

BISHOP LOVEDAY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 1

Joining Together – Learning For Life

Friday 18th September 2020

**For up-to-date advice on Coronavirus, please visit:
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>**

Dear Parents/Carers

A busy third week in school. The children are really getting to grips with their school day, especially being able to take their learning outside, because of the beautiful weather we've had.

Class 6CS, are taking part in a Cherwell District Council pilot programme about Mental Health and Wellbeing. We welcomed the Youth Activators into school this week. They led a 30-minute 'circuit' style activity with a whole class challenge to finish. There was also a talk given on Mental Wellbeing. All the pupils were very engaged and the session offered some great discussion points. We hope to be able to offer the same programme to class 6HW next term.

A quick reminder when leaving a message to say your child is ill, please give the reason. We need to distinguish between any possible Covid symptoms or a cold/sore throat type virus.

Due to the changes to the Covid guidelines for schools, we will not be publishing our diary dates for the year. Important dates will be sent out every two weeks, plus the newsletter will hold key dates for the forthcoming week.

Another change we have made is to our letters regarding trips and workshops. There will be no paper letters sent home now. Information will be sent via a Microsoft 'Forms' link. This will be emailed out to you. This not only provides a safe communication environment, but will also dramatically reduce our paper consumption.

Sadly, due to Covid restrictions our Year 6 children will not be visiting Stackpole next week as planned. There are provisional plans being considered for later in the school year.



On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, our Early Years children (in groups of 15) will be visiting Broughton Farm. A letter has already been sent to tell parents which day their child will be attending. The Farm operates a very strict 'Wash Hands, Wear Wellies' policy.

Also on Tuesday 22nd, Year 5 will be transporting their classrooms back to Ancient Egypt. The children can come dressed up as Egyptians for the day. There will be lots of fun activities taking place throughout the day.

Parents of children in current Year 6, can now apply for a secondary school place for their child. The application can be made online at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/secondary-school> The closing date for on-time applications is **Saturday 31st October 2020**. If your application is late, it will not be dealt with until later in the year and you are less likely to secure a place at your preferred choice. Both the Warriner School and Wykham Park have virtual tours on the 6th and 7th October respectively.

Nathan Allen will be in school on Tuesday 13th October, to take individual photos of the children. He has put in place a strict Covid safe policy of his own, as well as adhering to our comprehensive Covid Risk Assessment. He will be maintaining a two-metre distance at all times. Students will attend in their 'bubbles', maintaining social distancing throughout the session. Nathan and his staff will be wearing face protectors. Nathan has a contactless ordering system, all orders will need to be placed online.

Congratulations



Superheroes:

Jayden G, Evalyn G, Sam C, Isla H, Kaiden M, Charlie C, Frankie W, Dolcie L, Oscar G, Madison G, Jayden A-G, Billy H, Lily N, Elliott H, Joel D and Tia B.

Other Awards

Congratulations to Joseph and Lara L-M on achieving their blue belts in karate.

Enjoy the weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jane Ridley
Headteacher