



BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

5th February 2021

Dear parents and guardians,

I would like to start this newsletter with a huge congratulations to all of you home educating during this lockdown. We are full of admiration for you, and the teachers are really appreciative of all you are doing.

A gentle reminder that we pride ourselves on our breadth of curriculum at Bishops Down so we want to encourage children to engage with all the subjects we are providing, even if it is not their favourite! If you are struggling with this please let teachers know, via the school office, so they can contact you to see how we can help.

Finally, we say goodbye to Miss Bryan next week as she commences her maternity leave. We know she will be missed in year 4 and Beehive. We send Miss Bryan and her partner our very best wishes.

The school has been fortunate in winning a year's premium subscription to **Parentzone**, a company that offers information to parents, children and schools, working globally to help families to navigate the internet safely and confidently. Attached to the newsletter you will find details on how to access the resources available to you as members of our school community. There is also another page inviting you to attend a Digital Parents Evening on YouTube, looking at how you can support your children to use digital devices. This event takes place on **Safer Internet Day, Tuesday 9th February at 4.30pm**.

Please continue to let us know if you and/or your child have **Covid symptoms** as it is really helpful. If we only know once you have a positive result, it can lead to a rush to put plans in place in school. The more time we have to work through potential scenarios, the better prepared we can be when the result comes in. Thank you

World Book Day Thursday 4th March

I am excited to be able to share some of our plans for World Book Day in March. I will send full details after half term about competitions and initiatives taking place.

As most children will still be doing remote learning, with critical worker children in school, I want to make it as easy as possible for everyone to join in and enjoy the day!

The whole school will be joining in with activities from 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt. This fun book features different coloured crayons who display different temperaments and characteristics. Children across the school will enjoy this book, I'm sure! I am inviting each class to dress in a colour of one crayon in the book as follows:

Nursery	Purple or Blue
Reception	Yellow or Pink
Year 1	Beige or yellow
Year 2	white or pink
Year 3	Grey or peach
Year 4	Beige or black
Year 5	Green or orange
Year 6	Red or black



I would encourage you to use coloured clothes that you already have in your homes - there is no need to buy costumes this year. If you do not have clothes in either of the colours of your class, your child can dress in a colour from a different class. I also hope to make printables available for crayon head bands that you can colour in and use if you don't want to dress in a colour.

I will be writing to you soon with details of this year's competitions which will include a **MASKED READER** competition!

I know that this year's World Book Day will be a huge success even though we can't be together. After all, reading takes us to places when we have nowhere to go.

Mrs Holliday

We are a Digital School!

Bishops Down Primary School is part of Parent Zone's Membership programme, recognising our commitment to keeping our pupils safer online, and making sure we work with you to achieve this.

Our Digital Schools Membership gives you FREE access to Parent Zone's Parent Lounge, which includes:

- Online training and parent courses
- Expert advice and information on all things digital
- Access to a free help service for all your tech questions

How to access the Parent Lounge

Follow this step-by-step guide to sign up for free:

1. Click here (or type this link in your browser):
parentzone.org.uk/parents/discover-parent-lounge
2. Click on 'I have an access code and I need to register'
3. Click 'Add to cart' and then go to checkout
4. Enter your your email address and then click 'Go to next step'
5. Enter your special coupon code: **BISHOPSDOWNPARENT21**
6. Click 'Go to next step' to place your order

You'll receive an email from Parent Zone to complete the final steps – and you'll be able to login and start browsing.

Get in touch

Once you've signed up, you will also be able to contact the Parent Zone helpline. If you have questions about getting access to the Parent Lounge, or if you'd like to speak to someone about an online issue your family is experiencing, please get in touch with Parent Zone.

Email members@parentzone.org.uk or call **0207 686 7225**

Digital Parents Evening

A Parent Zone
Membership event.
[Find out more here.](#)

Tuesday 9 February 2021

Live: 4.30pm-5pm

CLICK HERE TO JOIN

Or past this link into your browser:
<https://youtu.be/ThyAt5HQRKE>

How much screen time is enough? How can I help my child be resilient to online risks? And what is the big deal about Among Us!?

Join a live online event just for parents of primary age pupils – with advice and tips for digital parenting in 2021.

Stream it on YouTube and join the chat to get involved. Want a question answered?
Email members@parentzone.org.uk

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