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Anti-Bullying Week 2023

Assemblies, lots of discussions and activities and bespoke lessons in class have been used to explore this year's Anti-Bullying Week theme of 'Make a Noise About Bullying'. The week started with our odd socks day which aimed to send the message that children should be allowed to be themselves, free from bullying, and help celebrate the week in a fun and positive way. Lots of the week has then focused on how we can tell the difference between playful and friendly exchanges, such as teasing and banter, and then when this could be perceived as bullying as it becomes intentional, hurtful and repetitive. Importantly, the children were then given time to discuss what to do if they were concerned and who they should speak to.



Children In Need 2023

Thank you once again for your support of this year's Children in Need and our School Council's ideas for how to raise some money for this fantastic charity. Our final total as a school and Preschool was **£287.44** which is fantastic and we would like to thank you for your support! The Voyagers were the class that raised the most and so Mr Jeffery was very happy to oblige with a back to front uniform day!



Christmas 2023

I am aware that you will have sent lots of information about our Christmas arrangements this year in school, preschool and from our FOBS team. Ruth in the office has ensured that all of these dates have been added to the calendar that can be found on the school jotter app or on our website. As always, we will try to send reminders via the jotter app but we would encourage you to check the calendar at this extremely busy time of year.

Wrap Around Care- Phone Number

I just wanted to send a reminder of the wrap around care phone number that we would encourage you to use should you need to contact the team when your child is in our out of school hour's provision. I think this is particularly relevant to the after-school club as we do not have anyone officially in the office after 15:30 each evening. If you

need to let the team know there are any changes to your arrangements or if you are running late, please phone them directly on **07871 708416**.

Football Tournament

On Friday 10th November we were invited by Torquay United Community Sports Trust to enter an Under 11 Year 5/6 Boys and Girls National League Trust Football Tournament at Devon FA in Newton Abbot. We thought that this was a great opportunity for some of our Y5/6 children to be involved in a competitive competition. We sent two teams with part of the rules being that we needed two girls on each side of which one had to be on the pitch at all times. This was a really well-run tournament with the children playing lots of football throughout the morning. Our teams played really well against some quality opposition, with some of them having never played in anything like this before! We were so proud of the children's resilience, sportsmanship and effort throughout the morning which was recognised and highlighted by some of the coaches. The teams also wore our new Bishopsteignton Football kit that was kindly bought for them by our amazing FOBS team. Well done children- GO BISHOP!



Preschool Update

The Preschool children have been making the most of the sun in between the showers, looking at seasonal changes and collecting natural resources for our mud kitchens and Autumn sensory tray. We have also been visiting the school library to find out fun facts about hibernating animals and creating our own creatures out of clay!

Christie Tribble- Preschool Supervisor



Pupil Voice

One of the areas that we are working on in our School Development Plan this year is to create a document that highlights the '100 Things To do Before You Leave Bishop'. We want to capture all of the experiences and opportunities that our children have during their time with us and also think about if there would be anything we could possibly add to improve it further. The children were asked to reflect on what they already love doing at Bishop and why these experiences are important.

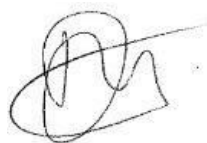
'We do lots of fun things and have lots of experiences during our time at Bishop including residential in Y4 and Y6, school productions and other shows/concerts at Christmas and trips related to our Topics. I think these things are important because it can help you learn and bring you into a new world outside of your comfort zone and change your character and make you braver!'
Alice- Y6

'School trips, sports days and interhouse competitions are important things we already get to be a part of because otherwise school would feel like you were a bit stuck inside all the time and sports days help us to keep fit and healthy!'
George- Y5

'Forest school is a really good thing to be part of because we are learning all about the world around us and that is really important.' Wynn- Y1

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



Dave Killoran
(Headteacher)

FUTURE DATES FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 15th December	Last Day of Autumn Term
Wednesday 3rd January	First Day of Spring Term

DATE	TIME	EVENT	WHERE	WHO
Thursday 7 th December 2023	2PM and 6PM	KS1 NATIVITY	SCHOOL	Adventurers and Investigators
Friday 1 st December 2023	9:15- 10:30	EYFS CHRISTMAS CRAFT	SCHOOL	Explorers
Monday 11 th December 2023	6PM	ROCK BOTTOM- Y5/6 PERFORMANCE	SCHOOL	Pioneers and Inventors
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	2PM and 6PM	ROCK BOTTOM- Y5/6 PERFORMANCE	SCHOOL	Pioneers and Inventors
Wednesday 13 th December 2022	2PM and 6PM	CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT	SCHOOL	Discoverers and Voyagers
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	2:30PM	CHRISTMAS CONCERT	PRESCHOOL	Preschool
Thursday 16 th December 2023	ALL DAY	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY- CHRISTMAS CRAFT ACTIVITIES AND CHRISTMAS DINNER	SCHOOL	Whole School