

30th September 2022

October

- 05 Roustabout Theatre Performance for the Children 2pm
- 05 Final day for Book Fair
- 07 Cygnets trip to Folly Farm (details to follow)
- 11 Parent/Teacher Consultations
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- 12 Open Day for Parents of Reception Sept 23
- 18 Swans Trip to the Roman Baths (details to follow)
- 21 Individual School Photos (school uniform must be worn)
- 21 Last Day of Term 1
- 31 Inset Day (Please note this change of date)

November

- 01 First Day of Term 2
- 01 Swallows Trip to Wells (details to follow)
- 02 Open Day for Parents of Reception Sept 23
- 07-11 School Camp for Year 6 to Mill on the Brue
- 21 'Open School' for parents to drop in to classes 2.40pm (see below)

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

School News

Update from Mr Cook

We seem well and truly settled into Term 1 now and the children have settled into our school routines and have been working very hard!

Recently, Swans Class had a visit from Bristol and Avon River Trust. At the end of the day Miss Wools asked the children what they had learnt, so in their words...

"We learnt about what is good and bad for our rivers. We studied some invertebrates and identified them using keys. We looked at Lego houses to find out about Sustainable Urban



Drainage Systems (SUDS). We found out about slow and flow. We did a card sort to find out what is good and bad for rivers. We looked at maps to find rivers. We looked outside to see where we could place Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems in our school playground".

Cheddar Gorge

Earlier this week, Wrens class from Bishop Sutton and Chinchillas Class from Stanton Drew visited Cheddar Gorge as part of their learning about the Stone Age. The tour guides commented on the exemplary behaviour of all the children as well as their impressive understanding of Prehistoric Britain.



Roustabout Theatre Visit Wednesday 5th October

The children who are currently in Swans class worked with a professional theatre company on 'Dinosaurs and all that rubbish' when they were in Y2. On Wednesday 5th October, the children will be rehearsing and then performing to the whole school with the actors from Roustabout Theatre. We are very much looking forward to seeing the final performance!

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 three celebration assemblies:



Ducklings	Cygnets	Herons	Wrens
Kira & Amelie	Rj, Xanthe, Lola, Daniil, Noah & Florence	Logan, Millie, Freddie, Ruby, Bea, Alex, Ella & Bailey	Santi, Devyn, Evie, Eddie, Olivia & Dominic
Swans	Swallows	Kingfishers	Headteacher Awards
Eira, Sam H, Thea W, Georgie, Florence, Max, Ava, & Sam W	Maya, Sid, Ellis, Isabelle, Horace, Finley & Charlie	Jack, Wilf B, Sophia, Robert, Ella, Charlotte & George	Jessica, Eliza, Aoife,

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

Drumming

In case you missed the email, we have a KS2 Djembe drumming club starting on Monday 10th October with Brendan Hockey (Percussion Teacher from B&NES Music Service). If you have mislaid the email, please contact the school office for an application form.



Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thank you for booking appointments to see your child's teacher on the 11th and 12th October. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your appointment, please contact the school office to make your appointment or pop in during office opening hours. You may have also noted from the dates above that we are holding an 'Open School' session on Monday 21st November – this will be

an opportunity to visit the classroom and chat to your child about their work and see the progress that they have been making in the first ten weeks or so.

Enjoy the weekend,
DC

Attendance Message from Mr Marriott

As part of new government guidance on attendance, I will be regularly reviewing both schools' attendance data to better understand reasons for absence and offer support where appropriate for children and families where attendance drops below 90%. Regular attendance at school is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience. The pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment (DfE Working together to improve school attendance 2022). When a child misses a day or an afternoon for an avoidable reason, it's not just the learning from that session that is lost, they may miss something important for understanding the content in the next lesson they're present.

Positive relationships between home and school are the foundation of good attendance and over the coming months I will aim to communicate clearly, fairly and consistently whenever there is a concern over attendance. As a Federation, we consider over 95% attendance as 'good' and children with attendance of below 90% as persistent absentees, in-line with DfE guidance. Of course, children can't help being ill but it may be that we can support families with a referral to the school nurse or other services if there is a recurring problem affecting both health and schooling.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at either school.

Kind regards,
Andy Marriott

Special Menu for Thursday 6th October

Mrs Light is cooking a special meal on Thursday 6th October for Census Day. On this day the number of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who order a school meal is recorded by the Department for Education. This figure is the used to calculate the amount that the school will receive to pay for Universal Free School Meals throughout the year. Therefore please order in the normal way via Aspens Select. (We are also aware that Aspens have not updated their website to reflect the changed INSET day from 21st to 31st October – hopefully this will be remedied in the next couple of days).



Individual School Photographs

Individual school photographs and sibling photograph will be taken on Friday 21st October. If your child has a sibling or siblings in school, they will have a photo on their own and then one with their sibling/siblings. Please ensure that your child is wearing school uniform on this day. If they have a P.E lesson on that day, please send their P.E. kit in a named bag for them to change into.

Head Lice and Nits

We have some cases of head lice and nits in school at the moment. Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary.

Open Days for Parents of Reception Children Sept 23

We have two Open Days, 12th October and 2nd November, for parents whose children are due to start school in September 2023. If you have or you know of anyone whose child is starting school in September 2023 please telephone the school office to make an appointment to visit. Our visits are split into half hourly slots 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 in the morning and 2:00 or 2:30 in the afternoon on both days.

PTA

PTA Latest News

Halloween Disco

BS PTA and 101 Data Solutions are pleased to present two Spooktastic Halloween Discos on Friday 14th October at 5.30-6:45pm or 7:15-8:30pm at Bishop Sutton Village Hall. DJ & party games, prizes for best costumes, lucky dip, kids pocket money treats, parents cash bar and raffle! Tickets £3.50 on sale in the playground.

Win a Harry Potter prize bundle!

Did you know you can raise money for our school without even baking a cake or attending an event – just buy a ticket for Your School Lottery! In time for Halloween, one lucky supporter will win a theatre voucher for Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, AND a family ticket to the Warner Brothers Studio Tour! That's on top of the weekly guaranteed cash prize and the chance to win the £25,000 national jackpot! Tickets are just £1 <https://bit.ly/bishopsuttonschlottery>

Easyfundraising

Don't forget to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! So you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. Plus you can help WIN from a £5,000 prize fund in the new easyfundraising Refer to Win competition! We will get a FREE entry each time a new supporter signs up before the 1st October! bit.ly/easyfundingbishopsutton

Dates for your diary

Halloween Disco - Friday 14th October

Kingfishers Cake sale - Friday 21st October

Quiz Night - Friday 18th November

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 for your continuing support from BS PTA

Other Events

Charity Fundraising

Can you help Stephanie Hodge raise £500 to Bishop Sutton Primary School PTA, Crohns and Colitis charity. Please donate to her JustGiving Crowdfunding

Page: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stephanie-hodge?utm_term=vZYbdx625



[Help raise £500 to Bishop Sutton Primary School PTA & Crohns & Colitis charity](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stephanie-hodge?utm_term=vZYbdx625)

We're raising money to Bishop Sutton Primary School PTA & Crohns & Colitis charity. Support this JustGiving Crowdfunding Page. www.justgiving.com

Term Dates for the Academic Year	2022-23
Term 1	Monday 5 September 2022 - Thursday 20 October 2022
Half Term Holiday	Monday 24 October 2022 – Friday 28 October 2022
Inset Day	Monday 31 st October 2022
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 10th October 2022

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

