



BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday September 8th 2023

Welcome Back – and a warm welcome to all new families.

This first week has been very short (in fact shorter than we had intended and hoped for), so there is lots of information and much less celebration of achievements and learning to normal. There are some important dates to take note of too...



Worship this half term is linked to Love: We stay true to what is right; loving our neighbour as ourselves. In our first worship together we thought about things that were new – especially our new shoes. We talked about how comfy our shoes were at the end of last year, because they had walked many steps with us. Those of us who had new shoes thought that they might be a little bit less comfortable at the start of this new year – until we 'walk them in'. We thought about how trying new things, and experiencing new challenges can feel a little bit uncomfortable at first, but when we stick with them will eventually become more 'comfortable'. The children have been encouragingly asking how my feet are feeling in my new shoes since. We also thought about how we need to show love and care towards others, especially when things are new as a smile and encouraging word can help make them feel more comfortable.



Picture news: This week's Picture News was about Thor Pedersen who loved reading about firsts. He read about the first person to reach the north pole, and one day decided he wanted to be the first person to achieve something, so he set off on a challenge to visit

every country in the world without going on a plane. He thought it would take 4 years, but it was 10 years later that he eventually completed his challenge and returned to his friends and wife. We thought about how a new adventure can be exciting, and a little bit scary, and will most certainly bring challenges along the way. He was shown love and care by many people in different countries on his journey – and the love from these strangers resulted in him completing his challenge (and making some new friends too).



On Friday it was fabulous to be able to welcome George Fouché to visit school to share some information about the challenges he has overcome in his life, but how it is important to dare to dream, and have build on some characteristics in order to be successful for ourselves. The children were amazed that he had broken his neck and was walking and speaking to us despite doctors saying he would never walk again. He challenged Year 5 and Year 6 to think about some characteristics and whether they possess them yet or need to build them up. He challenged a couple of our 'competitive' children to an arm wrestle, and set a tricky challenge to Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 to build towers with spaghetti and marshmallows that were literally melting in the heat. We all learned a little bit about George, and ourselves. Some parents came along to the workshop after school and discovered a little bit about themselves too. What a great start to the school year!



WELCOMING OUR NEW RECEPTION CHILDREN

Our new Reception children have made a brilliant start to their school journey at BT. They are already starting to build friendships and are showing that they can listen and follow instructions so well. Mrs Brain and Mrs Potter and the whole Reception team have been so proud of the way they are coming into school with a smile each morning, and confidently exploring the different learning areas. It was fabulous to see all of the special things they had collected in their Magical Me bags, and the confidence the children had to share them with their new class mates. What a great start to their school journey with us.



AMAZING ARTISTS

Year 5 have started their journey in art this year with such incredible work. They considered the work of Paul Cezanne and were tasked with a tricky challenge – to complete a continuous line drawing of some objects in the classroom (including a guitar!). This means that they weren't allowed to lift their pen from the paper once they had started drawing. The children concentrated so hard and truly pushed themselves to create some fabulous results – I'm sure you will agree!



A HUGE THANK YOU

School didn't start quite as we had expected and hoped it would this year. The builders have been working really hard through the summer to make sure the new cabin classroom and grounds were ready for us to come back safely. They had some small jobs still to finish, and unfortunately cut off the water supply to school by discovering a problem with the exposed pipe at the front of the school building. Just before lunch time wasn't ideal, but we were able to sanitise hands and still eat. We would like to thank all families for organising such swift collection of the children on Wednesday lunch time. The speed at which you were able to respond to the emergency message was fabulous – thank you so much.

VISITING CHURCH

This term, every class will visit St Chad's Church to share in a 'journey' together. This term – they will be going on a Harvest Journey. If any parents are able to support with walking the children to church we are always very grateful. We will be walking down at 9:00, straight after registration.

Year 6 – Thursday 14th September

Year 5 – Thursday 28th September

Year 4 – Thursday 13th October

Year 3 – Thursday 26th October

Year 2 – Thursday 16th November

Year 1 – Thursday 30th November

Whole School Christmas service at St Chad's – Wednesday 20th December

Reception children will complete the Harvest Journey activities in school on Thursday 14th December. We will need a few parents to support the activities in school if possible.

Please email admin3141@welearn365.com if you would like to support us on either of these dates.

TEACHERS 2 PARENTS

In school we have a text messaging service so that we can send messages to all, groups of, or individual parents quickly and easily. We will send messages to the first contact for each child, unless other arrangements have been made with school. There is an app that can be downloaded to receive messages, but we have found many issues with families trying to receive messages through using the app and would advise all parents to delete the app if they have it on their phones. Without the app, the messages will come through to you as a text message and this is a much more reliable way of receiving the messages. We have sent a test message to all families asking you to complete a very short google form so that we can contact anyone who has not received the message and help to rectify and check details etc. Thank you.

MARVELLOUS ME

We are pleased to be continuing our use of the Marvellous Me app. Through the app we are able to share some of the children's achievements with you, as well as inform you about what the children have been learning about in school. This will help you to chat about your child's school day when they get home – especially if your children 'can't remember' what they have been learning about, or have done 'nothing much' while they have been at school. If you are new to school, download the App onto your phone and use the Join Code that your child will bring home next week. This join code can be shared with extended family members too, so grandparents etc. can also see what the children have been learning and what they have achieved.



Please give the teachers a 'high five' when you have read their messages so that we can see how many parents we are reaching through the App. Thank you!



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Onside are now running all of our after school clubs at BT this year, including 'Kids club' in the lodge. Many children have already taken advantage of the clubs on offer. If you haven't signed up for clubs yet, there are still spaces in several clubs. Please follow the links to sign up for any clubs that your child would like to join – maybe they will discover and develop a new talent: [Clubs offered by Onside](#)

If you have any questions about clubs, or how to sign your child up, please contact kidsclub@onsideoaching.co.uk



MEDICINE REMINDER

Just a quick reminder about medicine: If your child needs to bring any medicine into school, please collect a form from the office and make sure that the medicine is handed either to the class teacher or the office staff. Children shouldn't be storing any medicines in their bags or lockers. Thank you.

GET INVOLVED!
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



BISHOP'S TACHBROOK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

The PTA at BT are a crucial and highly valued part of the school community. The children and families talk so fondly of the activities that they have organised in

the past. The work of the PTA has also provided so many fabulous and wonderful resources for our school that have truly benefitted the whole school community – from lamps for art work, to class sets of books for learning, to interactive whiteboards for teaching, to gates to keep the children safe outside, to funding for the new school website which will be launching very soon and many more things. This year the PTA are keen to welcome any new people who would like to be involved in making more special memories for the children and their families. If you think that you could help in any way, please contact the PTA for more details, or to express your interests in getting involved: btachbrookpta@gmail.com

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we start the new school year, it is essential that you write, or label, your child's clothing with their name. Any named items of uniform that are taken off and left on the field, playground, dinner hall or anywhere else in school will make their way back to your child – if an item of clothing is not named it will end up in a box of 'Lost Property' and it is much more difficult to sort. It makes it so much easier to sort lost items when the clothing is named. Please ensure your child has a hat in sunny weather (or cold weather when it arrives) and that is named too. If it is sunny, please put sunscreen on your child before they come to school. We are not able to apply sunscreen in school, so please use the 8 hour sun cream where possible.

HEALTHY SCHOOL INFORMATION

As a 'healthy school' we provide a fruit snack for all children in KS1. If your child is in KS2 and would like a snack for playtime, please provide them with a piece of fruit. We do not allow the children to eat cereal bars or biscuits as playtime snacks, although one sugary treat is fine to eat at lunchtime with their packed lunch. We only allow water in water bottles in the classrooms. Some children have been bringing squash into school in their water bottles, and this is not allowed. Constantly sipping squash is not good for teeth, and also - when spilled - encourages the ants into the classrooms. If there is a medical reason that your child can not drink water, please speak to your child's class teacher or email admin3141@welearn365.com

MEET THE TEACHER

We were not able to run 'Meet the teacher' sessions at the end of last academic year for Year 1-6 parents as there wasn't a Year 4 classroom for the teachers to meet the parents in. We now have most of the building work completed so will be running two sessions to give parents an opportunity to meet their child's new teacher, or teachers. In the sessions we will share lots of information about homework days, PE days etc. as well as an overview of the topics your child will be learning about in school, and any trips that are already planned.

Meet the teacher sessions for Year 1-6 will be held on Wednesday 20th September: the first session will start at 3:30 and the second one at 4:00. Sessions will be held in classrooms, and your children are very welcome to attend with you. Thanks.

Reception parents were able to meet the teachers at the end of last year in the hall, so we won't be running sessions for Reception – if you have any questions please do catch a member of the Reception team after school, or email admin3141@welearn365.com

JEANS FOR GENES

We will be supporting Jeans for Genes week in school this year. W/C 18th September we will be inviting children and staff to wear jeans to school with their uniform. Please send in a donation (suggestion £1) on each day your child decides to wear jeans instead of their school skirt or trousers. Thank you. We will enter the 'Dance in Denim' competition on Friday 22nd September – so as many children in jeans on the Friday as possible would be brilliant!





Warwick Dragon Boat Festival
24th September 2023



Rotary Club of  Warwick Avon

At Warwick Boats, St Nicolas Park, Warwick CV34 4QY
DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

As a school staff, we have entered the Warwick Dragon Boat Festival at St Nicholas Park on Sunday 24th September. The Rotary Club of Warwick Avon organise this annually and this year are raising money for Birmingham Children's Hospital and Myton Hospice. These two charities are very close to the hearts of many of our staff and families associated with the school so we are stepping wildly out of our comfort zones, jumping in a boat and paddling away to raise money for the charities. Many of you will remember Annabel, our head girl from Sept 2021 - July 2022. Her family and she were supported for many years by Birmingham Children's Hospital and her parents were really pleased to hear that we were raising money to give something back to the hospital.

If any parents would like to support our staff team by contributing to our fundraising page, you can do by following this link:
<https://gofund.me/670f9a1e>

You would also be very very welcome to come along to St Nicholas Park on the day to cheer us on. Thank you in advance!



Dates for your diary:

- 14th Sept – Year 6 to church
- 18th-22nd Sept – Jeans for Genes week
- 20th Sept – Meet the teacher 3:30 and 4:00
- 24th Sept – BT Dragon Boat Race at St Nicholas Park – 10am - 3pm
- 28th Sept – Year 5 to church
- Sunday 1st October – Year 5 leading Harvest Worship at St Chad's**
- 13th Oct – Year 4 to church
- 26th Oct – Year 3 to church
- HALF TERM – Mon 30th Oct – Fri 3rd Nov
- 16th Nov – Year 2 to church
- 30th Nov – Year 1 to church
- 13th Dec – Reception Harvest Journey in school
- 20th Dec – Christmas Service at St Chad's



TEAM TACHBROOK

There will also be lots of opportunities for the children at school to represent 'Team Tachbrook' in a wide variety of sporting events this year. We will let you know if your child has been selected for events nearer the time.



Star of the Week, Mighty Writer, Marvellous Mathematician awards:

This half term we will be recognising children across school who have lived out any of our IDEALS as stars of the week, or achieved or discovered something new in their writing or maths. Awards will be given out on Fridays in 'Celebration Worship'. If your child has been selected to receive an award you are very welcome to join us for worship from 9:00-9:30 – we will let you know by text on the Wednesday if your child will be receiving an award. Thank you for your support with this.

We are looking forward to an exciting and fulfilling year together!

C. Kilbey

Mrs C. Kilbey
Head Teacher



At Bishop's Tachbrook CE Primary School, **everything we do, we do with love**, always staying true to our IDEALS:

We **inquire** about our wonderful world to **discover** and develop the gifts God has given us.

We **encourage** each other and build each other up to **achieve** our full potential.

We stay true to what is right: **loving** our neighbour as ourselves and walking out into the world **shining** as a light for other people, knowing that God gives us the strength to make all things possible and create a positive difference in our community.