

BISHOP SUTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 6

1st December 2023



December

Frid 1 st	PTA Rainbow mufti/non uniform day – see below
Mon 4 th	Nativity dress rehearsal – 2pm
Tues 5 th	Year 6 Touch Rugby – see email sent 30 th Nov
Wed 6 th	Nativity 2pm – school hall
Wed 6 th	Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day – see below
Wed 6 th	Christmas dinner
Thurs 7 th	Open day Reception 2024 – 9.30am
Thurs 7 th	Nativity 6pm – school hall
Tues 12th	Swallows violin performance 2.45pm – see below
Wed 13 th	KS2 Pantomime – letter emailed
Thurs 14 th	Christmas Celebration Assembly – 2pm – school hall – all invited
Thurs 14th	Swallows cake sale
Frid 15 th	End of Term 2

January

Tues 2nd	Start of Term 3
Thurs 18th	Wrens and Swans netball tournament – letter to follow

All the dates are also published on the Federation website. Additions or changes will be in bold

School News

Update from Mr Cook

We seem to be hurtling towards another end of term and the Christmas holiday is fast approaching. The younger children in Ducklings, Cygnets and Herons classes have been working hard on their Nativity play 'A little bird told me', and I'm sure many of you will be in school next week to see our young performers. (Access for all performances is by the front gate please).

Thank you to those of you that were able to attend our 'open school' event last week – I believe we had a record turnout with over 100 parents! The children were quite rightly proud to share and celebrate their work with you. As last year, we will repeat this event later in the school year.

Have a great weekend and stay warm,

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Ducklings

Last week in Ducklings, the children used their design and technology skills to create diya lamps to celebrate Diwali.



Energy Saver Challenge

A parent at Stanton Drew is involved with this project to promote saving energy in our homes. The attached pdf gives details of an Energy Saver Challenge you can complete at home and offers the chance to win a signed sports kit from Team GB and Paralympics GB athletes

<https://www.getset.co.uk/positiveenergy>

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Parent Talk

We would like to thank Dr Sargant and Dr Layzell for coming into school and talking to the Reception children about their jobs. The children particularly enjoyed trying out the stethoscopes!



Swallows

Parents are warmly invited to join the children in Swallows for a short (15 min violin) performance in the school hall on Tuesday 12th December at 2.45pm. This will be a great opportunity for the children to show off their musical progress and perform to a live audience. Gates will open at 2.40pm - front gate access only please.

Kingfishers

Today, Nathan Orr, Ranger from Mendip Hills AONB, came in to visit Kingfisher Class. He talked about 'Champion Species' and how they are adapted to the Mendip Hills habitat. This tied-in with Kingfishers' Science work on adaptation and evolution. Pupils were also able to relate the talk to their residential visit to Charterhouse earlier in the year!



Open days

Our final open day for Reception 2024 will take place on Thursday 7th December at 9.30am. Please pass to anyone you know that has a child who will be starting school next year. To make an appointment to visit, please contact the school office.

Christmas Jumper day

On Wednesday 6th December, we will be supporting Save the Children. Children may wear a Christmas jumper to school for a £1 donation to this charity. Thank you.

This is also our school Christmas dinner day. Please order as usual on Aspens.

Swallows

In Science, Year 5 were excited to see what happens when we mixed white vinegar and bicarbonate of soda together....



Attendance

This term, our whole school attendance is 95.7%. It is so important that children attend school every day on time.

A reminder that the bell is rung at 8.55am to mark the 'official' registration start time (i.e. the time that children should be in school ready for registration) with gates closing at the usual time of 9am.

Well done to Swallows, Wrens and Cygnets who have over 97% attendance this term. Keep up the good work!



Please use and bookmark this NHS advice if you are unsure about sending your child to school with a minor illness <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



**Is my child too ill
for school?**

www.nhs.uk

Lost Property

Non-uniform lost property clothing should be collected by the end of this term please, or it will be donated to the clothing bank. Please take a look at the clothes rack by the hall. Please also check for uniform as there is quite a bit there that has not been named.

We ask that you write your child's name in every item of clothing that comes into school so that it may be returned to them if lost. Thank you.

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	Hérons	Wrens
Remi	Luna	Xanthe	Isaac
Ned	Charlie	RJ	Freddie
Zoe	Elsie	Eliza	Harlow
Joseph	Jasper		Austin
	Albie		Raffy
	Oscar		Harry
Swans	Swallows	Kingfishers	Headteacher Awards
Jacob	Patrick	Sid	Freya H
Evie	Thea S	Jess	
Lola	Sam	Chloe	
Eddie	Milo	Ted	
Rowan	Arlo	Elsa	
Dominic		Toby	

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

Term Dates for the Academic Year	2023-24
Term 1	Tuesday 5 th September 2023 – Thursday 19 th October 2023
Inset Day	Friday 20 th October 2023
Half Term Holiday	Monday 23 rd October 2023– Friday 27 th October 2023
Term 2	Monday 30 th October 2023 – Friday 15 th December 2023
Inset Day	Friday 17 th November 2023
Christmas Holiday	Monday 18 th December 2023 – Monday 1 st January 2024
Term 3	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024 –Friday 9 th February 2024
Half Term Holiday	Monday 12 th February 2024 – Friday 16 th February 2024
Inset Day	Monday 19 th February 2024
Term 4	Tuesday 20 th February 2024- Thursday 28 th March 2024
Easter Holiday	Friday 29 th March 2024 – Friday 12 th April 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 th April 2024 – Friday 24 th May 2024
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 th May 2024 – Friday 31 st May 2024
Inset Day	Monday 3 rd June 2024
Term 6	Tuesday 4 th June 2024 – Tuesday 23 rd July 2024

Christmas Rainbow Raffle

Thank you for your amazing donations! The PTA Christmas elves will be busy making up your generous gift donations into marvellous hampers to be won at the Christmas Celebration assembly. Look out for your raffle tickets in book bags!

Win a £3,000 Christmas Cash Bonus!

Play Your School Lottery, support your school - its that simple! In the festive Super Draw, one lucky person will win an amazing £3,000 Christmas Cash Bonus – you could hit the January sales in style, plan your dream holiday getaway, treat yourself to the latest tech and gadgets, spruce up your living space for the new year; the choice is yours! Get your Super Draw tickets before Saturday 23rd December to be in with a chance to win!

[BUY TICKETS FOR JUST £1](#)

Birthday books

Instead of bringing in sweets for your child's class on their birthday, why not buy a birthday book instead to help the school grow the library. Plus buy the book from the **Love Reading 4 Kids** bookstore, and not only do you get 10% off RRP's, but 25% of the cover price will be given to our school to buy more books. Mrs Tucker has even created a school '**wish list**' of books to help you decide which book to choose.

[BROWSE BOOKS](#)

Easyfunding

Please remember to use Easyfundraising when you do your Christmas online shopping this year. Over 7,500 brands including eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos and M&S will donate to Bishop Sutton School PTA for FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can raise donations for us when you buy anything from decorations and festive food shopping to gifts like toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more!

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

Cake Sale

Swallow class (Year 5) will be hosting the next cake sale on Thursday 14th December.

Facebook

Bishop Sutton PTA is on Facebook. Please follow us on Facebook for all the latest news and reminders on our events.

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MULTI-SPORTS CHRISTMAS CAMP
WINFORD

DEC 21-22 9.30am - 4pm
WINFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

MORE INFO / BOOK [GETSPORTED.ORG](https://getsported.org)



Family Holiday Activities
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Book online at wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays

Christmas Crafts

December 2023

Get the holidays off to a festive start with these creative workshops for children:

A Host of Angels Monday 18 December
Make an adorable angel decoration to hang on your Christmas tree.

Colourful Candlelight Tuesday 19 December
Transform a jam jar into a beautiful candle holder, inspired by the Cathedral's stained glass.

Festive Foliage Wednesday 20 December
Use natural materials to make a festive centrepiece to adorn your table this Christmas.

Scan to book:

Or drop in on the day (subject to availability)

£2.15 per child / £1.10 if eligible for free school meals; accompanying adults FREE
Please note: children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at our Family Holiday Activities

Christmas Trolls

The Little Things Theatre

Saturday 2nd December 2023 – 11am

Chew Stoke Village Hall, Chew Stoke

Join Tig and Mig, in this lively, interactive and festive show, perfect for family audiences.



Tig and Mig are mischievous trolls, who have just lost their jobs at the Clifton Toll Bridge. Down on their luck, they can't work out how to have the Christmas they wanted... They see Sigrid's house, full of decorations and presents, and decide to steal Christmas from her!

This is a joyful festive show with plenty of songs, snow and silliness, that also allows audiences to connect with a deeper story about how unemployment can affect families, especially at Christmas time.

Tickets available [HERE](#)