



18th November 2022

November

- 21 'Open School' for parents to drop in to classes 2.45pm (see reminder below)
- 22 Y3 & Y4 Invasion Festival at CVS 1-3pm
- 24 Y3/4 Football matches v. Winford and Pensford Schools 3.30 - 4.30pm (letter sent today)
- 25 BS PTA Rainbow Mufti Day (for Xmas Raffle – see below)
- 30 Y2 Benchball Tournament at CVS 9.45 to 11.45 (message to follow)

December

- 02 YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 9.30am
- 05 YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Performance 1 at 2pm
- 06 YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Performance 2 at 6pm
- 07 Christmas Dinner Day
- 07 Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- 08 The Snowman for Year R - Y4 in the school hall
- 13 Year 5&6 to The Hippodrome to see Cinderella (letter to follow, please note late arrival back in school approximately 4.30pm)
- 15 Christmas Celebration Assembly 2pm (School Hall)
- 16 Swallows Cake Sale
- 16 End of Term 2

January

- 03 Inset Day
- 04 Start of Term 3

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

School News

Update from Mr Cook

It's been a busy couple of weeks since the half term holiday and looks like staying that way until the end of term! No doubt you will have seen that we recently had an outbreak of sickness and diarrhoea, hopefully the worst is now over. There is a [useful summary document here](#) on the school website you need guidance on rash/skin infections, diarrhoea and vomiting illnesses, respiratory infections etc. It's a 2017 publication, but still very useful!

We look forward to seeing many of you on Monday so that you can visit your child's class and chat to them about their work and progress in the first ten weeks or so of this year. Children should stay in their classrooms until the usual finish time of 3.10pm and will be dismissed by their teachers as usual. (Gates open at 2.40pm).

Children in Need



Today has been Children in Need day – thank you so much for your kind donations, I'll let you know the grand total in the next newsletter. There were some great spots and stripes in show! This week has also been Anti-Bullying and Road Safety week with special assemblies and messages being shared with the children.

Parent Survey reminder

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 by me. We have a dedicated email address for this purpose which is: 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 31st December.

Y6 Residential Visit to Mill on the Brue

Our Y6 children returned one week ago from their fantastic residential visit to Mill on the Brue. Hopefully the washing pile has been dealt with and the odd sock found?! A very special thank you to Mrs Lambert, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Rogers for making the trip such a memorable one for all the children.



Remembrance Day 11th Nov 2022

Members of the KS2 and KS1 art clubs made a stunning piece last week ahead of the 11am silence on the 11th. (The display is just inside the hall doors – please have a look if you are visiting on Monday afternoon). On the 11th, children in Y3 to Y5 visited Holy Trinity church to see the names of the villagers who had died in the world war conflicts and observe an impeccable two minute silence.



Ducklings visit to Folly Farm

On Wednesday this week, Ducklings class made their first visit to Folly Farm. The children collected leaves and made a colourful snake. They did a scavenger hunt and collected acorns, hazelnuts and conkers which they planted in a pot they made themselves from newspaper.

The photo below of a child underneath a blue cloth is showing what a seed needs to grow. A child poured water on him and another acted out being the sun!!!



Cygnets visit to Wild Place 7th Nov

Cygnets enjoyed a super visit to the Wild Place – looking at sorting animals into different groups and learning all about the animals’ habitats. Their behaviour was excellent and this was commented on by several members of the staff at the Wild Place. Well done Cygnets!



Harvest donations



Thank you very much for all your kind donations to support the local Somer Valley foodbank. Mr Marriott took your donations and some school councillors where donations were gratefully received!



BASC guidelines

A reminder that the cut-off for booking After School Club is 12:00 pm each day allowing PH Sports enough time to sort additional staffing if it’s needed. Breakfast club cut-off is 7:15 on the day as it is checked the night before – unlikely to jump up overnight! Please also note that PH Sports will only

accept last minute bookings in an emergency and if that is the case, parents MUST phone the head office. Please note there is also an additional admin fee for that type of booking.

[Terms and Conditions for PH Sports BASC can be found here](#) alongside other information about BASC.

Introduction from Philip Gladwin – Chair of Governors

Hello! I am Philip Gladwin the new Chair of Governors for Bishop Sutton and Stanton Drew Primary schools and am writing to introduce myself and explain the work the team of Governors do to support your children at school.

I am a Dad of two and have been a school Governor since 2014. Both my children attended Stanton Drew before joining Chew Valley. I work for the NHS as a Data Analyst. Outside of work I enjoy CrossFit at the Cattle Market in Winford, try to get around the Chew Valley 10K each year, and am a member of the bell ringing group in Stanton Drew.

Behind the scenes Governors are working hard. We are a group of currently eight parents and members of the community who work as volunteers to ensure the children receive the best possible education. We meet regularly with senior leaders and members of staff from the Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP) and challenge the senior leadership team on a wide range of topics. Recently we have: -

- Agreed the financial budget for the year ahead and meet with the business manager throughout the year to keep the budget on track
- The safeguarding Governor meets with Mr. Cook regularly to understand the work that staff do to support any children who are experiencing difficulties
- Reviewed and updated relevant policies for the school. Many of these are available on the school website
- Attended a review day with LSP and members of teaching staff to scrutinize the work children are doing in English
- The Health and Safety Governor is preparing an audit
- Last but not least we are preparing for an OFSTED inspection so that we are ready to respond to their questions when they call...!

I hope this has gone some way to demystifying the work that we do. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the work that Simon Waller did as the previous Chair and make a commitment to continue the work he started.

With warm wishes

Phil Gladwin

Illustrator visit

On Wednesday 16th November, Sarah Warburton (children's illustrator) visited Herons class to share her latest book 'Penguin Huddle'. She demonstrated some of her drawing techniques and the children enjoyed drawing their own penguins under expert guidance from Sarah.



Christmas Activities - reminder



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 8th December and the Y5/6 panto trip on the 13th December. Nativity dates for all the children in Ducklings, Cygnets and Herons are also above as well as the Christmas Celebration Assembly on Thursday 15th December at 2pm

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
Jossie, Diego, Freddie and Whole Class (for Folly Farm visit)	Eliza, Noah, Daniil, Noah & Florence	Freddie, Etta, Isaac & Lyla	Eddie, William P, Ben & Evelyn
Swans	Swallows	Kingfishers	Headteacher Awards
Florence, Sam, Blake, Elliott JB, Lucien & Lucas	Noah, Hugo, Charlotte, Tilly, Isla & Zara	Whole Class (for MOB visit), Eleanor & Emie	Toby L and Rj

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

Christmas Dinner – 7th December

Mrs Light is cooking a Christmas Dinner for the children on Wednesday 7th December. The menu is Roast Turkey or Vegetable Wellington, Crispy Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Peas and Gravy follow by Christmas Cookie. If your child would like a Christmas Dinner please order via Aspens Select.

Christmas Jumper Day – 7th December



To coincide with Christmas Dinner Day the 7th December will also be Christmas jumper day to support the charity Save the Children. This year the government has promised to double the funds raised on Christmas jumper day. The suggested donation is £1.

First Line Challenge

The solution to the first line challenge* set two weeks ago was Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo. (The clues given were ‘this is a Blue Peter Award winning book’ and ‘it’s highly appropriate to link this book to the month of November’).

This week’s challenge is here:

It was Mrs May who first told me about them.

Clue – first published in 1952 and has a main character whose name matches a young girl in Ducklings class who turns 5 this week!

(*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 line challenge was:

I did say it had been busy! Have a great weekend – perhaps see you at the quiz this evening?!

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MUFTI DAY FOR RAINBOW CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

On Friday 25th November, all classes are invited to take part in a mufti day in exchange for a donation in the colour of their class. These donations will be packaged into colourful class hampers for our Christmas Raffle 2022.

What will you bring for the class hamper?

- Ducklings - RED items
- Cygnets - ORANGE items
- Herons - YELLOW / GOLD items
- Wrens - GREEN items
- Swans - BLUE items
- Swallows- PURPLE items
- Kingfishers - SILVER / WHITE items

Look out for your class WhatsApp message for donation ideas!



WIN A PS5 MEGA BUNDLE

Just in time for Christmas, you could get your hands on this incredible PS5 prize mega bundle, worth over £1,000!

As well as this year's hottest console, you'll get an extra controller, 3 amazing games, a PS Pulse headset, and loads more goodies - as well as a 43" 4K Ultra HD Smart TV to play it all on! 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

Get Sported Camp

We are pleased to inform you that our booking Winford page are live for our Christmas Getsported Sports camp!

Come and join us this Christmas Holidays 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, Christmas Party games 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](https://www.getsported.org) for booking online

If you need more information please Contact AkeelYousaf (akeel@worldsportministries.com) 07809650743

Festive Family Craft Workshops

The Community Farm, Chew Magna

Sat 3rd December 10.15am-11.45am and 1pm-2.30pm

Come and get in the festive spirit at a Festive Family Craft workshop over at The Community Farm on 3rd December. Suitable for children aged 3+ accompanied by an adult. You'll have the opportunity to make three gorgeous natural decorations for your Christmas tree, and your very own wreath, all whilst enjoying some delicious, mulled apple juice and yummy festive treats!

Subsidised tickets available for low income families.

For more info and booking please visit:

<https://www.thecommunityfarm.co.uk/events>

Term Dates for the Academic Year	2022-23
Term 2	Tuesday 1 st 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 February 2023 – 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 28th November 2022

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

