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

## Newsletter- 19.1.24

### Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday the children across the school had a focus on Safer Internet Day 2024 which was celebrated with the theme **'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.'** In school we had whole school and key stage assemblies as well as additional lessons in all classes. These will have complimented our ongoing focus on internet safety that is woven through our Computing curriculum and delivered across the academic year. We continue to promote a strong partnership with parents about keeping our children safe in and out of school. We shared the link to some online resources(<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>) that we hoped you could reference if you were looking to further support the work that has been done in school this week. There are some more wonderful quotes from our children at the end of this newsletter that were taken after our whole school assembly this week.



### Celebrating Phonics Success!

You may have seen on our Facebook page that we received a special letter from the Minister for Schools celebrating our 100% pass mark in last summer's Phonics Screening Check. This puts Bishopsteignton Primary in the top 1% of schools in the country! We know the importance of high-quality teaching of phonics and early reading and are so proud of our children and staff.



## School Uniform

I very much appreciate your support and understanding with my recent email regarding school uniform. I have noticed a difference in what is being worn around the school and I think it helped to clarify some confusion around certain items. Just a reminder that on PE days, children should wear school jumpers with their jogging trousers or shorts and not causal hoodies or other tops. Thank you.

## A Message from Bishopsteignton Makes

A celebration of creativity in our village on the weekend of 27/28 April



Courtesy of the school, we are reaching out to everyone who “makes”. Your interest may be in textiles, woodwork, basketry, pottery, art, photography – anything creative. We welcome everybody, whatever standard, who wants to share what they do, be it just one item they have made or those who ask for more space and want to sell.

We have booked several public venues in the village for displays, taster sessions and workshops over the last weekend in April. If you are interested in taking part and would like to find out more, please contact [bishopsteigntonmakes@gmail.com](mailto:bishopsteigntonmakes@gmail.com) We look forward to hearing from you.

## Preschool Update

At Preschool we have been sharing the story of ‘Once Upon a Mermaid’s Tail’ to begin to develop an understanding of the importance of caring for and respecting our natural environment.

Christie Tribble- Preschool Supervisor



## Pupil Voice

As mentioned, our whole school assembly was used to revisit some of the main themes from this year’s Safer Internet Day. We discussed if the children thought that the internet was a good or bad thing and I asked them for some advice they would give someone else based on their learning this week.

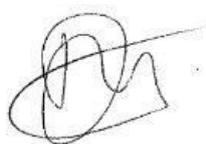
*'I think the internet is a good and bad thing because you can keep in contact with family and friends so you don't feel lonely but can be bad if people say hurtful things on social media and make you feel bad about yourself. I have learnt not to click on buttons that make you buy things you don't need or add viruses to your computer. You need to be really carefully about the sites you visit.'* Siena- Y6

*'If something pops up it might be dangerous, tell your mum or dad or granny or grandpa.'* Edith- Y2

*'I think sometimes the internet can be a happy place but a sad place sometimes. It can be happy when you are online playing until cyberbullying starts to happen.'* George Y4

We hope you have a fantastic half term break. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



**Dave Killoran**  
(Headteacher)

### **FUTURE DATES**

<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Spring Half Term
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	All children back in school- Primary and Preschool
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Spring Reports out to Parents
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Last Day of Spring Term
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	First Day of Summer Term

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