



15th October 2021

October

- 15** PTA Halloween disco for the children
- 18** Year 2 visit to Folly Farm
- 19** Reception Year visit to Folly Farm
- 19** Parent/Teacher Consultations - 3.30-6.20pm - all classes except Swans
- 20** Parent/Teacher Consultations – 3.30-6.50pm - all classes
- 21** Parent/Teacher Consultations – 3.30-6.20pm Swans class only
- 22** PTA Kingfishers & Swallows Cake Sale
- 22** Last day of Term 1
- 30** PTA Family Halloween Village Trail

November

- 01** Inset Day
- 02** First Day of Term 2 for the children
- 03** Individual Photographs
- 04** Bonfire Special school dinner
- 21** ~~Pre-loved Table Top Sale (cancelled)~~
- 26** School Film Night (note change of date to Friday 26th Nov)

December

- 08** Christmas Dinner for children
- 17** Kingfishers & Swallows Class Cake Sale
- 17** Last day of Term 2

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

School News

Update from Mr Cook

Well done to all the children who have been commended in our last two Celebration Assemblies!

Ducklings	Cygnets	Herons	Wrens
Florence, Harvey, Harry and Sophia	Ruby, Isaac, Harlow and Sammy	Eddie, Amelia J, Jacob and Ben	Lucien, Thea S, Logan and Max
Swans	Swallows	Kingfishers	Headteacher Awards
Toby, Noah, Aoife, Jessica and Hugo	Robert, Freddie, George and Joe	Muzzamil Lexie	Siena, Felix, Lexie, Cody and Aurelia

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

Certificates were also handed out in today's assembly to the following children for their magnificent effort in the virtual Cross Country race at the end of September. The top five runners from Bishop Sutton in 5th to 1st place were;

Girls: Tabitha, Sophia, Charlotte, Annabel and Ella

Boys: Albie, Luca, George, Muzzamil and Ted L

It's been another couple of very busy weeks and as I'm sure many of you know, we have been hit by a mini covid outbreak (almost all cases in Y5/6). I've been in regular contact with the health team at B&NES and they are very happy with all the actions that we put in place since Monday 4th October. We know that many schools in the area are facing similar outbreaks and this has been compounded by some 'complications' around LFT positive and PCR negative results. We asked for clarification/

guidance around this and this arrived yesterday and was emailed to parents. Please read this guidance and follow the advice given to reduce the infection rate in our school community.

Thank you for your support of the recent book fair; Mrs Tucker has chosen £240 worth of reading books and these have been added to the bookshelves in each class. You may well have seen the message asking for the return of Read Write Inc books; thank you for parents who have already returned some books – however we are still missing quite a few books, especially the red ditty books for our youngest readers. Please have a look around your home and return any books as soon as possible.

Last week Cygnets Class visited Folly Farm in bright sunshine (see below) and used their senses to consider the natural environment around them. YR and Y2 have visits to Folly Farm scheduled for next week (Y2 on Monday 18th and YR on Tuesday 19th).



Next week we are looking forward to parent/teacher meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday (plus Thursday for Swans class). Entrance and exit to the school for this is via the front gate only; please come to the hall where the children's work will be arranged in class groups. Please arrive 10 minutes before your appointment time, that way we can reduce the number of adults in the hall at any one time. Teachers will come to the hall to let you know when they are ready for your appointment time. As this is an indoor event, it is strongly advised that you wear masks please. (Kingfisher parents will be aware that we have to postpone those appointments until after half-term).

Earlier this week a team from Y5 and Y6 took part in a football tournament with other local schools. Bishop Sutton finished in 5th place from 8 teams – well done to all the players, Cody and Aurelia were particularly effective in defence! Y6 this week have completed their Play Leader training with Mrs Foley from Chew Valley School (see below). Play Leaders support other children at lunchtime in their play activities to encourage active play, as well as emphasising the importance of sharing, taking turns, compromising, taking responsibility for equipment etc. One Y6 pupil said *"It was great fun and I'm looking forward to using the information to play outside with friends and all the children"*!



Earlier this week the Local Governing Body met; Mr Layzell has stepped down as Chair and Mr Simon Waller was voted as new Chair. Congratulations to him and a very big thank you to Mr Layzell for leading the LGB for the last 6 years.

And finally, the children in Reception have settled in really well to routines and learning in school. Here are some of them playing beautifully at lunchtime this week, let's all

keep smiling. Have a great half term holiday when it comes! DC

Stop press...!

Just as I press 'save', we've had another update from Public Health England (sent to all schools in B&NES, Wiltshire and Swindon) which effectively means that, as part of our contingency plan, we may need to consider further control measures to stop the rising infection rates. This would most likely be a return to 'bubbles' and no large group gatherings e.g. assemblies....watch this space.

Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings

The sign-up sheets for Parent Teacher Consultations are in the School Reception (from **Thursday 7th October at 3pm**). There are two tables with sign-up sheets one for Ducklings, Cygnets and Herons, the other will have Wrens, Swans, Swallows and Kingfishers. Only two people at a time will be allowed at each table if both tables are full please wait outside.

If you are unable to come in and make an appointment please either email the school office and an appointment will be made for you or ask another parent to sign up on your behalf. Please bring your own pencil/pen.

Lost Property

We have quite a bit of lost property. In order to try to re-unite items with their owner we will put the lost property in the gazebo at pick up time every Friday for parents to look through. Please can we remind you to label all of your child's possessions.

Open Days for visits for Reception Sept 2022

We have two open days this year for parents of Reception children in September 2022, 20th October and 10th November. Tours will be at 9.30am, 10am, 10.30am, 11am, 1.30pm and 2pm on both days. You will need to book on to a tour by emailing the school office letting us know how many adults will attend. We would appreciate all adults wearing a facemask when on the tour.

PTA

PTA LATEST NEWS

With half term fast approaching, here is a round up of events, activities and fundraising from your PTA team for the next few weeks and beyond.

LAST CALL! - Silver Smarties Challenge

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in raising funds through the Smarties Challenge. Please return any outstanding Smarties tubes as soon as you can so we can get a final total and plan our Christmas surprises for the children.

30 October, 1-4pm - Spooky Halloween Trail

This a fun event for all ages. Tickets are just £3 per child and purchased in advance via the booking link by emailing pta@bishopsuttonstantondrew.co.uk And don't forget that at the end of the trail we will have delicious cakes and refreshments on sale so bring cash along on the day too!

Do you like to decorate your home for Halloween? We still need a few more spooky Bishop Sutton stops on our Trail Map (around High Mead Gardens/Parkfield Gardens in particular) so do email Lucy at pta@bishopsuttonstantondrew.co.uk to be part of the freaky fun on the day!

Or if you are going be away for the event, why not support us with donation of wrapped sweets for our treat bags? Every donation helps us raise more money for school, so if you can add a bag of sweets onto your weekly shop for us that would be most appreciated.

21 October, 2-3pm – PTA Coffee & Chat

Want to find out more about your school PTA? What do we do and where does the money go? Or perhaps how you can get involved? Then come along to our informal coffee and chat at BS Community Library – we would love to meet you and hear your ideas for our school fundraising.

Anytime – TerraCycle Recycling Bin (located at the back gate)

Did you know we get cash for your recycled crisp, bread, snacks and biscuit wrappers? No? Well, read on! BSPTA is part of 4 recycling programmes that generate cash for our school from our recycling – and by using our special bin at the back gate you can help us too! But PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do double check the posters to make sure your plastic is the type we can collect – and don't use the bin for any general waste as our volunteers very kindly sort the bags by hand and send them off to get the funds for us.

Before 30 October - Harry Potter School Lottery Prize Bundle

As school fundraising gets ever harder, the easiest way you can help to support your child or grandchild is to play our school lottery for just £1 a week. And remember your tickets win you our weekly guaranteed cash prize, or even the £25,000 national jackpot too! AND by buying Bishop Sutton local school lottery tickets before 30 October and you are also in the draw to win a fabulous Harry Potter Double Prize Bundle, containing:

Harry Potter & The Cursed Child - Family Theatre Voucher

Harry Potter Warner Bros Studio Tour - Family ticket

Don't worry if you're not able to travel or you don't like Harry Potter (surely not!), you can win a cash alternative instead. So visit <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play> and select 'Bishop Sutton Primary' to sign up for your tickets today!

Here are the key PTA dates for your diary:

15 October – Kids Halloween Disco (*Any suitable items for raffle prizes to Reception box please*)
21 October – PTA Coffee & Chat
22 October – Kingfishers & Swallows Classes Cake Sale
30 October – Halloween Trail (*Any wrapped sweets donations to Reception box please*)
25 November – School Film Night
17 December – Kingfisher & Swallows Classes Cake Sale

We really look forward to welcoming you and your children to one of our events soon – and remember, we ALWAYS need extra helping hands on our PTA – whether a committee role, a specialist skill or just an hour or so helping to make an event safe and fun on the day – so please do let us know if you can join our band of parent volunteers! Just email Tracey at pta@bishopsuttonstantondrew.co.uk for more details.
Thank you from BSPTA

Other Items

Football for Reception and Year 1

There is football training for Reception and Year 1 at Bishop Sutton Playing Field on Thursday at 4.30pm and Saturday at 9.30am. Boys and girls are welcome. Call or message Rob for more details 07813998402

October 27th to 29th GET Sported camp

Bookings close Monday 25th October so book your place now!

Dear Parents,

We hope you are well and had a great Summer! We are pleased to inform you that our booking Winford page are live for our October half term camp!

Come and join us at 'Winford C of E Primary School', Winford where your children will have an amazing time growing in confidence, building skills and having an experience they won't stop talking about!"

Akeel - Camp Director

GET Sported (ages 5-12)

We offer a huge variety of different sports, including football, cricket, netball, rugby, gymnastics, basketball, hockey, dodgeball, volleyball and more! We also offer fun activities like dance, music, arts and crafts and much more!

Find out more about GET Sported camps on our CAMPS page.

How to Book

visit getsported.org for booking online

If you need more information please Contact Akeel Yousaf (akeel@worldsportministries.com) 0780965074

Mon 25th – Wed 27th October **Valley Arts**
 10am – 4pm
 £75.00 Ages 7 - 12

MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

October Half Term Holiday Camp




Join us at Winford Primary School for a musical theatre workshop with plenty of tunes, both familiar and new, to lift the spirits and lots of giggles along the way!

Expect to enjoy singing, dancing, and acting, suitable for those with performance experience as well as those giving it a go for the very first time!

Gain confidence and performance skills in this friendly, supportive workshop environment for kids in years 3 – 7

For more details and to sign up go to valleyartscentre.co.uk

Term Dates for the Academic Year	2021-22
Inset Days	Thursday 2/9/2021 and Friday 3/9/2021
Term 1	Monday 6/9/2021 – Friday 22/10/2021
Half Term Holiday	Monday 25/10/2021 – Friday 29/10/2021
Inset Day	Monday 1/11/2021
Term 2	Tuesday 2/11/2021 – Friday 17/12/2021
Christmas Holiday	Monday 20/12/2021 – Monday 3/1/2022
Inset Day	Tuesday 4/1/2022
Term 3	Wednesday 5/1/2022 – Friday 18/02/2022
Half Term Holiday	Monday 21/2/2022 – Friday 25/2/2022
Term 4	Monday 28/2/2022 – Friday 8/4/2022
Easter Holiday	Monday 11/4/2022 – Friday 22/04/2022
Term 5	Monday 25/4/2022 – Thursday 26/5/2022
Inset Day	Friday 27/5/2022
Half Term Holiday	Monday 30/5/2022 – Friday 3/6/2022
Term 6	Monday 6/6/2022 – Thursday 21/7/2022

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER 8th November 2021

The newsletter is also available on our website <http://bishopsuttonstantondrew.co.uk>