



BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday September 10th 2021

Newsletter 1



It has been so lovely to welcome all of the children back to school this week. There have been some welcome changes to the way we are working under the most recent Government Guidelines, and it has been especially great to: see the children sitting in groups to work collaboratively on tasks; watch all of the children outside at play together; spend time in the hall eating lunch together; hear the children's wonderful singing; and meet parents out on the playground in the mornings.

I would like to extend a special welcome and well done to all of the new Reception children who have made such a cheerful and confident start to their time at school. Mrs Brain and Mrs Robiquet have really enjoyed meeting the children and finding out their special interests.

NEW ASTRO TURF

We are really pleased with the new Astro turf pitch that was laid over the summer holidays. With all of the children being outside together again we wanted to make sure that there was enough space for everyone to play safely. The grass also used to get extremely muddy after heavy rainfall, so the Astro turf means that PE lessons can take place outside whatever the weather!



A REFURBISHED COURTYARD

As the year 5 and 6 children leave their classrooms each day, they used to look out into what was a once-loved, but more recently abandoned courtyard space. Over the summer break, Mr Gardner made some benches and foldable tables and re-planted the garden areas to transform the courtyard into a beautiful space for groups of children to work outside on sunny days. Thank you!



RE-DECORATED CLASSROOMS

Mr Hanson has also been extremely busy over the summer inside school, giving the Year 3 and 4 classrooms a new lease of life. They now have beautiful freshly painted walls and brand new carpets. They are looking fabulous. Thank you!



MARVELLOUS ME

We are so excited to be launching the Marvellous Me app very shortly. The PTA have kindly funded the app for school so that 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.

We will be sharing more information with you at our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions at school but if you have chance to download the App onto your phone in advance, that would be really helpful.

COVID UPDATE

While the government guidelines have enabled us to spend more time together as a school community, we are still mindful that Covid is very much still with us, and are continuing with our hand washing routines, regular cleaning of high touch points, adults are ensuring they stay distanced from other adults, and staff are using lfd tests twice a week.

If your child displays any of the three main symptoms of Covid: high temperature, persistent cough or loss of smell or taste, please arrange for them to have a PCR test.

If you would like to use LFD tests at home as a family, then that would also help us to keep each other safe.

Please inform school if your child is displaying symptoms, and if your child has a positive PCR test. Thank you!

MEET THE TEACHER

We were disappointed that we weren't able to meet with parents at the end of last term, so we have planned some 'Meet the Teacher' sessions at school. In these sessions your child's class teachers will introduce themselves to you and share a little bit of information about what school will be like for your child this academic year. There will also be some tips on how you can help at home, and a chance to share any information you would like to with the teachers, or ask questions, afterwards.

The sessions will be held in the hall with the windows and doors open for ventilation. Parents will access school through the hall doors on the right of the school building as you are facing the hall (not the doors near to the bins). We would encourage you to wear masks if possible as the space could be quite busy if all parents decide to attend. If you would prefer to attend virtually then please let the school office know on admin3141@welearn365.com and we will set up a teams meeting link with you through your child's email address.

Children are welcome to come along to the meeting with you if you need them to.

Hand sanitiser will be available on entry to school and the chairs will be sanitised between each session in the hall.. You will exit the meetings through your child's classroom so that you have the opportunity to have a look around and ask questions more privately.

Session times:

Monday 20th September

3:30 – 4:00 – Year 4

4:15 – 4:45 – Year 1

Tuesday 21st September

3:30 – 4:00 – Year 2

4:15 – 4:45 – Year 6

Wednesday 22nd September

3:30 – 4:00 – Year 5

4:15 – 4:45 – Year 3

(On 20th September Choir will be held in the Year 5 classroom.)



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We have extended our range of after school clubs on offer at BT this year, and many children have taken advantage of the clubs on offer. If you haven't signed up for clubs yet, there are still some spaces in several clubs. Please follow the links to sign up for any clubs that your child would like to join:

Clubs offered by GoGo Makers:

- Monday: STEAM after school for Year R/1/2
- Tuesday: Musical Theatre after school for Year R-6
- Wednesday: Cookery after school for Year R/1/2
- Thursday: Computing after school for Year 3/4/5/6

Clubs offered by Onside:

- Wednesday: Football after school for Year 3/4/5/6
- Thursday: Football after school for Year 1/2
Forest School club after school for Year 3/4/5/6
- Friday: Dance after school for Year 1-6
Multi-sports after school for Year 1-6
- Monday: School Choir after school for Year 3/4/5/6 (Run by Mrs Potter, but sign up through Onside Booking System).

If you have any questions about clubs, or how to sign your child up, please contact the school office.

Dates for your diary:

- Meet the Teacher sessions – 20th, 21st, 22nd September
- Half term – 23rd-31st October
- INSET Day – Monday 15th November
- Learning Celebrations – w/c 15th November
- Christmas break – 18th December – 4th January 2022
- INSET Day – 3rd January 2022

Learning Celebrations:

A Learning Celebration is an opportunity for you to come into school with your child, have a look at the work in their books and talk to your child's teacher to celebrate their strengths and achievements and discuss their next steps. These have been previously called 'Parents' Evenings' but we are keen for the children to be involved in these discussions too as they are very much a part of the learning process.

We are asking parents to complete a [short online form](#) to help us to plan these sessions in a way that as many parents as possible are able to attend. We would be really grateful if you could help us by filling in the [short questionnaire](#).

Playground Grand Opening

The Parish Council have organised the Grand Opening of The Meadow Playground on Saturday 11th September at 2pm. There will be lots of activities, including a balloon artist, face painting and goodie bags.



BISHOP'S TACHBROOK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

**GET INVOLVED!
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!**



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. This year we need some new people to come forward to help to make more special memories for the children and their families. If you think that you could help in any way, please contact Sarah Don for more details, or to express your interests in getting involved: btachbrookpta@gmail.com

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.



STARS OF THE WEEK

- Year 1: Ellie
- Year 2: Edith
- Year 3: Florence
- Year 4: Jai
- Year 5: Luke
- Year 6: Alia

MARVELLOUS MATHEMATICIANS

- Year 1: Sophia
- Year 2: Caius
- Year 3: Maria
- Year 4: Isabelle
- Year 5: Arlo
- Year 6: Scott



HEAD TEACHER'S STAR OF THE WEEK

Leah N for showing kindness when outside on the playground, helping other children to find their smile.

C. Kilbey

Mrs C. Kilbey
Head Teacher





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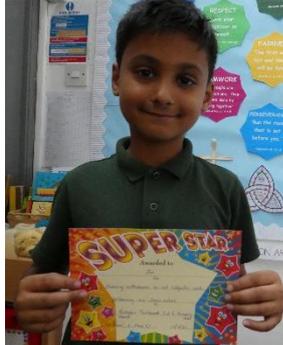
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THANKFULNESS

'Give thanks no matter what.'

1 Thessalonians ch 5 v18



Word of the week:

intelligent

Sam made an intelligent decision.

Suggested by Sachin in Year 4