



End of Year Newsletter

Dream big. Love God. Live well.

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of our academic year, I send a massive thank you to all of you for supporting us during a very difficult year. Due to the pandemic, we have had to implement so many changes to keep us all safe: staggered starts and remote learning, to mention but a few. We couldn't have done all of this without the support of parents, governors, staff and pupils; so a big well done to everyone!

On the positive side of COVID, our pupils have become much more tech-savvy. They have proved they can work independently at home, using digital devices, and we are very proud of every one of them. Again, thank you for your support.

As a downside to this, the academic achievement of our pupils is lower than expected this year, due to the months of face-to-face learning that has been lost during bubble closures and lockdowns. Catching up on the curriculum has been a priority since the children's return in March, and this will continue for the whole of next year too. Hence, if your child is invited to any additional sessions - before or after school - please support your child by accepting the offer.

We have all gone over and above expectations this year, and I thank all Bishop King staff and governors for their commitment and support in ensuring our pupils feel safe at all times.

I wish our Year 6 pupils the best of luck as they move on to their next stage of education; they have been an absolute credit to Bishop King school.

I am hoping that, from September 2021, parents and staff will no longer be required to wear masks on our premises, and that year group bubbles will no longer exist. We are also hoping to move back to non-staggered starting and opening times. **However, this will depend on the pandemic and any further government restrictions.** I will write to you during the last week of the summer holidays to confirm our COVID plans.

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday September 6th. Please ensure your child has uniform, including black shoes and a PE kit.

Have a lovely summer holiday, now that the restrictions are being lifted, but be careful and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Wheatley
Headteacher

Welfare Concerns

If any adult has concerns about the welfare of any child, they have a responsibility to contact - The Children's Customer Service Centre: **01522 782111** - Further advice can be obtained from Mrs Henry: **01522 880094**.

All the staff, governors and volunteers of Bishop King School wish you a happy and healthy summer.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 6 th September	Start of Term 1
Thursday 21 st October	Last day of Term 1
Friday 22 nd to Sunday 31 st October	School Holiday
Monday 1 st November	Start of Term 2
Friday 17 th December	End of Term 2

School terms dates and other information are detailed on the school website
www.bishopking.org.uk

As restrictions begin to lift, some families may look at taking a holiday during term time. As previously, parents should plan their holidays within school breaks and avoid taking children out of school for a holiday.

Routine medical check-ups should also be arranged outside of school time where possible.

Summer Reading Challenge

To join the reading summer challenge, follow this link:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/summer-reading-challenge-2021>

We encourage children and parents to continue reading together at home over the summer - 6 books would be great (and it can be more)! The more children read and complete on the website, the more badges and activities they will unlock. 😊



Year 5 Zest Theatre Visit

Year 5 worked with Zest Theatre and went to visit the art installation. There is a link to photos below:

Walking Tour:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/yzbcqfi4fgjxjct/AABKZ3cgmlvHp1NVaZC2xqi8a?dl=0>

Location Photos:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ssgccp9jb31kl2a/AAD8vC9l1NQrZBrpdKhdD6Hja?dl=0>

Photos by Nickaarc Fine Art Photography (Instagram: @nickaarcfineartphotography)

BBC Bitesize Activities for the Summer

The CBeebies collection of apps are all free to download.

Read more about how the apps can **inspire children's imaginations** and **provide fun ways to develop learning**.

All episodes of Bitesize Daily will be **available on the BBC iPlayer** to help children **catch up over the summer through these links**:

Bitesize: 5-7 year olds, Bitesize: 7-9 year olds and Bitesize: 9-11 year olds



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