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Dear Parents & Carers,

Wow! Those 6 weeks flew by! We hope you've had a great week and wish you a restful half term. Please see the below news and updates for the school.

Important dates:

9th February - Last day of term

9th February - Bishops Tawton Big Sheep Takeover | 5pm-7pm

19th February - First day back at school after half term

21st February - After school Science Club starts

7th March - World book day



Y4 Rock and Rapid - Parents Meeting

Please note that the rescheduled meeting will now take place on **Thursday 29th February at 2.45pm**. This meeting will outline the details of the trip. This will give you the opportunity to ask any questions you have about the residential. Following the meeting all relevant paperwork that needs to be completed will be emailed to you. **Please can you make sure that you are arriving through the main gate and not the top gates please, the top gate does not have an intercom or release button to let you in. - Thank you.**

World book day - 7/3/24

The children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character to celebrate World Book Day. We will also be holding a wooden spoon book character competition for all the children to enter.



Bishops Tawton Big Sheep Takeover - 9/2/24



We hope everyone enjoys the Big Sheep Takeover this evening. Thank you to the PTFA for organising the event - what a fun way to start off the half term!

Parking

As you know we have requested that you do not park outside the school on the yellow zig zag road markings. Please note that this still applies whether the signs are put out or not. Parking here blocks other road users' view of the school entrance and would endanger the lives of children on their way to and from school. We please request that you do not park on the curb on the opposite side of the road either, as this is also a danger to everyone.

P.E Newsletter

Please click [here](#) to see the latest P.E newsletter on our school website.

Bikeability 2024



We have Bikeability coming into school in March to run their programme. Bikeability is a free 10 hour course designed to teach children, cycling and essential road safety skills. This is open to Year 4 students to take their Level 1 course and also to Year 6 students to take their level 2 course. The lessons will be completed within the school day. Year 4 and Year 6 parents will have had an email earlier today, with all the information, along with an online form link to fill in to log your interest, so we can get an idea of numbers.

Vacancies

We have an exciting opportunity for a Kitchen Assistant to join the team here at Bishops Tawton Primary School. Please see our school website [here](#) for more information about the role. Please feel free to share this job vacancy with family and friends. We also have a teaching vacancy at our other federated school in Langtree, please see more information about this role on our school website too.



Children's Mental Health Week 2024

A massive thank you to all the staff at school who have worked so hard to work with the children this week during Children's Mental Health Week. There have been some lovely discussions being held and some interesting work produced. Please check your child's class blog on the website to see some photos.

Lots of staff have commented on how they have loved seeing so much kindness being 'thrown' around the school and we want to ensure this continues. I myself have witnessed doors being opened for each other, children supporting each other with work and friendships as well as kind words and phrases being highlighted in the playground. Being kind to each other and ourselves is so important for mental health, no matter how young or how old.

Please see below a link for a podcast about Children's Mental Health. It's a wonderful resource for parents. Please let me know if you enjoy it.

<https://drmaryhan.com/episode/lets-talk-childrens-mental-health/>

Here are the highlights:

(1:20) What do we mean by mental health?

(07:30) Common factors affecting mental health

(16:40) Encourage problem solving

(19:45) Teach your child about self-care

(24:15) Promote regular reflective practice

(28:00) Maintain connections

Wishing you all a half term break filled with kindness.

Mrs Clark

SEND information

Please see the dates for the autism online workshops for Parents/Carers, should you wish to attend.



Parent/Carer Autism Online Workshops

Whether your child is awaiting a diagnosis or has already been diagnosed, these workshops are a great opportunity to learn more about Autism & ask questions within a supportive group of other parents & carers.

- **Monday 5th February - An introduction to Autism**
An opportunity to explore what Autism is, the many strengths and the differences that make each child so wonderfully unique.
- **Monday 12th February - Communication**
Identifying what communication is and the different communication methods that may be helpful for Autistic children.
- **Monday 19th February - Sensory Processing**
Explaining the 8 sensory systems, how the environment can impact on a child with sensory processing differences/challenges and strategies to meet an individual's sensory needs.
- **Monday 26th February - Pathological Demand Avoidance**
A look into the interesting subject of PDA, how this may present and what is the best approach to take to avoid conflict.

Workshops will be held 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom.

£25 per workshop for each family.

To book your place... Email enquiries@theautismtrainingnetwork.com

Or scan the QR code



After School Science Club - LAST CHANCE TO BOOK YOUR CHILDS SPACE!

Devon Science (Sciencedipity) will be holding after school science club here at Bishops Tawton Primary School, starting from Wednesday 21st February, for 6 weeks. If you are interested and would like to book, please follow the link below to secure your child a space.

Please note that there are brand new activities/topics for this club, so if your child has attended before they won't be repeating what they did previously.

<https://devonscience.as.me/BTscience>

AFTER SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB at Bishops Tawton Primary School

We are delighted to offer a **NEW** science club with new topics at your school on **Wednesdays 3.15-4.15** starting on 21st February for 6 weeks.

OPEN TO ALL PUPILS

£45 for the 6 week club

Your club dates are:

Feb 21st, 28th, March 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th



Brilliant hands-on experiments bringing science to life.



Week 1 Simple Machines & zip-line challenge

Week 2 Energy & catapult challenge

Week 3 Light-up mini beasts

Week 4 Cells & cellfies

Week 5 Forensic Science

Week 6 Secret codes and messages



HOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:

The total cost of this club is £45/child.

Please book and pay for this club via the link below using card payment:

<https://devonscience.as.me/BTscience>

If you have any questions, please contact Ruth on 07847006048
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Wishing you all a wonderful half term!