



BISHOP WILTON C. E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. Thank-you on behalf of the whole staff for your good wishes, Christmas cards and thank-you presents at the end of last term. We hope that you all enjoyed Christmas and New Year with your families.

Welcome

We warmly welcome our new Nursery Nurse, Mrs Debbie Kirk. Mrs Kirk will be job sharing with Mrs Sullivan. Mrs Sullivan will work Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Kirk will work on Thursdays and Fridays.

Our pupil numbers are currently 39 full time and 6 part time in Nursery, giving a full time equivalent total of 42.

Unicef Day for Change

Thank-you so much for your attendance and support at the Christmas plays. The collection for the Unicef raised £35.35. This is a very pleasing donation which will help many young people in times of need. We would like to take part in a non uniform day later in the term to raise further funds for this charity. More details later.

Sports Coaching and Clubs

Sports coaching with Mr Pennington or Mr McLatchie will continue each Thursday afternoon. After School Sports Club will also continue after school on Tuesdays starting from Tuesday 9th January. Mrs Clark is continuing to run her After School Art club on Mondays from Monday 29th January. French will continue on Thursday afternoons. Ms Dowsett is also keen to continue her After School French club on Thursdays after school.

Sickness

A reminder that when children have been sick or have had diarrhoea, they should not return to school for *at least 24 hours*. This helps to stop the virus from spreading to other pupils and staff. We will be reminding the children to wash their hands thoroughly with soap after using the toilet.

Swimming and PE

I would like to confirm with you the dates for the Junior Swimming and Infant P.E. to take place this Spring Term:

Centre	Francis Scaife Sports Centre
Time	1.30- 2.15 p.m.
Day	Tuesdays
Dates	16 th , 23 rd , 30 th January 6 th , 20 th , 27 th February 6 th , 13 th , 20 th and 27 th March 2007

There is no charge for this provision, and seat belted transport will be provided by the Alpha Coach Company.

The Infants and Reception children will be participating in Music and Movement at school for the first five sessions and then travelling to Francis Scaife for Gymnastics for the last five sessions.

It would be greatly appreciated if all families could ensure that children have the correct indoor P.E. clothing i.e. shorts, tee-shirt and plimsolls. Please make sure that they are clearly marked with their

name inside. This helps to prevent things going astray in school and also saves staff time in seeking lost items. Thank you for your support.

Curriculum

This term, in Foundation (Nursery and Reception) all areas of the Foundation Stage Curriculum will be covered with the overall topic is Houses and Homes.

The Infant class will be studying: Houses and Homes and Materials:-

History	Homes in the Past.
Technology	To make structures. To investigate Fruit and Vegetables.
Geography	Houses Around the World
Literacy	Stories with different themes, Poems, Information Texts, Stories with a common theme.
Art	Materials:- Collage and Weaving. Exploring Patterns, Printing and Clay.
R.E.	Ending and Beginnings and Leaders.
P.E.	Music and Movement at School (16 th , 23 rd , 30 th Jan, 6 th and 20 th Feb) and Gymnastics at Francis Scaife on Tuesday afternoons (27 th Feb, 6 th , 13 th and 20 th March). Also Outdoor Games on Thursday afternoons.
ICT	Questions and Answers (data). Multimedia Stories.
Music	Song Tree – Elephant's Child.

The Junior class will be studying:

Maths	The Numeracy Strategy: Place value, calculator skills, multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages, shape and space work, measures, handling data, addition and subtraction, money and real life issues, properties of numbers and reasoning about numbers.
English	The Literacy Strategy: Discursive Writing, narrative structure, narrative aspects, poetry, report writing and information texts, newspapers
Science	Forces, Electricity and Magnets
History	Henry VIII, The lives of the Rich and Poor Tudors, Tudor Exploration
R.E.	Heroes and Heroines
Music	Learning to play the recorder
Art	Tudor Art
ICT	Searching the internet and making multimedia presentations using power point etc.
P.E.	Swimming on Tuesdays and outdoor games on Thursdays

Please find enclosed your child's Numeracy Target Sheet for their year group from Reception onwards. If you are interested in the target leaflet for above or below your child's year group, please inform us. We are happy to assist.

Yours sincerely

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Enc: Numeracy Target Sheet