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Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a restful Christmas break and wish you a great new year ahead! We would like to welcome the children back, they are settling in well to the new spring term.

Here's what's going on in the coming weeks and any important information you will need to know...

Parking Reminder

Please make sure that you are **NOT** parking outside of the school on the yellow zig zags during drop off and pick up, this endangers the children, and we request that you park safely elsewhere.

Parent Forum:

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend Parent Forum meeting last week. The forum minutes can be found on the school website [here](#). We discussed and celebrated last year's school data and how we use our ongoing internal assessments to identify areas for school improvement. This term we are focusing on writing across the curriculum.

School Council:

This term the school council will be meeting regularly on a Friday, focusing on lunchtime activities. The sports committee will be focusing on introducing more structure activities, led by our trained sports leaders. The charity committee will consider and host fundraising to purchase new equipment to enrich the children play and lunchtimes.

PE Days

There has been some confusion around what day some classes have PE. Please see the below allocated PE days for each class. This information is also available to view via their home learning, which you can access [here](#) on the school website at any time.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Day/s</u>
Codden	Tuesday
Tarka	Monday
Barum	Thursday
Exmoor	Wednesday
Saunton	Monday & Friday
Lundy	Friday



**BISHOPS
TAWTON BIG
SHEEP
TAKEOVER!!**

Featuring the Great PTFA
sweepstake!

**Friday 9th Feb
5 til 7pm**

Advance Tickets £4 each or
4 for £15
Available from eduspot

£5 on the door subject to
availability

Exclusive
use of the
ewetopia
softplay

Hot food
and drinks
available.

Dont miss out, get your tickets early!

The PTFA have kindly arranged **The Bishop's Tawton Big Sheep Takeover 2024** for the whole school. This will be on Friday 9th February, 5pm-7pm. **Tickets are NOW available to purchase via Eduspot.** Advanced tickets are £4 each or 4 tickets for £15. £5 on the door - subject to availability. If you are bringing a child under 2, the tickets are free but they will still need to be counted in the numbers, so please purchase a free ticket for them too, on eduspot. **Please note, due to fire regulations at the venue, adults and children both need tickets to attend.** Children need to have a supervising adult with them, this is not a drop off event.



The Big Sheep, Abbotsham Rd, Abbotsham, Bideford EX39 5AP

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

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.

<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
or hello@devonscience.co.uk

www.devonscience.co.uk

September 2024 Admissions

Don't forget that applications close for 2024 admissions on Monday 15th January! (in just 3 days!) Make sure you have completed your application before then, if your child is starting school this coming September.

Spring Term Menu

The Spring term menu is now available to view on the school website [here](#).

Board Games Donations

Codden class would very grateful of any donations of board games for the children to play in class. If you have any that are no longer played with please drop them off to the school office or Codden class.



Dates for the diary

Monday 15th Jan - 2024 admissions application deadline

Friday 9th Feb - Last day of term

Friday 9th Feb - Bishops Tawton Big Sheep Takeover

Wednesday 21st Feb - After school Science Club starts