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Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear parents/carers,

### **Library Reading Challenge**

Today, we had a visitor from the Devon Library service to talk to the children about the Summer Reading Challenge. Please ask your children about this and more information can be [found here](#) and attached on the [school website](#).

### **Arts Week Gallery**

Children in school have been having great fun celebrating Arts Week and learning about the Artist Steven Brown. During the week, the children will learn about how Steven Brown creates his artwork, they will explore techniques that he has used and at the end of the week create their own picture based on what they have learnt.

We would like to invite parents to view our Art Gallery on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm. You are welcome to visit your child's classroom to view your child's artwork and then take a tour around all of the classrooms to look at the artwork created by the other children in school.

We will invite all parents to buy their child's artwork for £1 (payment via Eduspot) once the gallery has taken place. The money raised will go towards funding Arts Week.

### **Year 6 Fundraiser**

This event is just for children during school time. The Y6 are holding a small fundraising event to raise money for the charity Amigos - through this charity we sponsor a child in Africa to attend school. There will be lots of fun stalls and games set up by Y6 for your child/children to have a go at. Please send your child in with coins up to the value of £2 (**silver coins please**).

### **Parent Forum**

The minutes from the parent forum meeting are [available to view here](#).

### **Behaviour Policy**

As a federation we are looking at our Behaviour Policy and would value parent input into this process. We have re-opened the form, please click [here](#) to complete the online survey.

### **PTFA Information**

**PTFA Disco – TODAY Friday 7th July at the Village Hall**

**Pre-School, Reception & Y1 will be 5-6pm.**

**Y2 and Key Stage 2 will be 6.15-7.15pm.**

**If you have not completed the online medical/contact form in advance then please stay and give the PTFA these details at the start of the disco.**

**Please hand any medications such as inhalers/epipens to one of the PTFA team when your child arrives.**

We kindly ask that Pre-School and Reception aged children have an adult stay with them at the venue, but one adult can bring more than one child (up to a maximum of 3 children per adult please).

We will have a room there for accompanying adults to wait in, and refreshments for adults will be available.

Children are not to bring mobile phones/ipads/games etc.

**Any questions/queries about the disco then please email [ptfa@bishopstawton-primary.org](mailto:ptfa@bishopstawton-primary.org) or ask via their Facebook page.**

### **Loose Change Challenge**

This week the PTFA is launched the Loose Change Challenge! Nobody likes a purse full of coppers, but if we gather them all together, they can be of use.

Every class has been given a jar that they have been given the challenge of filling with any loose change from home that you can spare. Children can bring this in to class and pop it in the bottle each morning. The bottles are already filling very quickly, thank you!

The challenge will run from Tuesday 4th July until Friday 21st July.

The winning class will receive a whole class prize activity that will take place in the last week of term.

The winner will be decided on the bottles filled rather than how much is inside.

### **Outstanding Payments**

As the end of the school year draws nearer, please could we ask parents/carers to check and clear their outstanding payments on their Eduspot account before Friday 21st July. We ask that all fees are cleared by the end of each term. Bookings will be unavailable if there are outstanding fees. If you have any concerns relating to settling any outstanding payments, please get in contact to discuss.

### **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme and Local Events**

We update our website regularly with holiday activities and local events that we are made aware of. Please click [here](#) to view and download the information.

### **Parents of children aged five to 16, who receive benefit-related free school meals, are being invited to take part in a range of exciting activities over the Summer holidays.**

The government-funded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme offers free activities, plus healthy meals during the school holidays. Please [click here for more information](#).

### **Am I entitled to the Free school meals and HAF programme?**

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school or if circumstances change, as this can help their child's school to attract additional 'pupil premium' funding to support learning. More information can be found [on our website](#).

### **Universal Infant Free meals**

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, in state-funded schools in England, are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals.

**If your child will be moving into Year 3 in September, we remind you that, if they continue to have school meals you will be required to pay for them. School meals are £2.40.**

If you are in receipt of any benefits you may be entitled to claim free school meals for your child. Phone the Helpline on 0345 1551019, for more information, or through the Devon County Council [Citizen Portal](#).

### **The National Sleepline**

There are some useful resources available for parents on our [website](#) about The National Sleepline.

### **Bookings**

Dinner bookings are available to book until the end of term.

Breakfast club bookings are now available to book until Tuesday 25th July.

Cabin club bookings are available to book until Thursday 20th July.

### **End of day arrangements**

Please can you let the class teacher/TA or office know at the start of the day if your child is going home with a friend at the end of the school day. We are having to regularly call parents during and at the end of the day to be able to let children go home. Thank you.