



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Somehow we have reached the end of the Spring Term. The children have taken part in a wide variety of learning experiences displaying real resilience and positive attitudes towards their learning. Highlights include Kings and Queens Day in Year 1, Egyptian Day in Year 3 and a trip to Legoland for Year 4. Also, our Reading Ambassadors from Years 3, 4 and 5 spent a wonderful time at Waterstones buying new books for our school library, using some of the money raised from our World Book Day events.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful Easter break and I look forward to sharing with you all the fun and excitement that the Summer Term brings. Please find listed below some key information and a few reminders.

Yours Sincerely
Mr G Golding
Executive Headteacher

Bishopswood Babies!

Firstly some exciting news – we are once again increasing our Bishopswood family. We have two members of staff who are expecting before the end of this academic year. Miss Chloe Fretwell, who works in Year 4 is expecting her first child at mid-July, and Mrs Rose Osborne in Year 2 is expecting her second daughter at the end of July. We will share plans for their maternity leave later in the term. Congratulations to you both!

PTA EVENTS

Huge thanks to our PTA committee for arranging yet more fantastic events to raise money for our school this term. The mother's mugs were a lovely way to celebrate the 'mums' in our children's lives and we handed out over 80 to families. An amazing £650 was raised from our Break the Rules Day last week so thank you to all those parents who donated.

Over the Easter holidays the team are holding an Easter Event on **Wednesday 13th April from 10am – 3pm** at the infant school. They have a bouncy castle, face painting and other stalls as well as an egg hunt planned around the infant field. If any parents are able to support, even just for an hour, please let the ladies know by messaging via their email bishopswoodschoolspta@gmail.com or their Facebook page



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Tucasi/Scopay

As part of plans to improve the consistency of communications to all parents across Bishopswood we will be using Tucasi/Scopay for communications and payments across both the Infant and Junior schools. We have already sent out correspondence to all our infant parents with login details for this new system. Please note that if you have two children at the school, they will both need to be registered separately but you are able to link the children together. If you have any questions about registering, please speak to the school offices.

Year 4 Swimming

A reminder for Year 4 parents only, swimming sessions will begin after the Easter holidays. The dates the children will be swimming are: Tuesday 26th April, Tuesday 3rd May, Tuesday 10th May, Tuesday 17th May Tuesday 24th May and Thursday 26th May. All children will need their swimming costumes and towels to take part as we have no spare kit available to borrow.

Sporting Success

Our children have competed in a number of sporting events in the last few weeks. At the beginning of this term, a group of Year 6 girls attended the Basingstoke Girls Football Tournament. Mrs Sullivan took the girls and was immensely proud of their behaviour and the enthusiasm they showed at a very wet and muddy event!

Last week a group of Year 6 boys and girls went to the Basingstoke Athletics tournament with Mr Morris. The children competed in a number of different events and we are pleased to announce they are through to the Basingstoke finals which is being held after Easter. Well done, we are very proud of you!

Road Safety

We have recently received a number of reports from staff, parents and the local community about children riding their bikes to and from school in an unsafe way. It is lovely that as the weather improves the children are able to ride in the daylight but we have had reports of children riding in the middle of the road, not wearing helmets and not looking as they cross the road. One parent was extremely concerned about a near miss last week. Mr Morris completed a road safety assembly with all our junior children this week but we ask that parents speak to their children if they ride to or from school and ensure they are wearing helmets. If we have further reports and we have concerns for their safety, we will be contacting parents, and children may need to be dropped off directly to school.

PE Kit

We would like to please remind everyone of our expectations regarding PE kit. Since COVID lockdowns, we now allow children to wear their PE kit to school on the day they have PE. This has greatly reduced the number of children not able to take part in lessons and equally the amount of time spent changing rather than doing PE! We have noticed over the last few weeks an increase in the number of children wearing football kits, coloured leggings, and hoodies on their PE days. Children should be wearing black shorts or trousers, a white t-shirt (or house coloured at the juniors) and trainers/plimsolls. Additionally children need to wear a red school jumper or cardigan. Thank you for your support.



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COVID Vaccination for Children aged 5-11

All children aged 5-11 will now be eligible for their first jabs as the COVID-19 programme rolls the vaccine out across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The vaccine is a specially developed paediatric version for children. Parents are able to access the vaccine through vaccination centres, local pharmacies and GPs. There has been an overwhelming response from parents who would like to vaccinate their children and teams across Hampshire and Isle of Wight are working hard to provide additional capacity. Parents are able to find their nearest vaccination site via the NHS website, by calling 119 or by calling the Hampshire and Isle of Wight COVID-19 helpline on 0300 561 0018 which can help find and book slots or direct you to your nearest walk-in. New sites and vaccination slots are uploaded all the time so please check regularly.

Key Dates for Spring Term 2 - 2022		
	INFANTS	JUNIORS
Easter Holidays - Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April		
2.5.22	BANK HOLIDAY	
26.4.22		Year 4 Swimming starts
3.5.22	Year 2 SATs Begin (assessments throughout May)	
9.5.22		Year 6 SATs week 9 th - 12 th May
11.5.22		Year 5 Residential 11 th -12 th and 12 th -13 th May
16.5.22		Year 6 Trip to Winchester Science Centre
17.5.22	Year 1 Adventures Day	
24.5.22	Fraser Photos am	Fraser Photos pm
25.5.22	Year R Finkley Down Farm Trip	
27.5.22	INSET DAY	
Half term holiday - Monday 30th May Friday 3rd July		
6.6.22	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week	
21.7.22	SUMMER TERM ENDS Thursday 21st July 2022	
22.7.22	School Closed - Day in Lieu for Queen's Platinum Jubilee	
Summer Holidays - Friday 22nd July to Wednesday 31st August		
1.9.22 and 2.9.22	INSET Days Thursday 1 st September and Friday 2 nd September	

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