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

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## Newsletter- 15.9.23



### Welcome Back!

We hope that you had a fantastic summer and enjoyed lots of quality time with your families. The children have made a really positive start to the new academic year and the transition to new classes and teachers has been smooth. I would like to say a special welcome to our Explorers and to those families who are new to the school. We are delighted that you are part of our Bishopsteignton School Community and hope that you and your children will be very happy at Bishop.

### Attendance

There has been a renewed focus on attendance in Education and this is something that is reflected in how Devon are now approaching this matter. Every school has been allocated an Attendance Improvement Officer who will be closely monitoring how we are supporting good attendance in our setting. I wanted to share this message with you early on in the school year so that you can continue to make every effort to ensure your children have good attendance and arrive in school on time. There are clear links between good academic progress when children are consistently in school and we also see that this reduces anxiety and nervousness with some children when coming into the classroom. I very much appreciate your continued understanding of this matter and thank you in advance for your support.

### Playground Markings

You will have no doubt seen the new playground markings that were completed over the summer holidays. We spoke to our children about what they wanted to be added to their playground and last year's school council fed back their ideas so we could come to a decision. With the help of a contribution towards the costs from FOBS, we then arranged for our bright and colourful ideas to be painted onto the playground and the children have loved playing on them since we have been back. Thank you to FOBS and the School Council for helping us to further improve our school environment.



### Parent-led group- The Coastal Network

We have been asked to share with you some details of a parent-led group by Michelle Crofts. Michelle is a Children and Adults Wellbeing Practitioner for the Coastal Network. The group will be held at The Alice Cross Centre from 7th Sept at 10.30am-12 pm every Thursday until the end of term, but not during school holidays. Tea and

coffee will be provided. This group is for parents of children who are experiencing challenges to give you the opportunity to meet others, share tips/advice and have time to talk. No sign up is required for this group

## **Bounce Off!**

All children in the Primary School and those Preschool children who attend on a Thursday morning will have all received your 'Bounce Off' letters and sponsorship forms. This is one of our main fundraising events of the year and so your support with this event is very much appreciated. The children LOVE bouncing alongside their friends and this money will all go towards continuing our Forest School provision which we consistently receive such positive feedback from.



## **Preschool Update**

Welcome back after the summer break! We have all been enjoying the sunshine and making the most of our amazing garden! The new starters have been exploring Preschool, settling in and forming friendships.

Christie Tribble- Preschool Supervisor



## **Pupil Voice**

We have been once again talking about one of the British Values- Respect. This is something that we think is very important at Bishop and is a word you will frequently hear being used around the school. The children were asked how they show respect and I wanted to share some of their reflections-

***'Respect is when you try and be kind to other people and listening to what other people have to say. I think we should not talk when others are talking to show we respect them.'* Mae- Y4**

***'Being kind and helpful and not ignoring people when they speak.'* Jackson- Y2**

***'Having respect for someone is about caring how your actions will affect them and whether it will hurt someone mentally, because people don't have to have a bruise to be hurt. We show respect to people by accepting who they are and encouraging them to do what they love and enjoy it when they do.'* Georgia- Y6**

***'Having respect for others means to listen, show manners, be polite and grateful for what they have done for you. To show respect you can look at people when they are speaking to you and give them attention and make sure you support people and don't laugh or be unkind if they get things wrong.'* Daisy- Y4**

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



**Dave Killoran  
(Headteacher)**

### **FUTURE DATES FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	FOBS Bounce Off
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Paignton Zoo- Adventurers and Investigators
<b>Weds 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Paignton Zoo- Pioneers and Inventors
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Paignton Zoo- Discoverers and Voyagers
<b>23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Autumn Half Term
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last Day of Autumn Term