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Monday 3rd October 2016- Newsletter

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 18th October	FOBS Disco- letter and information to follow
Friday 21st October	Individual Photos
WC- 24th October	Half Term
Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th November	Parents' Evenings- Further information will be sent nearer the time

New Staff

Since the beginning of this term we have been joined by Laura Merritt who is our new Special Educational Needs & Disability Co-ordinator (SENDSCO). Laura is a teacher at Our Lady and St Patrick at the beginning of the week and then will normally be working on a Wednesday at Bishop. We have also recently employed Jenny Palmer as a 1:1 TA in KS2. As ever, we are delighted to continue to build and strengthen our staff team and would like to welcome Laura and Jenny to our school.

Laura Merritt



Jenny Palmer



Bishop in the News!

In case you didn't see it, Bishopsteignton Primary School have been in the news to celebrate the fantastic Garage Sale. Well done again to Natasha Geldard and FOBS!

<http://www.torquayheraldexpress.co.uk/garage-sale-and-devon-open-studio-events-sees-bishopsteignton-buzzing/story-29738970-detail/story.html>

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a vitally important part of school life and we work hard at Bishopsteignton Primary to ensure the continued safety of your children. Over the next year, I will include some safeguarding updates or recent information within my newsletters to help support and inform you at home. On the reverse of this letter, please find some recent guidance from the NSPCC on spotting the signs of Radicalisation and Online Grooming. If the information raises any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at school should you require further support.

New NSPCC Helpline for parents worried about radicalisation

Counsellors from the NSPCC have been trained by experts from the Home Office to advise parents on how to spot signs of radicalisation in children who could fall victim to online groomers.

The helpline is also available for parents who want to know how to reassure children worried about terrorist attacks taking place.

Signs which may hint towards radicalisation in children

- They isolate themselves from family and friends
- They become disrespectful or ask inappropriate questions
- They seem to be more angry or aggressive
- They have an unhealthy obsession for websites about terrorists
- Their speech seems scripted when talking about radicalised ideas

Children who may be targeted by online groomers

- Those with low self-esteem
- Those with a history of gang membership
- Those with a history of being bullied

The helpline, the first of its kind, was launched in July. It comes after the children's charity said it received a high level of concern from anxious parents and children following the Paris terror attack in November.

John Cameron, head of helplines at the NSPCC, said the helpline was created to "fill the gap between reporting terrorist events and people who have safeguarding concerns".


Previously, parents could only contact MI5 or police-run anti-terror hotlines if they were concerned about their children, but they were worried about getting an adverse reaction from the government organisations, said Mr Cameron.

Mr Cameron said that children being radicalised online was a "child protection issue" and similar to other forms of grooming. The children who are most likely to be affected are those who are vulnerable, who feel isolated, and don't feel they have caring relationships. They look for other groups to improve their self-esteem and give them a purpose.

"Parents need to improve relationships, give children a stronger affinity to their family. If the pull of the family is greater than the pull of external groups, children can be kept safe."

Adults can ring the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Many thanks for your continued support.



Dave Killoran
(Headteacher)