

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



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Although we are now a few weeks into the term, we would like to welcome all our families back to school. A special welcome to the families who are only just starting their journey at Bishop Lonsdale. We also welcome to the Bishop Lonsdale staff team; Mrs Downes (Year 2 Teacher) Miss Brewster (EYFS Teaching Assistant) Miss Fuller (Admin) and Mrs Sobczek (Premises Team).

It has been a really busy first few weeks but the children are all settled in their new classes and have already fully engaged in learning. We have re-organised our library and the children and staff are very excited about their weekly visits. The staff have been busy booking and organising events, so keep an eye on our calendar. More information on how to access the calendar can be found below. We look forward to working with you all again this year! Remember if you have any queries throughout the year please do not hesitate to ask us on the gate or contact the school office.

Miss Brownhall
(Head of School)

Mr Hetherington
(Executive Headteacher)

BISHOP LONSDALE CALENDAR

This year we will be using the calendar on the school website. This can be accessed two ways.

- 1.** Visit the school website www.bishoplonsdale.derby.sch.uk
- 2.** Download the e-schools lite app. Search using the postcode DE22 3HH and select Bishop Lonsdale. We have already put many events on the calendar, so scroll through and have a look. During the coming weeks, we are expecting e-schools lite to update their app, so that when we add an event to the calendar you will receive a notification on your device.

We will continue to put dates on the last page of the newsletter.

If you need any support accessing the school calendar please do not hesitate to contact the school office or speak to a member of staff on the gate.

Support for the app can also be found here <https://academy.eschools.co.uk/lite-app/>



PARENT HUB

If you have a smart phone, we would strongly advise you to install the free app Parent Hub and follow@BishopLonsdale. This is our main line of communication for messages. Please follow the instructions below. If you already have the app please take a moment to check it is working. If you require any help, please do not hesitate to ask at the school office or see Miss Brownhall on the gate.



1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
2. Create yourself an account.
3. Choose "Join a School" and enter the school handle (above).

PARENT PAY

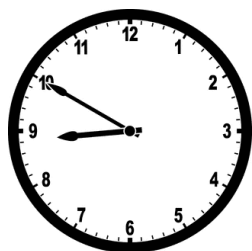


During your child's time at school there will be times when you need to pay money. This may be for dinners, day care, trips or charity donations. We therefore recommend you sign up to ParentPay as soon as possible. Please use the QR code to watch a simple video to help with set up.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Last year our whole school attendance was 94.5%. An increase on the previous year but still not meeting our target of 98%. We have made a really good start to the new year with current whole school attendance being 96.4%.



Please avoid booking routine appointments in school time.

Holidays in term time will not be authorised.

Remember it is also important to be on time.

Gates open: 8.50am

Doors open: 8.55am

Gates shut: 9.00am



BIKES AND SCOOTERS

We will always encourage children to walk, cycle and scoot to school. For safety reasons please ensure your child dismounts from their bike or scooter at the school gate.



Please do not let your child ride their bike or scooter around the roundabout, on the path or on the playground.

Many thanks for your support in keeping everyone safe on school grounds.



Please also see the attached sheet about e-scooters and the law.

BISHOP LONSDALE SHOP

The Bishop Lonsdale shop is a initiative created by our school council. It is located in the school entrance. The shop includes a nearly new uniform shop, including PE kit. Items to help in times of need such as home learning packs, basic food bags and basic hygiene bags. Take items when you need them and pop a small donation into the box either at the time or when you can afford to.

We have a donations basket if you have any surplus dry food or hygiene products.

Uniform, shoes and coats can be donated at the school office.

We are in particular need of wellies and coats if you have any spare.

Many thanks for your support

PE Kit

Please ensure your child's **PE kit is in school everyday**. 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 name all items.

KEY DATES FOR 2024/25

Recently added events will be in blue

Every Tuesday Autumn 1	Year 2 Forest School Sessions
Wednesday 2nd October 2024	Whole school—Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 3rd October 2024	Harvest Festival—Hall 9.15am
Wednesday 9th October 2024	Y6 Megafest Trip
Friday 11th October 2024	Year 3 and 4 Scooting—Team Rubicon Year 5 and 6 Skateboarding—Team Rubicon
W/B Monday 14th October 2024	Diversity week
Tuesday 15th October 2024	Reception NHS Height and Weight measurements
Wednesday 16th October 2024	Year 2 Fundamentals Trip
W/B 21st October 2024	Week one of Cycle Derby Fortnight
Tuesday 22nd October 2024	Hosting DDAT 10th Birthday Party
Wednesday 23rd October 2024	Y3 and new KS2 pupils Bible Giving Service at St Lukes. Y1 - Y6 attend. Parents welcome. Time TBC
Friday 25th October 2024	BREAK UP
Monday 4th November 2024	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 5th November 2024	Return to school
Wednesday 6th November 2024	Parents' Evening
Thursday 7th November 2024	Parents, Evening
W/B 5th November 2024	Week two of Cycle Derby Fortnight
W/B 11th November 2024	Anti Bullying Week
Tuesday 12th November 2024	Year 5 & 6 Cyclo Cross
Thursday 14th November 2024	Cyclo Cross Competition—Cycle Team
Tuesday 3rd December 2024	Christmas Bingo 3.45pm
Tuesday 10th December 2024	Infant Nativity 2.00pm
Wednesday 11th December 2024	Infant Nativity 2.00pm
Thursday 12th December 2024	Infant Nativity 10.00am
Thursday 12th December 2024	Christmas Fair 3.45pm
Friday 20th December 2024	Pantomime
Friday 20th December 2024	BREAK UP
Monday 6th January 2025	RETURN TO SCHOOL
Thursday 30th January 2025	Themed Disco
Friday 14th February 2025	BREAK UP
Monday 24th February 2025	RETURN TO SCHOOL
Tuesday 25th February 2025	Book Fair for one week
Thursday 6th March 2025	World Book Day