



BISHOP LOVEDAY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 7

Joining Together – Learning For Life

Friday 22nd October 2020

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

Dear Parents/Carers

We have made it, Term 1 has been completed!

Looking back over the last eight weeks, it has been a very different way of school life for everyone. The children have coped well with lots of different changes. Thank you to all the parents, carers and members of staff for all pulling together to keep our children safe and well. You all deserve a very restful half term.

We have been very lucky to be able to have kept the whole school open during Term 1. If, over half term anyone in your family develops symptoms of COVID 19, then please follow the instructions on the website above or telephone 119. Please inform the school by email to head.3351@bishop-loveday.oxon.sch.uk if you are isolating or have received positive test results. We can then pass this information on any staff members or bubbles that may be affected.

We return to school on Monday 2nd November. Please remember that Year 6 must use the front or back gates for entering and leaving school. The large gates on the main field will be locked.

On Wednesday 4th November, Year 5 will be discovering outer space with a visit from 'The Black Hole'. Sadly, we are unable to set up the planetarium in the school hall, as in previous years, but the Year 5 classrooms will be 'blacked' out so the children can still gaze into the wonder of space!

Face to face parents evenings for our Reception children ONLY, will be held on Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th November. All other year groups will have a short report on their child sent home and the opportunity to respond.

We currently have a vacancy to join our lunchtime supervisor team. This is a permanent position, term time only. Please see our website for further information and an application form.

Thank you to our FoBLS team who have raised an amazing £177.20 through the cake sale, held last Friday. We are really pleased to announce that a parent has 'match funded' this amount too. Also thank you to those parents who contributed towards the cake purchases.

Our school 'Walking' team did amazingly well on their walk for the charity MIND last Saturday. They have raised over £2000. Very well done and thank you to Miss Johnson, Mrs Lever, Mrs Wood, Mrs Gardner, Mrs McMillan, Miss Bourke, Mrs Gregory, Mrs Rakela, Mrs Naish, Mrs Robson, Miss Wyatt, Mrs Cullup, Mrs Bridge, Mrs Smith, Mrs Ashe and Mrs Shadbolt.

Information for Year 6 parents

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. Most secondary schools have a virtual tour on their websites.

Information for parent whose children will be starting school in September 2021

Parents of children starting school in September 2021 will be able to apply for their chosen school from Tuesday 3rd November. All applications are made online at: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/infant-and-primary-school>

This year, we are offering an Open Day, to be held on Saturday 28th November. Please telephone the school to book a place. We will also have a virtual tour available to view on our website. Please note that the deadline for on-time applications for starting school, is **Friday 15th January 2021**. Any application made after this date, will be considered late and will not be dealt with until later in the year. You are less likely to secure a place at your chosen school if your application is late.

It's that time of year again!



Our FoBLS team have once again organised for the children to produce their own Christmas cards, mugs, wrapping paper etc. Children have created their designs and these have now been sent home for you to order. Please follow the instructions on the Cauliflower Cards order form, then make your payment through Parent Pay. Each order will be matched with your payment and then sent off to be custom made.

We have a very tight deadline this year, completed orders **MUST** be paid and returned to school no later than **Wednesday 4th November**. Apologies, but any orders that are unable to be matched with a payment or, any orders which come in after the Wednesday 4th November deadline **WILL NOT** be processed.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Ruth Traynor at the end of Term 2. She will be retiring to spend more time visiting family around the world. We will miss her.

We have recruited two new members of staff, Karina Bell will be teaching part time in KS2, starting in January and Laura Martin who will be joining the Year 6 Teaching Assistant team at the end of November.

We will celebrate our superheroes and house point winners for this week in Term 2.

Enjoy the weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jane Ridley
Headteacher