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Believe in ourselves, be the best we can be

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Goodbye Year 6

This time of the year always brings a real mixture of emotions. Many of our Year 6 children have been with us for many years and have become an important part of our school, so it is sad to see them leaving Bishop. On the other hand, it is such an exciting time for this group of wonderful young people and they are fully ready for the next step. We've seen their fantastic Leavers' assembly, a wonderful slip and slide and BBQ and then today they 'Ring The Bell'- the oldest tradition at Bishop that all children do on their last day at Bishop. GO and be AMAZING Year 6- you leave with all of our love and best wishes!



Thank You Tea Party

On Tuesday, our Thank You Tea Party gave the children and staff at school a chance to say thank you to all of our amazing volunteers. The strength of a school is based on the community of people that give their time and energy to support our children and we wanted to recognise this. The children sang some of their favourite songs and read out personalised messages to those that had helped them through the year. A really special event and our little way of saying a big thank you!



Summer Fayre

We're still amazed at what a spectacular Summer Fayre we had this year! It was so wonderful to see so many families from our school and preschool come together to celebrate summer and our fantastic community. Importantly, so many people commented on the wonderfully positive atmosphere – it really was something special. A huge THANK YOU to FOBS for organising this and so many other special moments across the year to raise money to further enrich our children's school experience.



Independence at Home

Our focus on developing independence across the school is having a really positive impact on children's learning and confidence. We believe that independence is a vital life skill that not only supports success in the classroom but also helps children grow into confident, capable and resilient individuals.

As you know, we invited parents and carers to share examples of how independence is encouraged at home, with entries going into a prize draw. We were delighted by the strong response and the wide range of ways our children are developing these skills. Examples included completing homework independently, helping with household jobs, getting themselves ready for the day, gardening, caring for pets, preparing for school, and even doing some cooking. It is fantastic to see that our focus in school is being reinforced at home, and that children are taking pride in becoming more independent in their daily lives. We are pleased to announce that the winner of our independence prize draw, selected at random from all entries, is **Heidi** in Year 4. Congratulations, Heidi!



Preschool

The Preschool children have enjoyed the glorious weather, finding creative ways to keep cool during the heat. Every year we are sad to see our Preschool leavers go, it has been a pleasure getting to know you all and we wish you all the best for your next adventure!

The Preschool team would like to wish you all a happy summer holiday, and look forward to seeing you all again soon after the break!

Christie Tribble- Preschool Supervisor



New School Website and Jotter 3 App

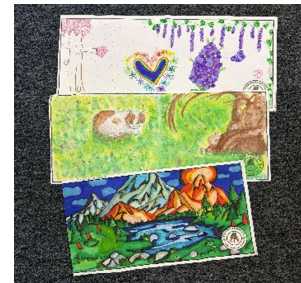
Just a reminder that we have now moved onto our new website and subsequently there is also a new School Jotter App that you will need to download to receive updates about your children's classes and notifications. Please see the email from the 15th July or this School Jotter picture below for further instructions.

A promotional graphic for the School Jotter app. It features the 'School Jotter' logo at the top left. Below it, the text 'Never miss school notifications' is displayed. Further down, it says 'Download the School Jotter Mobile App today and you'll get:' followed by three bullet points: 'News and message notifications', 'School calendar access', and 'Other links to useful resources'. At the bottom left, there are buttons for 'GET IT ON Google Play' and 'Download on the App Store', along with a QR code. On the right side, there are two smartphones displaying the app's interface, with decorative icons like a paper plane and a beaker around them.

The Village Nature Station

Our children were invited to take part in a competition to design a panel for the village Nature Station. This creative community project, organised by the Parish Council Climate Group, has transformed a former phone box into a space where local residents can exchange seeds for their gardens and allotments.

This week, the winning entries from across our school were proudly displayed in the Nature Station. We are delighted to be part of this inspiring sustainability initiative and to work alongside members of our supportive Bishopsteignton community.



Pupil Voice

After having several conversations with the children about making good behaviour choices, particularly at lunch and playtimes, we decided to have a focus on what is 'good behaviour' and why it was important. It was very interesting to see how confidently many of the children could talk about this- it showed the children know what good behaviour looks like and are clear of expectations that are consistently shared by adults. Here are some of their excellent reflections-

***'It is important to have good behaviour because that makes us kind, and that makes us all feel good.'* Jayden- Explorers**

***'I think that good behaviour is being a role model to younger children and being responsible.'* Evalyn- Y3**

***'If you see good behaviour you would see us doing the right thing, being respectful to others and not being rude. Good behaviour is important because if no-one knew about it, then the world would be a horrible place.'* Noah- Y4**

***'Good behaviour is important because if you keep on doing the bad things then you won't learn, if you have good behaviour you can learn.'* Jasmine- Y2**

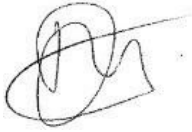
***'Good behaviour is when you show respect to ANYONE, even if you don't know them well because everyone deserves to be respected and feel like a valued part of the community. It means cheering on other people, helping them out if they are stuck and checking on people to make sure they are okay. Good behaviour is important because if we don't respect people they won't feel like a part of our community and being well behaved keeps us safe, helps us make friends, helps us learn and helps us all be happier in general!'* Elissa- Y5**

***'Good behaviour and being kind makes the world a better place.'* Lowen- Explorers**

We hope that you and your families enjoy the summer break and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



Dave Killoran
(Headteacher)

FUTURE DATES

Wednesday 2nd September	First Day of Autumn term for PRESCHOOL
Thursday 3rd September	First Day of Autumn term for SCHOOL
Mon 26th-Fri 30th October	Autumn Half Term

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