



14th October 2022

October

- 17 Herons Trip to Folly Farm (letter has been sent)**
- 18 Swans Trip to the Roman Baths (letter has been sent)**
- 21 Individual School Photos (school uniform must be worn)**
- 21 Kingfishers Cake Sale**
- 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 (letter has been sent)**
- 02 Open Day for Parents of Reception Sept 23**
- 02 Flu vaccinations (the link has been sent via email; see below also)**
- 07-11 School Camp for Year 6 to Mill on the Brue**
- 07 Cygnets (and Meerkats SDPS) to Wild Place (letter to follow)**
- 18 Children in Need Day (email message to follow)**
- 18 PTA Quiz Night (see below)**
- 21 'Open School' for parents to drop in to classes 2.40pm (see below)**

December

- 07 Christmas Dinner for the children**
- 16 End of Term 2**

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

School News

Update from Mr Cook

Term 1 has flown by and the half-term holiday is fast approaching. Most parents were able to meet with teachers earlier this week to discuss the term so far. If you didn't manage to make your appointment, please message your child's teacher to discuss settling in and progress to date. Please also note 'Open School' session on Monday 21st November at 2.45pm – this will be another 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.

Book Fair

Thank you for supporting this year's book fair. We raised a total of £200 worth of new books for each class in the school which Mrs Tucker has chosen.



School Council Appeal (email sent 7/10/22)

The school councils at both schools have been learning about the increasingly important role of Foodbanks in supporting some of the most vulnerable families in our communities. This is not just with donations but also in signposting families to agencies which can help with all sorts of issues.

Both school councils would like us to have a collection of items to help our local Foodbanks (Somerset Valley for Bishop Sutton and South and East Bristol for Stanton Drew), especially as the weather



turns colder. There are separate lists of required for each school because the Foodbanks are located in different areas and have differing needs. The BSPS list of requested items is:

Meat soup, macaroni cheese, milk powder, instant mash, fruit juice, corned beef, coffee, sponge puddings, sweets & chocolate, hot chocolate, deodorants, cleaning products, washing up liquid, kitchen rolls, shaving products, carrier bags and tin openers.

Please send in any **donations to the school office by Tuesday 18th October**. Thank you for your support.

Dinosaurs and All that Rubbish Production

Dinosaurs have taken over the Earth! They're stomping and stamping because the planet is full of rubbish. Will they find a way to change things for good?!

The children enjoyed a special performance of this show on 5th October – and Y4 supported the cast most ably. Well done Y4! A great show with a simple yet powerful environmental message.



Valley Arts

On Friday 7th October, we welcomed professional youth facilitators from Valley Arts, to lead drama-based workshops for some of our pupils in KS1 and KS2 classes. The sessions used fairy tales and storytelling to explore gender stereotypes, while building some simple drama skills. The creative approach aims to increase pupils' confidence, inspire creative thinking, and improve problem solving and presentation skills.

Valley Arts offered these workshops at no cost to the school, thanks to support from Arts Council England, and the sessions were a perfect taster for our pupils ahead of the [Valley Arts Fringe Festival](#). This month-long programme in local venues (4 Nov-4 Dec) offers a brilliant array of high-quality theatre, dance, music and comedy shows for all ages, with lots of free workshops available. Tickets are available via the [Valley Arts website](#), with great early bird savings until 9th October. You can also pick up a Fringe Festival programme from the school reception.

Valley Arts is a local charity that exists to inspire and delight audiences by delivering high quality live performance and participation for the community of the Chew Valley. They work with local schools, artists and organisations to enable people of all ages to be entertained, inspired and supported by the arts. The Valley Arts year-round programme of events, workshops, holiday clubs and their weekly youth theatre, supports the wellbeing of our rural community with a focus on young people and families.

Steph Hodge

Many thanks and a huge well done to Steph Hodge who recently ran to raise money for The PTA and The Crohns and Colitis Charity. £250 donated to the school, amazing!



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
Amelie, Fern, Freddie, Luna, Jasper & Sophie	Harry, Mason, Eliza, Florence, Harvey & Peter	Sophie, Alby, Luca, Santi, Arlo & Etta	Felix, Bonnie, William N, Charlotte, Lenny, Jacob, Ellis & Amelia L
Swans	Swallows	Kingfishers	Headteacher Awards
Patrick, Freya, Elliot O'G, Mia, Toby, Nellie, Mollie, Henry & Thea S	Isla, Matilda Q, Teddy, Hugo, Holly, Toby, Charlie, Siena & Josh	Ted, Iona, Fred, Tabitha, Mia, Sophie, Joe and Arthur	

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

Have a great weekend!

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Special Menu for Thursday 3rd November

Mrs Light is cooking a special meal on Thursday 3rd November for Bonfire Night. The menu is already on Aspens Select so please order in the usual way.



Open Day for Parents of Reception Children Sept 23

Our Second Open Day is on 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.

Pupil Absence Request

If you are requesting an absence for your child in term time please remember to fill in the appropriate form (which can be found on our website under policies) and return it to the school office at least two weeks before the absence. Even if you are taking your child out for half a day a form still needs to be completed.

Flu Vaccinations

All children in **Year R to Year 6** from September 2022 are eligible for a free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination. The immunisation team will be visiting our school on Wednesday 2nd November 2022.

Seasonal flu vaccination remains one of the most important public health interventions to protect individuals and prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society. This contributes to reduce morbidity, mortality and hospitalisation associated with flu at a time when the NHS and social care will be managing winter pressures, potentially including further outbreaks of COVID-19. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible. Full information about this live vaccination, including frequently asked questions and access to the NHS England information, are available when accessing the link. We recommend you discuss this vaccination with your child prior to the date of vaccination.

To consent to, or to decline the flu vaccination for your child please click on the link below:

<https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2022/banes>

Individual School Photographs - reminder

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.

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 5.30pm-6:45pm or 7:15pm-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 or via your PTA class rep.

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! Just buy a ticket before 29th October to enter. Tickets are only £1 each. <https://bit.ly/bishopsuttonschlottery>

Quiz Night

BS PTA and Arthur David invite to you back-to-school for our Quiz Night on Friday 18th November 7.30pm-10pm. Hosted by our very own quiz master Mr Marriot, this fun and social evening will be held in the school hall and entry includes a ploughman's supper. Make a team of 8 or just come along on the night. There will be a cash bar to get your juices flowing. Tickets are £7.50 per person and will be on sale after half term.

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. <https://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

Half Term Events at Wells Cathedral

GAIA HAS LANDED AT WELLS CATHEDRAL - and there are lots of family activities on offer to make a fun day out over the holidays!

Come and view Luke Jerram's touring artwork, a 7-metre model of our planet as seen from space!

Pick up our free Earth Explore Trail leaflet which takes you on a tour of the Cathedral whilst picking up tips about how to be a Steward of the Earth.

Afterwards, come along to a felt workshop to make a beautiful souvenir of your visit.

For further information on all of our Gaia events, visit <https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/cathedral-events/gaia/>

Note! If you have a child in Swallows Class you may want to delay this as a possible visit as the children are visiting on Tuesday 1st November!

Bath and West Community Energy - Information Event in Bishop Sutton village hall Wed 2 Nov

Live in Bishop Sutton, no solar panels? Find out how you could become part of an exciting trial. No cost to households, no need to change supplier, we'll even pay you to get involved. Meet us at Bishop Sutton Village Hall (in the lounge) Wed 2 Nov 6.15pm or 7.30pm to find out more or see <https://bit.ly/3rSvThf>

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 2nd November 2022

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

