## **BISHOP SUTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**NEWSLETTER 4** 

4<sup>th</sup> November 2022



## November

- 07-11 School Camp for Year 6 to Mill on the Brue
- 07 Cygnets (and Meerkats SDPS) to Wild Place (letter sent)
- 09 2.30pm Ducklings Parents Tea and 'Reading for Pleasure' session (Hall & classroom)
- 14 Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November (see below)
- 16 Ducklings to Folly Farm (letter to follow)
- 18 Children in Need Day (see below)
- 18 PTA Quiz Night (see below)
- 21 'Open School' for parents to drop in to classes 2.40pm (see below)
- 22 Y3 & Y4 Invasion Festival at CVS 1-3pm (message to follow)
- 24 Y3/4 Football matches v. Winford and Pensford Schools 3.30 4.30pm (letter to follow)
- 25 BS PTA Rainbow Mufti Day (for Xmas Raffle message to follow)
- 30 Y2 Benchball Tournament at CVS 9.45 to 11.45 (message to follow)

### December

- 02 YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 9.30am (details to follow)
- 05 YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Performance 1 at 2pm
- 06 YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Performance 2 at 6pm
- 07 Christmas Dinner for the children
- 08 The Snowman for Year R Y4 in the school hall (see below)
- 13 Year 5&6 to The Hippodrome to see Cinderella (see below)
- 15 Christmas Celebration Assembly 2pm (School Hall)
- 16 End of Term 2

### January

- 03 Inset Day
- 04 Start of Term 3

Don't forget all the dates are on the website.

### **School News**

### Update from Mr Cook

Welcome back to T2, I hope you all enjoyed a restful holiday. As always, it's a busy term ahead, please check newsletters/emails/bookbags/classdojo messages regularly for events, trips and special days ahead. Most of the key dates for T2 are already published above and on the Federation website.

### **Telephone Messages**

The current telephone system is rather old and we are having an updated system installed in the coming weeks. The answer machine has also stopped working (!) so until the new system is installed, we would ask that you email the school office at <u>bsps@bishopsuttonstantondrew.co.uk</u> if you need to leave a non-urgent message. Thanks for your understanding.

### Poppy Appeal

From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 11th November, we will be supporting the Royal British Legion by selling poppies and wrist bands. Minimum donation is 50p please, please give generously! Children in Year 6 will be selling these items at break time each day.

Footnote: Every Friday we set a first line challenge of a children's book for the children to try to work out the title and author of a popular children's book – often with a couple of clues. This week's first

They've gone now, and I'm alone at last. I have the whole night ahead of me, and I won't waste a single moment of it.

The two clues given – this is a Blue Peter Award winning book and it's highly appropriate to link this book to the month of November....I'm looking forward to answers from the children next Friday!

## **Rain Planters**

*line challenge was:* 

You may well have noticed the two stunning rain planters in the bottom playground and outside the front of the school. A big thank you and well done to Wilf B who, following a visit from BART in Y5, won this as a prize for the school because of his amazing poem.







The technical explanation: The six foot rain planters, made from steel cattle troughs, divert rain from the roof which would normally go straight down the drain. Rainwater is slowed down and a collection of carefully chosen hardy plants are provided with water. Slowing down rainwater contributes to flood resilience and helps prevent drains becoming overwhelmed which can lead to sewage overflow into the environment. The rain planters filter rainwater improving water quality and the plants provide habitat for invertebrates. And, of course, the planters are a beautiful new addition to the school. So know you know!



## Attendance

You will no doubt recall the recent message from Mr Marriott regarding the importance of regular school attendance. By way of sharing information I will periodically include the class attendance percentages on the newsletter. As always, caution needs to be taken with data of this type – i.e. number of children in the class, age of children etc. However, it's a good indicator. Well done Swans!

Ducklings	Cygnets	Herons	Wrens	Swans	Swallows	Kingfishers
94.7%	95.7%	93.3%	95.3%	97.1%	94.8%	94.9%

# Odd Sock Day (14<sup>th</sup> November) and Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 14th November, to show support for anti-bullying, please encourage your child to wear an odd pair of socks to school. The more colourful the socks, the better! During Anti-Bullying Week we will have assemblies and lessons to help us recognise bullying and know what to do if it happens. No donations needed for Odd Sock day please.





We also have a leader from SARI (Stand Against Racism & Inequality) in on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November to lead a KS1 and KS2 assembly, as well as lead workshops for Y5 and Y6.

## **Children in Need**



Spots and stripes dressing-up day on Friday 18th November. Please come to school in spots and stripes for Children in Need, which School Council at both schools feel is a very worthwhile cause. Donations for this event **would** be very welcome please – suggested £1 minimum donation.

# Y6 and Open Days

We have had many visitors for our two recent Open Days. I wanted to recognise and praise the Y6 children who showed visitors around the school; every single visitor commented on how polite and knowledgeable the guides were, and how proud the children were of their school. Well done Y6!

## **Parent Survey**

Following on from the last Governing Body meeting, governors have looked at the wide range of comments and responses received. We would really like to understand the rationale behind some of these comments so we would like to invite you to email me



directly and if appropriate, I would be more than happy to talk to you about your response in person. I would also like to assure you that your responses will be strictly confidential and only seen dedicated address bv We have а email for this purpose which is: me. parent@bishopsuttonstantondrew.co.uk

As an indication of response time in this instance, please allow 5-10 working days for a reply. This email address will be kept 'open' for all of this term and will close on 31<sup>st</sup> December.

## **Christmas Activities**



You may have noticed from the extensive list of dates above that we have many Christmas activities planned. A special huge thank you to the wonderful PTA who are funding the performance of The Snowman on 8<sup>th</sup> December and the Y5/6 panto trip on the 13<sup>th</sup> December. Nativity dates for all the children in Ducklings, Cygnets and Herons are also above as well as the Christmas Celebration Assembly on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.

### Swallows trip to Wells Cathedral

On Tuesday this week, Swallows Class visited Wells Cathedral to see Luke Jerram's work Gaia. This is part of the cathedral's 'Stewards of the Earth' project which encourages us all to reflect on our impact on the planet and to learn how each of us can care for it.



If you and your family would like to visit this amazing project, see opening times here:

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct to Thursday 10 November (inclusive) Mon to Sat: 9am to 4pm and Sun: 12pm to 2pm; 4pm to 6pm



# Birthday Books – a reminder

If your child would like to mark their birthday in school, rather than bringing in sweets, we would prefer a book to be donated to the class/school. We put a sticker in the front of the book to mark the birthday and this gift lasts a lot longer than sweets!

# Certificates

Well done to the following children who received certificates (for hard work or positive attitude or great behaviour or good manners etc) in the last two celebration assemblies:



Ducklings	Cygnets	Herons	Wrens
Charlie, Archer, Fern &	Noah, Phoebe, Connor,	Bayley, Olivia R, Sophie	Pippa, Seb, Amelia J,
Albie	Sophia, Rj & Mason	& Dougie	Albie & James
Swans	Swallows	Kingfishers	Headteacher Awards
Lucien, Jack, Tilly,	Millie, Leo, Elsa, Fearne	Wilf M, Wilf R & Tyler	Wilf B, Alby W and
Jemima & Max	& Eliza		Kingfisher Class
			Ambassadors

Note: the records are made by Y6 children so apologies if there are any omissions/mistakes

# PTA

# **QUIZ Night**

BS PTA & Arthur David invite you to our Back-to-School Quiz Night on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 7:30pm – 10pm at Bishop Sutton School hall.

Hosted by our very own quiz master Mr Marriot! Tables of 8, enter as a complete team or we can join you up with other parents to make a team. It's a great opportunity to socialise with other parents without the kids around.

Tickets £7.50 per person and include a ploughman's super. Cash bar.

Book & pay for your tickets via the link below.

# **BOOK QUIZ TICKETS**

# Win a PS5 Mega Bundle

Been struggling to get your hands on the perfect Christmas present? On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of December, with delivery in time for Christmas, one lucky supporter of Your School Lottery will win this MASSIVE PS5 bundle, worth over £1,000!

A PlayStation 5 (disc edition) with 3 highly-rated games (FIFA 23, Lego Star Wars, Stray), an extra controller, PS Pulse gaming headset, loads more goodies – AND a 43" 4K Ultra HD TV to play it all on! Christmas? Sorted.

That's on top of the weekly guaranteed cash prize and the chance to win the £25,000 national jackpot!

# **BUY TICKETS FOR JUST £1**

## **Other Events**

**Live Well B&NES' Cost of Living Support pages**, providing information, advice and support to individuals and families as we navigate through some potentially challenging financial times. Within our Cost of Living Support pages you will find information about B&NES' Warm Spaces Scheme, providing individuals with safe spaces to visit and access warmth, safety and comfort during the winter months. You will also find information about benefits, reducing energy costs, food support, debt advice, information about pension credit, help towards childcare costs, support if you are experiencing illness or disability, advice for carers, help with prescription charges, managing money and your mental health.





Term Dates for the Academic Year	2022-23		
Term 2	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2022 – Friday 16 December 2022		
Christmas Holiday	Monday 19 December 2022 – Monday 2 January 2023		
Inset Day	Tuesday 3 January 2023		
Term 3	Wednesday 4 January 2023 – Friday 10 February 2023		
Half Term Holiday	Monday 13 February 2023 – Friday 17/02/2023		
Term 4	Monday 20 February2023 – Friday 31 March 2023		
Easter Holiday	Monday 03 April 2023 – Friday 14 April 2023		
Term 5	Monday 17 April 2023 – Friday 26 May 2023		
Half Term	Monday 29 May 2023 – Friday 2 June		
Inset Day	Monday 5 June 2023		
Term 6	Tuesday 6 June 2023 – Friday 21 July 2023		

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER 14th November 2022 The newsletter is also available on our website <u>http://bishopsuttonstantondrew.co.uk</u>

