



# Bishop William Ward C of E Primary School Newsletter

*Happy, respectful, lifelong learners*

29<sup>th</sup>  
June  
2018

Dear Parents/Carers

We had a new experience for our school this week, as a public service bus drove onto the playground! It was there to help teach our Year 6 students how to sensibly and safely use public transport. Many will soon be catching the bus to school or visiting the town at weekends, so it is important that they feel confident and know what to do. Thank you to one of our parents, Mrs Brown, for working with the bus company to organise this.



## KEY STAGE 2 SUMMER SHOW CHANGE OF TIME

A number of parents have pointed out that the date and time of our summer shows coincide with the semi-finals of the World Cup. As they say – 'The Show Must Go On', but we will bring the performance times forward to **6pm**, in order that people can get home to watch the matches. I appreciate that this may seem unnecessary to some, but we want to make sure we get as many cast members back as possible and have full audiences, as the children have been working extremely hard and the show is looking fabulous already!

## Classes for 2018/19:

**Foundation Stage:** Mrs Smith

**Year 1:** Mrs Tracey (Mon-Wed)/  
Mrs Richards (Thurs-Fri)

**Year 2:** Mrs Davis (Mon-Thurs)/  
Mrs Ivey (Fri)

**Year 3:** Miss East (Mon-Wed)/  
Mrs Whitney (Thurs-Fri)

**Year 4:** Mrs Sanderson (Mon-Wed)/  
Mrs Hale (Wed – Fri)

**Year 5:** Mr Tidbury

**Year 6:** Mrs Holliday

## KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE

You will receive a letter on Monday inviting you to attend an online safety session for parents. We have held these in the past and the parents who attend always leave saying that **everybody should go to one of these**. However much we think we understand the world of the internet, we are always a step or two behind. Coming along to this session will enable you to protect your children when they go online.

Banning phones and tablets will never be the answer. Building your child's resilience and skills to cope with difficult issues will lead to a better outcome in the long run. If parents have more knowledge, they are better able to have sensible conversations with their children. As a pupil at the public speaking competition said earlier this year – schools don't ban playtimes if there are problems, they equip children to deal with tricky issues, so banning mobile phones is not a way of addressing the problem. Wise words!

I would particularly encourage parents of children in Year 5 and 6 to attend on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 9am**.

## Calendar Corner

### July

4<sup>th</sup> Sumer Music Concert, 3.15pm  
5<sup>th</sup> Transition Day  
7<sup>th</sup> Village Show (New Village Hall)  
10<sup>th</sup> KS2 Show, 1.45pm, **6pm**  
11<sup>th</sup> KS2 Show, **6pm**  
13<sup>th</sup> Parent e-safety workshop, 9am  
13<sup>th</sup> Reports to parents  
17<sup>th</sup> Friends of BWW Discos  
18<sup>th</sup> Open Evening, 6.30pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Leavers' Assembly, 2.15pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term

### September

4<sup>th</sup> Non-pupil day  
5<sup>th</sup> Back to school  
24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Y6 Kingswood Residential

### October

2<sup>nd</sup> School photos  
19<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

Children in the Gold Book this week:

Foundation: Abigail

Year 1: James

Year 2: Millie P-T

Year 3: Ivan

Year 4: Harrison

Year 5: Lily D

Year 6: Lila

Headteacher nomination: Aydin



### VILLAGE SHOW

The village show is taking place on 7<sup>th</sup> July at the new village hall. There are competitions that the children can enter for free:

**Decorate a pebble**

**Vegetable Art**

**Miniature Garden on a Plate**

**Pet Photographs**

(you could reuse the one from our Virtual Pet Show)

An email with more details went out a few weeks ago.



### Meet the Governors – Rachel Thurston:

My name is Rachel Thurston. My youngest son is in Year 5, one has completed Yr 13 and the eldest works. I am also a grandma. I have previous experience as a Parent Governor when my eldest was at primary school. I am a Parent Governor at BWW with responsibility for SEND. I am Vice Chair for Curriculum and Pupil Related Matters. I have personal experience of SEND. I work as a specialist palliative care nurse at Colchester Hospital. Being able to support Mr Bull, all the school staff and the Governing Body is an absolute privilege. I am a single Mum who strives to do her best both for her family, the hospital and the school.

### READ ALOUD

Our Read Aloud project, where parents can take books to read to their children will be coming to an end next Friday, so that we can make sure we have time to get all the books back ready for the next time we run the project.

### SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 3.15pm we will be holding our summer music concert for the children that learn instruments at school. The Y6 band and school choir will also be performing. If your child is in the concert, please return the letter that should have come home this week telling us how many spaces you would like in the audience.

It was great to welcome dads, grandads, brothers and uncles in over the Fathers' Day weekend. Thank you to those who came along – the children love to share lunch time with you. Mr Kinzett, a parent and our Chair of Governors wrote a report on the event to be shared with the governing body. Here's what he thought:

*I was really impressed with the organization and everyone involved: the office staff, Midday Assistants and catering staff were friendly and welcoming. I was really pleased to see how calm and orderly the lunchtime routine is with a great atmosphere in the hall. Thanks to all those involved!*

Mr Bull