

BISHOP LONSDALE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

**B**ecoming—**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



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*Another half term has passed in the blink of an eye! Once again the children and staff have had an extremely busy half term.*

*We held a whole school book week where all classes have studied the book ‘The Midnight Fair by Gideon Sterer.’ It has been lovely to see a progression of work from children in Early Years through to Year 6. A selection of work from each class has been displayed in the library.*

*We are very pleased to announce that we have been able to purchase a class set of glockenspiels using the money raised from Christmas events. This means every child will be able to play an instrument during curriculum music lessons. Once again, many thanks for all your donations.*

*Our Christian Value this half term has been Courage. Please find attached ‘Courage’ activities which you can complete at home*

*Miss Brownhall*  
(Head of School)

*Mr Hetherington*  
(Executive Headteacher)

## Parents’ Evening and Attitudes Learning

We look forward to welcoming you into school on Wednesday 15th February and Thursday 16th February for Parents’ Evening. If you haven’t made an appointment, please contact the school office via phone or e-mail and they will arrange a meeting for you. Children may attend Parents’ Evening but must stay with you at all times.

Attitudes for Learning sheets will be sent home in your child’s book bag on Friday 17th February.

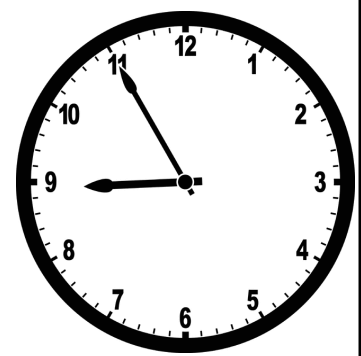
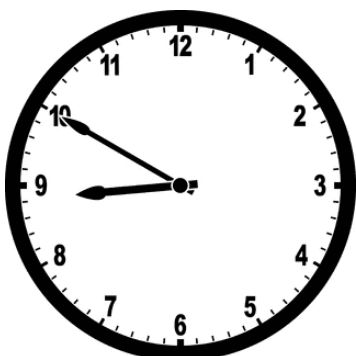
## Attendance

All schools across the country should aim to get 98% attendance. Since September our current whole school attendance is 92% which is well below the target. 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 opticians appointments outside school hours. Thank you for your support in raising attendance at Bishop Lonsdale.

## Punctuality

Last week we saw a huge improvement in children arriving to school on time. Thank you! Our punctuality prize draw will take place on Friday. Please continue to ensure your child arrives on time after half term.

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



## Uniform Shop

We have noticed some children with missing items of uniform. Please make the most of our nearly new uniform shop to replace missing items. We do have other items of uniform in stock, if there is something you specifically require please ask.

The uniform shop is located in the school entrance and will also be out for you to browse on Parents' Evening.

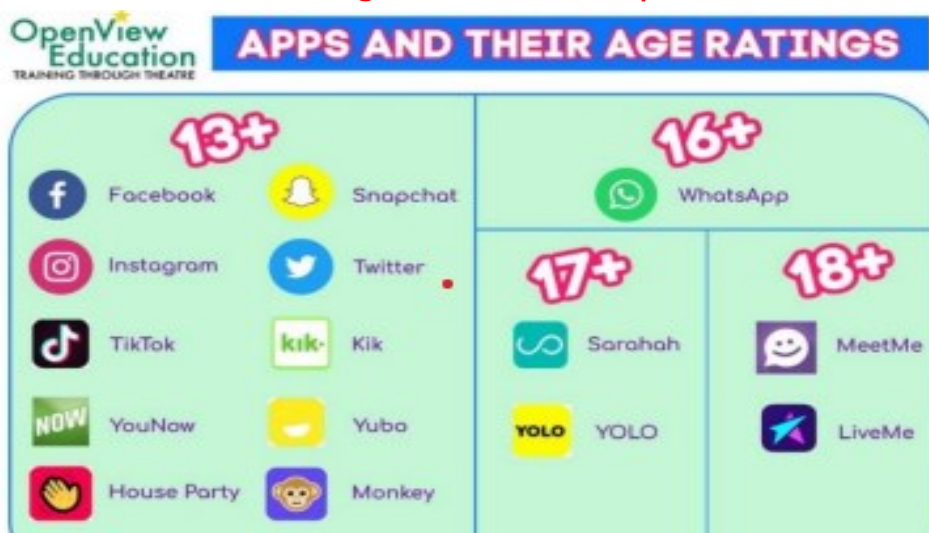
**We are looking for donations of items for PE kits e.g. t-shirts, pumps, shorts and tracksuit bottoms and children's coats/fleeces.**

If you are able to help please drop your donations at the office or give to Miss Brownhall on the gate.

Thanks to the school council we will be extending our shop to include basic food, hygiene and work packs. These will be available to anyone in need after half term.

## Online Safety

We urge you once again to closely monitor your child's online activity. **This includes text messaging.** None of the apps shown below are suitable for primary aged children. **We strongly advise you to remove these apps** from your child's device and check text messages sent on a daily basis.



## Sport and Physical Activity

Children have taken part in many sport and physical activity events this half term including: Whole School Inter House New Age Kurling, a girls football tournament, Year 6 track cycling at the arena and Year 6 level 3 Bikeability.

Children have also taken part in the following clubs; dance, netball, dodgeball, gymnastics, football and tag rugby. During all these activities children have demonstrated strong sporting values.

## St Luke's Church

Year One enjoyed a trip to St Luke's church last week. They were given the opportunity to explore the Church and ask Father Bob many challenging questions!

## Governors

The Governing Board met in school on the evening of February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6.00pm. Link Governors gave feedback on the meetings that they had attended with subject leaders. These included reports on the Early Years and one on Assessment.

The Head of School presented a written report which included information about school numbers, pupil premium, attendance and behaviour. A reading audit has been carried out and there is going to be an INSET day on the teaching of reading on Monday February 27<sup>th</sup>. Governors have been invited to attend. The next meeting of the Governing Board will take place on Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in the work of the Governing Board and would like to know more please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Tania Sanders (Chair) and Duncan Ellingworth (Vice-Chair)**

## KEY DATES FOR 2022/23

\* Recently added events will be in blue

*14th February 2023	Year 5 trip to Young People's Forest at Mead
*15th February 2023	Year 2 Sports Hall Athletics
*16th February 2023	Writing Stars Stadium Trip
15th and 16th February 2023	Parents Evenings
17th February 2023	Break up - Half Term Holiday
27th February 2023	INSET day
28th February 2023	Return to school
* 2nd March 2023	World Book Day <i>see below for more details</i>
* Date Change Thursday pm 9th March 2023	Celebration of Dance Festival (Dance Club)
* 14th March 2023	Free Family Event
*21st—28th March 2023	Scholastic Book Fair
28th March 2023	Easter Service at St Lukes
29th March 2023	Easter Bonnet Parade
31st March 2023	Break up - Easter Holiday
17th April 2023	Return to school
1st May 2023	Bank Holiday
8th May 2023	Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)
Week Beginning 8th May 2023	Year 6 SATs week
26th May 2023	Break up - Half Term Holiday
5th June 2023	INSET Day
6th June 2023	Return to school
6th June 2023	Class photographs
28th June 2023	Sports Day
30th June—3rd July 2023	Year 6 Residential Caythorpe
12th July 2023	Bishop Beach Day and Disco
21st July 2023	Break up - Summer Holiday

### World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

Our World Book Day theme will be based on the book, 'The Word Collector'. Each class has been given a word. Please dress your child in an outfit or bring an accessory which represents the word. We will send out some ideas for outfits via Parent Hub.

Nursery and Reception: **sparkly**

Year 1: **cosy**

Year 2: **majestic**

Year 3: **energetic**

Year 4: **musical**

Year 5: **mythical**

Year 6: **environmental**