



Today at Bishop Bronescombe School, we celebrated the valuable contributions our teaching assistants make to the education and support of our children. We are extremely lucky at Bishop Bronescombe because we have such a very dedicated team of teaching assistants and we can not thank them enough!

Reception Admission Forms for Reception 2017/18

If your child is due to start Reception next September 2017 you will need to complete an application form. These can be obtained from our school office or apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions. The deadline for your application is 15th January 2017.

Transfer to Secondary School

If your child is a Year 6 pupil you will need to apply for a Secondary Placement by the 31st October 2016. You can collect an application form from our school office or apply online at www.cornwall.gov/admissions.

PSA Post

Mrs Tamsin Parry

I am now contactable via mobile phone, on 07903613074. Please text or phone for a chat or to book an appointment.

Don't forget that parents are welcome to attend the drop in session, every Monday morning from 8.45—9.45am.

Do you know what's on at your local Children's Centre?

Parent Support group

Support group for children with additional needs who want to meet like-minded carers.

'Incredible Years' sessions

A programme aimed at parents needing support with managing behaviour.

Call St Austell Children's Centre (74969) or contact BB's PSA for more info.

Attendance

Good attendance is essential for a child's education and we want to work with you to ensure each child benefits from this. We understand that illness cannot be avoided, and would not wish you to send your child to school ill. If they are unwell and absent from school please call 01726 64322 to inform us, if no reason is given the absent will go down as unauthorised.

If your child is off for a sickness/diarrhoea bug, there is a school policy of being absent for 48 hours after the last bout of illness.

Diary Dates:

Megan Rix (Author Visit) - Mon 19th September

Penrice Year 6 Taster Day/Evening—Thurs 22nd September.

Year 5 Swimming—Thurs 22nd September

Residential Camp Information Evening—Thurs 22nd September at 3.30pm

Non-uniform and Bake Sale—Fundraising for St Luke's Church—Friday 23rd September.

Parent Forum Feedback

Thank you to the parents who attended our first termly Parent Forum on Monday. Mr Lees, Mrs Carmichael and Mrs Parry (our new Parent Support Adviser) also attended the meeting.

A wide ranging conversation took place.

- **The role of our Parent Support Adviser (PSA)**- Mrs Parry spent a few minutes outlining to parents what her new role entailed and how she could help parents in a variety of ways. Parents are able to contact Mrs Parry through the office and she will shortly have a designated mobile phone number.
- **Mixed age classes** – a long discussion took place about how children are placed in the mixed age classes. Mrs Carmichael explained that these classes are always mixed ability with a spread of boys, girls and different abilities and confidence levels. Parents valued having this explained and said that it would help parents to know this before they were informed of classes each year. Parents also accepted that it is up to the professionals to ensure the best class placement for their children and parents attending the forum had upmost confidence that the school gets this right.
- **Lunchtime** – a parent asked if the children are encouraged to eat their lunch as some children appear to be hungry when they come home. Mrs Carmichael confirmed that all children are appropriately supervised in the school hall and encouraged to eat as much food as they want to.
- **Spelling books** – a parent queried whether the spelling books are passed up to key stage 2. Mrs Carmichael has checked with class teachers and spelling books will be issued to all children.
- **KS1 Clubs** – a parent said that she thought there not enough key stage 1 clubs this term. Mrs Carmichael said more KS1 clubs will be available in the Spring term.
- **Friends' Presentation of swimming tee-shirts** – Thank you to the PTA for providing some fantastic sports shirts for our swimming team!

