to

***be curious and try new things and then believe in yourself that you can do it and try hard.'* Mia- Y5**

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



Dave Killoran
(Headteacher)

FUTURE DATES FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 19th September	Additional Bank Holiday
Friday 30th September	FOBS Bounce Off!
Monday 24th October- Friday 28th October	Autumn Half Term