



**November**

- 29 Ducklings Trip to Victoria Art Gallery (Letter sent)
- 30 Year 5/6 Touch Rugby at Chew Valley School (letter to follow)

**December**

- 07 Year 2 Bench Ball at Chew Valley School (letter to follow)
- 08 Christmas Dinner for children - please remember to order!
- 17 Kingfishers & Swallows Class Cake Sale
- 17 Last day of Term 2

**January**

- 04 Inset Day
- 05 Start of Term 3
- 18 Flu Vaccinations

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

**School News**

**Update from Mr Cook**

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to support Odd Socks Day and Children in Need - we raised a massive total of £270 to share between these two very worthy charities. We had two governors visiting on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to judge the children's Pudsey artwork and the following children received prizes (selection boxes!) in assembly this morning:

- 4<sup>th</sup> place - Bailey (Cygnets)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Toby (Swans)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Phoenix (Swans)
- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Pippa (Hérons)



Thank you very much –  
**£270** raised!



**Staffing update**

Sadly, Mrs Penney has resigned from her role as Crossing Patrol Supervisor. Mrs Penney is employed by B&NES Council for this role and they are actively seeking replacement; watch this space. In the meantime, please be aware that this means that we do not have a crossing patrol supervisor from January. If you know someone who might be interested in this role, please ask them to contact me.

## Nativity – YR, Y1 and Y2

As you know we introduced our contingency plan in the light of a large number of staff and pupil positive Covid cases and we have been following PHE advice for the region. PHE are updating their advice 'by the end of November'. The children in YR, Y1 and Y2 (Ducklings, Cygnets & Swans classes) will be doing a traditional nativity performance this year – hopefully to a live audience, depending on PHE guidance for the region. If we are not allowed to organise a live performance, we will record and share with parents via video format (subject to relevant parental permission of course). If we are allowed to go ahead with a live performance, we would of course try to reduce risks anyway by asking for masks to be worn, providing hand gel, spacing audience seats out, reducing audience size overall, asking for no other children to attend, and limiting to two adults per family etc. including limiting days/times when adults attend. It may also be the case that we have to reduce audience size to one adult per child. This is all subject to any guidance published next week of course!

The proposed dates for live performances are:

- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm for YR parents only**
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm for Y1 parents only**
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm for Y2 parents only**

If you have a child in more than one year group, and performances go ahead, we ask that you attend one performance only. To be honest, this is one where I cannot possibly satisfy all parent views! Watch this space; we'll provide an update on live performance or video format as soon as we can.

## Ducklings class

Ducklings children have been super busy over the last week supporting our anti-bullying work and learning about road safety.



Children in Duckling Class showing their support for anti-bullying by waving their odd socks in the air!



Children in Duckling Class being taught about road safety and listening to the Crossing Patrol Supervisor

## Open day

Our recent open days were very successful with many potential parents visiting both schools ahead of September 2022. We used Y6 ambassadors to show parents around and all parents commented on the positive role models that they were. One parent that visited Bishop Sutton said: *"We were so impressed by the children's knowledge of the school and what they were learning. They were exceptionally polite and well-mannered and quite rightly very proud of their school. We will definitely be choosing Bishop Sutton for our child"*. Well done, and thank you Y6 – especially Stanley, Grace, Teddy, Henry, and Amelia.

## TikTok/Social Media

Parents may well have picked up some of the rather alarming news items recently around TikTok as well as other social media channels. My understanding is that this mostly relates to secondary aged pupils (as well as parents) posting comments that seek to humiliate and degrade teachers and

support staff in schools. Comments have included hateful and defamatory content that others can then comment upon. Clearly this is not acceptable behaviour and I am sure that these posts have caused huge hurt and upset to dedicated staff who have families themselves and do not deserve to be abused in this way. It is worth remembering the exceptional lengths that school staff have gone through in the past two years to support children through the pandemic, in many instances at personal cost to themselves. There is a real danger that these actions could force good staff away from the profession.

I do not believe that this is currently an issue in our school community, but a message from my son's school prompted me to share within our school community. Over the next couple of weeks and as part of a communications plan, I will draft some guidance for staff and parents in relation to expectations and guidance in using social media.

### 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 celebration assembly:

Ducklings	Cygnets	Herons	Wrens
Peter, Mason	Dougie R, Olivia R	Pippa, Lennie	Patrick, Freya
Swans	Swallows	Kingfishers	Headteacher Awards
Charlotte, Malina	Rosie, Wilf R	Albie, Lexie	Henry, Teddy L, Albie R (see below)



Kingfishers have been learning about World War 2 in History this term, and their Design Technology work is about shelters. Last week they started to design and build their own modern 'bomb-proof' shelters and these three boys worked particularly well and produced some very imaginative models, including a festive Christmas tree for the lucky/unlucky inhabitants of the model shelter!



### Introducing the new Chair of the LGB (Local Governing Board) – Mr Simon Waller

Website bio: Simon is married to Alison, and they have two children, George and Charlotte. Simon grew up in Middlesbrough, and has spent his adult life living in a variety of places including many years in London, 2 years in Sydney Australia, and the last 16 years in Bristol and Stanton Drew. Simon works as a global consultant for a large American analytics software company called SAS. He is positive, friendly, and loves taking on challenges. Simon is very excited to be the Chair of Governors for the Federation of Bishop Sutton and Stanton Drew Schools. In his spare time he enjoys travel, spending time with his family, and playing golf. Message from Simon below:



Mr Waller is the good looking one on the right!

Hi all,

As you may have seen in the last Newsletter, I have taken up the position of Chair of Governors for the Federation of Bishop Sutton and Stanton Drew Schools. The core responsibilities of the governors are 1) ensuring clarity of vision and strategy 2) holding the headteacher to account for the schools educational performance 3) overseeing the schools financial performance, and 4) being the voice of stakeholders (parents/pupils/staff/community). I look forward to working with the great team of school staff and governors in my new role, and I look forward to seeing and speaking to you in the near future.

## Christmas Dinner - 8<sup>th</sup> December

On the 8<sup>th</sup> December Mrs Light is cooking a Christmas dinner for the children the menu is in the box below. Please order in the usual way via the Aspens select system. As this is such a popular meal Aspens cannot guarantee that your child will be served a Christmas meal unless you have ordered.

### *Christmas Menu 8th December*



Roast Turkey or Vegetable Wellington  
Stuffing  
Roast Potatoes  
Glazed Carrots and Peas  
Gravy  
Christmas Cookies

## PTA

### PTA LATEST NEWS

Here are the key PTA dates for this term for your diary:

#### **1&2 December – Christmas Jumper Swap Event**

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](mailto:pta@bishopsuttonstantondrew.co.uk) for more details.

Thank you for your continuing support from BSPTA

## Other Items

### **December 20th to 21st GET Sported Christmas camp**

Bookings close Saturday 18th December so book your place now!

"We're really looking forward to our Last GET Sported camp for this year ! 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

Our Christmas camp will run much like previous camps but with some changes to ensure safety around COVID best practice guidelines, to maintain high safety levels for children and staff.

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. We will be having a lot of Christmas fun games , fancy dress and talent show on this camp.

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

How to Book

visit [getsported.org](http://getsported.org) for booking online

if you need more information please Contact Akeel Yousaf

(akeel@worldsportministries.com) 07809650743

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

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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

