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Staffing Changes

Kelly Johnson in Adventurers has recently informed us that she will not be continuing her contract at the school and will be leaving us in July. She has explained to me that this is mainly for family reasons and wanting to work closer to them in the future. Kelly has been a wonderful part of our staff for the past year and will be greatly missed. I am sure you will join me in wishing Kelly all the very best for the future.



As a result of this we recently appointed Ella Tarr to be our new Adventurers teacher from September. Ella spent a term with us in Discoverers this year as part of her initial teacher training. This was a very successful practice, with Ella very much enjoying being part of our special school community. We look forward to welcoming her back in September.

Sports Days

As you may remember, we separated Sports Days for EYFS/KS1 and KS2 last year and they were a great success. One of the main reasons for these changes was to ensure that our youngest children were not sat for long periods of time and that they were as active as possible. We know that parents may need to plan ahead to attend these days so please see the details below.

DATE	TIME	WHO
WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE	9:00-11:00	EXPLORERS ADVENTURERS INVESTIGATORS
FRIDAY 23RD JUNE	13:00-15:00	DISCOVERERS VOYAGERS PIONEERS INVENTORS

We hope that as many of you as possible can turn up to support the children on these days!

Our Community Topic

Our whole school topic next half term is centred around the theme of 'community'. Children will utilise skills from across the curriculum as they consider the importance of our local community and their role within it.

Each week will have a different theme; through which children will find out more about our local environment; local history; faith within our community; people who work in our local community; important landmarks and places in the village and importantly, how they can impact on their community and even try to improve it further. This will also coincide with the Bishopsteignton Festival which is a fantastic celebration of everything that is special about our community.

Can you help us? Do you work in our community and think that you could come into school and talk about your job? Do you belong to one of the many local groups that have a special role in our community? Please email clerical@bishopschool.co.uk if you think you could support.



Coronation Celebrations

We will be having a whole school assembly to reflect on the historic events of the King's Coronation ahead of the long weekend. We fully respect that families will all have their own way of recognising this significant event. On Friday 6th May, there will be a special Coronation menu option for the children to choose that we will be able to have outside as a picnic lunch. There will then be some special activities in classes in the afternoon to prepare for the day.

Preschool Update

The preschool children have been exploring our natural surroundings, looking at wildlife, new growth and change. We have also have been finding out about the importance of caring for plants and living creatures that we have observed in our garden and forest area.

Christie Tribble- Preschool Supervisor



Pupil Voice

This week we revisited the theme of Respect which is one of the British Values that the children cover as part of the national curriculum. I was particularly interested in how we react when someone does not want to do what you want them to do. This is something we have seen in the playground when the children are playing games. We

discussed how we have to listen to each other and respect others' wishes. Here are some more fantastic reflections for you to enjoy-

***'If someone doesn't want to play football any more, then it's important to show them you have listened to what they are saying. If you say "I respect your decision" then they know for sure you have listened and are being respectful to them.'* Amelle- Y2**


***'It's like being a good role model because when you are respectful to other people then they copy you and carry it on.'* Florri- Y2**

***'If you treat others without respect and you want people to be respectful to you, then what makes you have that privilege to do that and why must others be kind to you yet receive nothing back.'* Eloise- Y6**

***'I can show respect by accepting someone else's choice and listening to them.'* Rory- Y3**

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



Dave Killoran
(Headteacher)

FUTURE DATES FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May	King's Coronation- Bank Holiday
Mon 29th May- Fri 2nd June	Half Term



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



February 10th: Cake sale (PIONEERS)

March 24th : Cake sale (ADVENTURERS)

May 19th : Cake sale (INVESTIGATORS)

June 16th : Ice Pop sale by FOBS

June 16th and 23rd : Fair Donation Days

June 30th : Summer Fair

September 28th : Bounce Off