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*Believe in ourselves, be the best we can be*

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## **Newsletter- 31.3.23**

### **Return from Easter**

A reminder that the Primary School and the Preschool children return on **Monday 17th April**.

### **Bishopsteignton Festival**

A message from Carol Roberts who is involved in arranging the Festival. Carol has said that they are adding a new event- a fun run for adults and a separate one for children. Carol is organising volunteers for all festival events and has asked if there are any parents who would be willing to give up some of their time to be marshals for the event. The fun run will be on Saturday 17th June between 9.00 and 11.00am. An off-road route is being planned from Lawns End. If any parent wants to volunteer they can email Fran Moule at [Bishopfestival@gmail.com](mailto:Bishopfestival@gmail.com)

Many thanks for your support!

### **Wraparound Care**

It has been very encouraging to see our numbers on the increase for our Breakfast and After School clubs. We also continue to get really good feedback from parents about how much their children enjoy the provision. With this in mind, we would like to ask that you book in advance wherever possible. Our numbers for some sessions are getting to the point where we cannot accept any more children. We always try to accommodate last minute bookings but please book as early as possible to avoid disappointment.



### **A message from Reverend Jane**

Reverend Jane invites you and yours to St John's church in the village on Wednesday 5th April. Coffee & cake from 11:00-12.30 with children's Easter craft- take away what you make! All are welcome.

### **Autism Acceptance Week- Monday 27th March - Sunday 2nd April**

In school, Mrs Kay has marked Autism Acceptance Week by sending around various bits of information to further support our adults at Bishop by raising awareness of all the different ways autism presents in some children. In addition, we think that this

poem is a brilliant way of verbalising what autism can feel like as we try to understand better and further develop our approach to working alongside children in our care.

**'ASD in Me.'** By Ava Gallagher, aged 12

***Take a seat and sit with me, I want to talk about ASD  
If you don't mind I'd like to explain  
A little thing called autism and how it affects my brain  
It can make me anxious, angry and afraid  
But this stays in my head, on my face it's not displayed  
I may seem heartless and question your meanings  
But it takes me a little longer to process the feelings***

***Take a seat and sit with me, I want to show you ASD  
A girl sitting quietly is all you see  
But inside my mind I am far from free  
My thoughts collide, my senses take over  
I become overwhelmed by the smallest sound  
Clicking pens, ticking clocks  
That boy's chair and the way it rocks  
All different smells attacking me  
The perfumes, the coffee, the teacher's tea***

***Take a seat and sit with me  
But not too close, I have ASD  
I try to be social, I try to fit in  
I come across rude, I can never win  
I am very literal and straight to the point  
If you want the truth I won't disappoint  
When my brain is overloaded I sometimes lash out  
My control fades, I scream and shout  
I get confused and it all spills out  
Intense emotions all trapped inside  
Finally, have nowhere to hide***

***Take a seat and sit with me I want to tell you about ASD  
Please understand I am not to blame I've just got an atypical brain  
But it's not all doom and gloom  
I'm often the sportiest girl in the room  
I'm quirky, unique, kind and caring  
I'm loyal, protective and always sharing  
I'm obsessed with frogs and all things green  
I'm the youngest trendsetter you've ever seen***

***Take a seat and sit with me  
I am Ava, I am me  
I'm not just my label of ASD.***

### **Preschool Update**

The preschool children have had lots of fun finding number eggs in the garden, making Easter nest cakes and creating a fantastic Easter card and basket to take home! Happy Easter from all the staff at preschool.

Christie Tribble- Preschool Supervisor



## Pupil Voice

For the last two weeks we have been talking about Role Models- what does this mean and what qualities do positive Role Models have. We discussed how positive Role Models make good choices and by copying them, it helps other people to do the right thing. Some more great reflections that we wanted to share-

***'I have been a positive role model when being a buddy., Our buddy's look up to us so we need to show them how to behave and be good. I show kindness and integrity and show them how to behave even when teachers or other adults aren't around. My positive role models are my parents because they will help me and they are kind and teach me never to give up.'* Billy C- Y6**

***'When we do Book Club, I try and show others how to do your best reading. I am learning so I try and share it with my friends.'* Colby- Y2**

***'Mummy is my good role model because she teaches me how to be kind, listen and make better choices.'* Teddy S- Y2**

We hope you all have a fantastic Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards,



**Dave Killoran**  
(Headteacher)

## FUTURE DATES FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	First day of Summer Term
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	King's Coronation- Bank Holiday
<b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May- Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Half Term



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



February 10<sup>th</sup>: Cake sale (PIONEERS)

March 24<sup>th</sup> : Cake sale (ADVENTURERS)

May 19<sup>th</sup> : Cake sale (INVESTIGATORS)

June 16<sup>th</sup> : Ice Pop sale by FOBS

June 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> : Fair Donation Days

June 30<sup>th</sup> : Summer Fair

September 28<sup>th</sup> : Bounce Off