



BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has certainly been a term like no other, so for this final newsletter I would like to celebrate the wonderful learning that has been taking place at home by sharing your pictures. Thank you so much for all your messages of support over the past few weeks, they have meant a lot to staff in school and those teaching from home.

Our roof repairs on the main building continue, the contractors have been slowed down recently with the weather but we are hopeful that job will be complete by late February early March. Scaffolding is still up around the site so please be aware of the danger.

Attached is the school's term dates for academic year 2021/22, you will see that we have booked all the Inset days for next year. This will be uploaded to the website for your convenience also.

We believe that we will know the week of the 22nd February, the Government plans for possible reopening of schools on the 8th March. We wait in eager anticipation and of course we will be in contact as soon as we have digested the content of the plans.

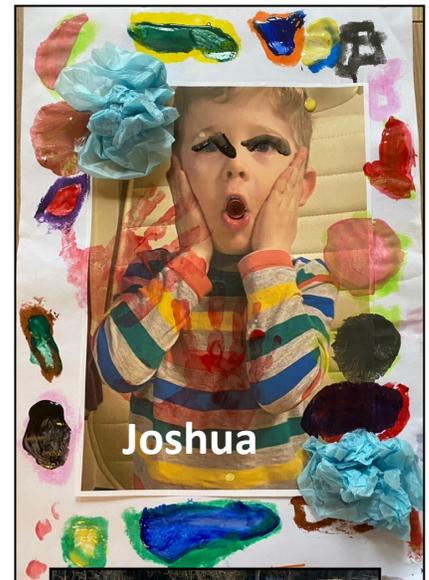
Have a lovely half term. *C Owen*



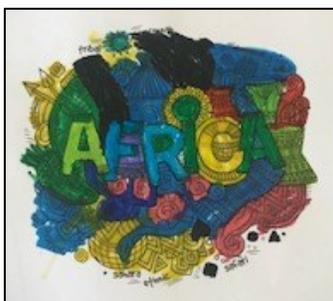
Jasmine

Reception class

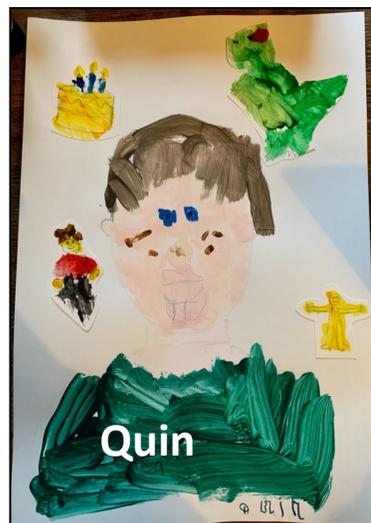
Frida Kahlo inspired Art



Joshua



Mae's colouring during SODA time



Quin



Hannah enjoying a snowy walk during SODA time

Safer Internet Day 2021

The children across the school have been learning to use their own critical thinking skills to evaluate online content. We have also introduced our new Acceptable Use Policies, which have been written for different Key Stages.

These will be emailed to you separately, please discuss the content of the agreement, sign and send back to the office by Friday 26th February.



The Big Lockdown Learning Parent Survey

Our school has been selected to participate in a national survey about how children are learning at home and the impact lockdown-learning is having on family life. To help us do this, we would like you to download and use a free survey app called Parent Ping: <https://bit.ly/parentping>. They will ask you a few questions each day and show you see how other parents are coping in lockdown.

When you first sign in to the app it will ask you the school name and for the first part of the postcode (TN4 9SU). Please do this carefully so we can make sure all your answers are included! More information about this collaborative research project can be found on the attached sheet.

Clicker 8

The school has purchased the new version of Clicker, which means that the children will have access to the improved features of this software. The site licence that we have purchased enables it to be downloaded and used by children at home as well as school. You are able to install **Clicker 8** on your Windows/Mac computers and **Clicker Writer** on your Chromebooks and iPads. To get started, go to www.cricksoft.com/ESD.

Once you have Clicker installed on your devices, visit the Crick [website](#) to explore the free training tutorials and printable summaries. Log-in details will be sent to you via email separately.



THE BIG LOCKDOWN LEARNING PARENT SURVEY



Is your child learning at home? What impact is lockdown-learning having on family life? Help us find out!

Teachers have been listened to throughout lockdown via the respected Teacher Tapp project. Now, the well-known Education Endowment Foundation and Parent Ping want to do the same for parents too.

How does it work?

Easy! First, download the Parent Ping app from your app provider. Then, each day your phone will PING! and send a few simple questions for you to answer. That's it!



SCAN ME WITH
YOUR PHONE



What do I get in return?

- See how other parents answer the questions!!
- A chance to win a Chromebooks in the national weekly draw
- A chance to win a £30 Amazon voucher in your school's weekly draw



Wait, who sees my answers?!

Only once 60 parents in your school answer each day do we send your headteacher an overview of the total responses. They are really interested to hear parent opinions and might make changes based on what they learn. All data is centrally held by Parent Ping. We don't share individual results or personal data with third-party companies.



Our terms and conditions: <https://parentping.co.uk/the-big-lockdown-learning-parent-survey-competitions>

Our full privacy policy: <https://parentping.co.uk/education-intelligence-privacy-policy>

For further information: <https://parentping.co.uk/bigsurvey>

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