



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Early Years Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Firstly, we hope you all had a relaxing Christmas, and a Happy New Year with your families. The children have settled back into school well and have enjoyed sharing their holiday break adventures.

Outdoor learning day (week 4)

On **Friday 30th January** Year R will be having an outdoor learning day. Please send your child wearing clothes on that day suitable for spending time outside, including waterproof jackets and/ or trousers depending on the weather conditions. They might also want to bring a spare pair of clothes into school. Most children have wellies in school that we will change into, so trainers are a better option for this day. All children will need a warm coat.

Story telling week (week 5)

We celebrate National Storytelling Week at the beginning of February. To mark this, we are going to be having a special storytelling day. Your child can come into school wearing their pyjamas or comfortable clothes (no onesies please). They are welcome to bring in a cushion or a cuddly toy to snuggle down and enjoy some shared stories throughout the day. (Please don't send their most prized possession/toy they need to sleep at night!) This will take place on **Tuesday 3rd February**. Please make sure your child's clothes are suitable for them to wear outside too. If any parents have a contact who is a children's author, please can you contact one of the staff.

Core skills groups

Our Early Years curriculum is based around children developing core skills. Once children are successful in these skills they will learn, play, communicate and socialise more successfully. This term we will be starting some additional small group activities to help support groups of children in developing these key skills. This will include communication, speech and language, gross motor (large body movements), fine motor (small body movements) and learning skills. All staff in the team will be supporting with these activities.

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PE

We ask that your child continues to come into school every Monday wearing their PE kit please:

- A named PE kit which contains a plain white t-shirt, black or grey shorts/ trousers.
- They can wear their school jumper over the top during these colder months.
- Trainers, preferably Velcro fastening unless your child knows how to tie laces.
- If your child has pierced ears, please remove earrings on a Monday or cover with micro tape.

A few reminders

- When your child reads **their reading book to you** please record this in the reading record (monkey book). At Bishopswood, we would like every child to read at home at least 3 times a week. It has such a positive impact on their learning, and we really notice this in their progress.
- By now, lots of name labels have been rubbed out or fallen off clothes, coats and water bottles. Please can we ask all parents to check all your child's belongings are still clearly labelled. If you are missing any uniform, please check Lost and Found in the front porch.
- Please ensure that your child does have a water bottle with them daily and that it does contain only water. Children do not need to bring a snack as fruit snacks are provided at the infants.
- Please make sure your child brings a coat into school everyday. We spend a lot of time outside and it is important they are dressed appropriately.

Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation.

We look forward to another happy and successful half term.

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