

Dear Parents and Carers,

And just like that, Term 1 has come to an end!

What a wonderful start to the academic year we have had at Bishopstone. The children returned from the summer full of enthusiasm and settled brilliantly into their new classes and routines. Our staff have enjoyed getting to know them and seeing your children grow in confidence throughout the first term.

While moving to a two-class structure was a big change from what we've been used to over recent years, the transition has been a success. The children (and staff) have adapted wonderfully, there is an atmosphere of purpose, routine, and community throughout the school.

We could not think of a better way to end the term than by sharing your children's learning with you during our Parents' Evening, this afternoon. It is wonderful to see that so many of you have signed up to meet the teachers. These meetings provide an important opportunity to celebrate and share your children's achievements and discuss their progress, thank you for your support and engagement with this.

This term, our school kitchen passed the Food Hygiene Inspection and received the highest possible award of a 5-star rating. This recognition reflects the excellent standards maintained in food preparation, cleanliness and overall kitchen management. A huge well done and thank you to our dinner lady, Anne Farthing, whose hard work and dedication ensure that our children continue to enjoy safe, nutritious meals every day.

Following our Ofsted inspection in September, we have been advised that the report will be published on 4th November. We will, of course, share this with parents as soon as it becomes available.

Acorn Class enjoyed a walk to the Dingle, exploring our local environment searching for signs of autumn. They collected leaves of all shapes, sizes and colours and used these observations to support their learning back in the classroom. Don't forget next term, they will be learning all about polar bears. Mrs Tylee would be very grateful for any polar bear-themed resources that you may be able to lend to support the children's learning. Toys, figures, storybooks and non-fiction texts would all be warmly welcomed and help to bring their topic to life.

Excellent attendance continues to be a real strength of our school, and we would like to thank you all for your ongoing commitment to ensuring your children attend school regularly and arrive ready to learn each day.

This term's attendance champions were **Year 1 - 99.5%**, Year 4 - 99.0% and Year 3 - 95.0%. Well done to all the children for their superb attendance and for making the most of every learning opportunity.

As we reach the end of a busy term, I would like to thank all our families for your continued support. Such positive relationships between home and school make a huge difference to the children's experiences and achievements. I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting term of learning, in November.

Mr Smith

Unmissable events coming up

October

20th – Parents Evening

20th – End of Term 1

21st – INSET Day for staff

November

2nd – Term 2 begins

6th – Flu Vaccinations

