

BISHOP LONSDALE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Becoming—**I**ndependent—**S**uccessful—**H**onest—**O**pen minded—**P**eople

John 14:6 Jesus said,

“I am the way and the truth and the life.”



Newsletter



www.bishoplonsdale.derby.sch.uk

E-mail: admin@bishoplonsdale.derby.sch.uk Phone: 01332 34479

It was lovely to see so many families at our Winter Olympics' Event last half term. The children really do enjoy taking part in family games.

This Thursday is 'World Book Day'. Our theme is 'Bedtime Stories' Children can come dressed in pyjamas. It would also be great to see you all taking part in our 'Bedtime Reading Challenge'.

This is a short half term but it certainly is another action packed one! There are activities and events taking place most weeks until we break for the Summer so please take some time to have a look at the calendar. It will be displayed on the noticeboard and we will endeavour to remind you of events on Parent Hub.

Miss Brownhall
(Head of School)

Mr Hetherington
(Executive Headteacher)

ATTENDANCE

All schools across the country should aim to get 98% attendance. Since the beginning of the school year Bishop Lonsdale's attendance has been as follows:

Autumn 1: 95% Autumn 2: 94% Spring 1: 94%

Attendance for the first week back this half term was 96%. This is a great start.

We would like to remind you that holidays during term time will **not be** authorised. We would also urge you to make routine dental and optician's appointments outside school hours. Thank you, for your support in raising attendance at Bishop Lonsdale.

PUNCTUALITY

Please can we once again remind you of the importance of being in school on time and entering school via the class entrances.

Gates open: 8.50am Doors open: 8.55am Gates shut: 9.00am

If your child is just five minutes late every day it is the same as missing a full day's learning per half term. This would be six full days over the course of the year.

Please make every effort to get your child at the gate for 8.50am.

PE Kit

Please ensure your child's **PE kit is in school every day**. Even though PE is timetabled we very often have to swap the day. PE kit should be in a named draw string bag and should include: a plain t-shirt, shorts/leggings, pumps/trainers and tracksuit bottoms for the colder weather. Please

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School is a specialised approach to outdoor learning, that aims to develop confidence and self-esteem through hands on learning in woodland environments. As an inner city school we are extremely lucky to have access to a large expanse of land including a woodland area.

This year, all classes will have a Forest School experience. So far Year 5, Year 4, Reception and some of Year 1 have taken part in Forest School lessons. They have had a fantastic time making clay faces on trees, building dens, making fires and toasting marshmallows!

Many thanks to Mr McDowell, Wild Minds, Royal Forestry and Derby County Community Trust for all your help in preparing the land and delivering the lessons.

Have a look at these photos to see what a great time the children have had.

To see more photos of Forest Schools in action follow us on 'X' (formerly Twitter) @Bishoplonsdale1



DONATIONS

If you have any wellies, waterproof trousers, all in ones or coats that you no longer need, please consider donating them to school for children to use during Forest School sessions.

Many thanks -your help is always appreciated!



AWARD
Due to the work Year 5 have undertaken with Royal Forestry. Bishop Lonsdale is now a 'GREEN TREE AMBASSADOR SCHOOL'



KEY DATES FOR 2023/24

Recently added events will be in blue

Wednesday 6th March 2024	Enhancing Family Success (5 week programme begins)
Thursday 7th March 2024	World Book Day—Bedtime Stories (Wear PJs)
Beginning Monday 11th March 2024	BIG WALK AND WHEEL —for a fortnight
Monday 11th March 2024	PCSO Whole School Visit
Friday 15th March 2024	Comic Relief—Non-uniform
Tuesday 19th March 2024	Parents Evening
Thursday 21st March 2024	Parents Evening
Friday 22nd March 2024	Cycling Team—Grass Track Cycling Competition
Wednesday 27th March 2024	Easter Service at St Luke's 10am Start
Thursday 28th March 2024	Easter Bonnet Parade
Thursday 28th March 2024	BREAK UP
Monday 15th April 2024	BACK TO SCHOOL
Monday 6th May 2024	BANK HOLIDAY
Week Beginning 13th May 2024	Y6 SATs Week
Monday 20th May 2024	DDAT Netball Festival
Friday 24th May 2024	BREAK UP
Monday 3rd June 2024	BACK TO SCHOOL
Tuesday 4th June 2024	Class Photos
Friday 7th June 2024	Year 6 Bowls
Friday 21st June—Monday 24th June	Y6 Residential PGL Caythorpe
Wednesday 26th June 2024	Sports Day
Thursday 27th June 2024	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 28th June 2024	INSET DAY
Friday 5th July 2024	DDAT KS1 Fundamentals Event
Thursday 11th July 2024	DDAT Athletics Event
Monday 15th July 2024	Open Evening
Wednesday 17th July 2024	Leavers Service
Friday 19th July 2024	Leavers Ball
Friday 28th June 2024	INSET DAY
Tuesday 23rd July 2024	BREAK UP