

BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 36

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Changes to school uniform for September 2024

We have decided to make a small change to the school uniform from September 2024.

PE kit: We have designed a new PE kit – as suggested by the school council – to ‘look smart when we play against other schools’. The tops are being designed by Akuma (a local company) and will be bottle green with a school logo and patch of colour on the sleeve of the children’s house. The tops will cost £15, but school are going to subsidise the first top for each child. These subsidised tops will cost £7.50 each. As with other uniform, when your child grows out of their PE top please consider donating to the PTA uniform fund so that we can support with reduced price uniform where we can. Children will continue to wear plain black tracksuit bottoms, shorts or leggings with the tops.

We will let you know more about ordering the tops soon, but wanted to let you know in advance not to buy any new t-shirts for PE for next academic year.



Who is doing School Uniform discounts this Summer?



25% off School Uniform, starting on Tuesday 23rd July.



25% off School Uniform until Thursday 27th June.



20% off all School Uniform from Thursday 2nd July.



£5 School Uniform Bundle available from Thursday 4th July.



Attendance

This week I had a meeting with the Attendance Officer for the Local Authority. We scrutinised the attendance data for this academic year and found:

- There have been 451 sessions of learning lost due to unauthorised family holidays taken in term time. 53 children have missed learning due to holidays taken outside of the school holiday periods.
- A further 186 sessions have been lost where holidays have been agreed (where children are under 5 years of age mainly, but also some for other exceptional circumstances). 23 children have missed learning due to authorised holidays.

The impact of this is that the children who have missed learning will have fallen behind when they return to school and may struggle to join back in with the learning of their peers. Staff also have to find ways of supporting the children to catch up with missed learning which affects all children in the class as adult support is refocussed while the child is catching up.

When considering the children who have been taken on term-time holidays, 15 have become persistent absentees this academic year – meaning their attendance is below 90% for the year and 42 have attendance below 95%.

Altogether we have 20 children in school who have attendance of below 90% (persistent absentees) and 86 children whose attendance is below 95% - which is the level at which we have to monitor progress more carefully in school.

We are currently not a school that refers to the Local Authority when families take holidays as we don't believe that fining families is the answer to improving attendance in school, however the Local Authority are concerned about our current levels of attendance and the impact this has on the children, as well as staff workload when the children return. They are asking us to seriously consider how we can improve these figures and **we are asking for your support so we can work together to make improvements.**

Steps forward:

- We aim to support our children and their families as well as we can, although recognise there will also need to be a higher level of challenge for absences.
- Families to use the school holiday periods for family holidays where at all possible.
- School to only authorise holidays for exceptional circumstances, including all children in Reception.
- Families to be honest with reporting absence from school – not asking children to say they have been ill when they have been on a holiday. We care about the children and will always ask if they are feeling better when they have been absent from school due to illness. We also constantly encourage the children to be honest in school and inevitably they share with us, or friends, where they have been and we find out when families have been dishonest. Accurate data helps us to work out better plans to improve attendance.
- Improve attendance of children with mild illnesses where they could attend school (coughs, colds, headaches) so that overall attendance figures improve.
 - ✓ Point parents to the [NHS information](#) regarding when to keep their child at home.
 - ✓ Expect parents to send children in to school with mild illnesses on the understanding that if their child regresses during the day and is unable to access learning we will contact them to collect them.
 - ✓ Ensure parents are aware that we are able to administer calpol in school if a medical form has been completed and it is measured into a named syringe.

Dates for your diary:

- w/c 1st July is Week A
- w/c 1st July – Year 5 swimming catch up daily (2 weeks)
- Wed 3rd July – Year 5/6 performance to parents – 6pm
- Mon 8th July – iRock performance for parents and school – 9:30am
- **Tues 9th July – Year 5 brass and soloists concert for parents 2:40pm in the school hall.**
- Wed 10th July – Transition Day (Year 6 to new secondary schools, all other children meet their teachers for next year).
- Mon 15th July – Year 1 trip to St John's Victorian School House
- Friday 19th July – Year 6 leavers assembly 2:30pm

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We are looking for a lunchtime supervisor from September 2024 to join our school team. The role will involve ensuring the children are safe in either the hall or outside on the playground over lunchtime.

The job will be from 12-1:15pm Mon-Fri. There is the possibility of a job share if required.

If you would like more information, please contact the school office at admin3141@welearn365.com or call school on 01926 426020.

The closing date for applications will be Thursday 11th July, with interviews w/c 15th July.

Bishop's Tachbrook CE Primary School is committed to the safeguarding of all pupils and an enhanced DBS will be necessary prior to employment.

Part-time Admin Assistant Vacancy

We are looking for a new member of our office team to provide an essential role in the smooth running of our school day to day and to continue to build and foster positive relationships with families. The job will be for 2 days (preferably Monday and Tuesday), Term-Time only, 9-4pm (30 mins lunch break).

[For more information and to access the application forms please follow this link.](#)

You can also [access the application forms on the school website.](#)

Come and chat to us if you would like to know more.

Completed application forms to be sent to admin3141@welearn365.com by the closing date of 1st July 2024.

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We are looking for a new member of our teaching assistant team to provide support to our teaching team and pupils. The job will be for a full-time TA Monday - Friday, 30 hours per week, starting September 2024.

If you would like more information, please see the Vacancies page on the school website, or contact the school office at admin3141@welearn365.com or call school on 01926 426020.

The closing date for applications will be Friday 5th July, with interviews w/c 8th July.

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Vacancies

We have the following vacancies at our school:

1. Part Time Admin Assistant



2. Midday Supervisor



3. Teaching Assistant



[Please click on the picture above](#) to visit the school website where you will find application forms and more information about these roles.

Thank you.

Staffing for next academic year:

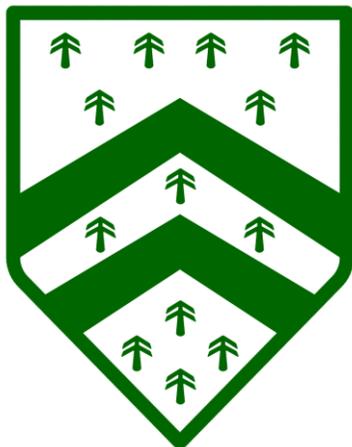
This year we will be saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Cadman, who has moved house and will no longer be able to make the long commute to school. She has been part of the BT family for three years and we will certainly miss her next year. We wish her all the very best in her new home. Mrs Hammond has been working at BT this year as a TA in Year 5 and will be sadly leaving us too. We will also be saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Oyamburu, who is leaving to spend more time with her family. She has been part of the BT family for 16 years and is one of the adults who appears on many children's network hands. She will be greatly missed, but will be popping back to help when she can.

We are excited to be welcoming Mrs Sibly to the BT family this year as a teacher in Year 5.

On **Wednesday 10th July** our Year 6 children will be visiting their new secondary schools. We will use this day for the children to meet their new teacher/s for the next academic year.

Parents will be invited to come along to meet their children's new teachers and find out more about the what the children will be learning about in their new year group on 4th September 2024 after school – save the date!

The teachers for next year will be:



Reception – Mrs Brain

Year 1FP (RB) – Mrs French and Mrs Power

Year 1P (RP) – Mrs Potter

Year 2 – Mrs Dixon and Mrs Wilson

Year 3 – Miss Gregory

Year 4 – Mrs Rhodes

Year 5 – Mrs Sibly and Mr Bench

Year 6 – Mrs Boak and Mrs Pepin

