

**BISHOP JOHN ROBINSON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**



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Welcome to the May edition of the BJR newsletter. As usual there is a lot of fantastic learning going on across the whole school from Nursery to Year 6. All of the children and staff are working hard to **Be the best we can, Join in learning play and prayer and Remember God's Word**. The Christian Values we are focusing on this term are **Respect, Trust** and **Wisdom** and each class will be leading a collective worship this term based around their class value.

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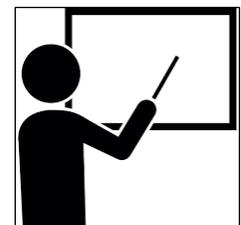
Staffing update: It is with some sadness that I inform you that **Miss Biney** has resigned from her post as Class Teacher and English leader. She has accepted a promotion at a larger, local school which is very fortunate to have her. I congratulate Miss Biney on this appointment and thank her for the amazing 5 years she has given to the school as Y3 teacher, Y6 teacher, Science leader and English leader. She was instrumental in setting up the school Spelling Bee, has transformed the library and made a positive impact to teaching and learning in English across the school. She has also led many high quality educational visits including residential trips to Swanage. Parents may wish to wish her well personally or contribute to a collection which is being organised by Mrs Richardson. Mrs Biney's last day at BJR will be Friday 20th July and we will officially say good bye at the Leavers' service on this day.

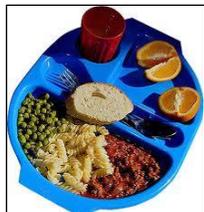
Welcome to **Mrs Valentine** who started teaching in Year 3 at the beginning of the summer term. She has already made a positive impact on learning and behaviour in the class and I look forward to working with her for many years to come.

We have appointed an experienced teacher - **Mrs Fernandez** - to join the teaching team in September. She will be spending some time in June and July meeting children and Staff. As I write this Newsletter, the school is fully staffed for September which is a VERY fortunate position to be in given the recruitment challenges felt by schools all across the country.

For the last few years, the number of children attending our **Nursery** class has dwindled. Many local schools are experiencing similar low nursery numbers. As it is not financially sustainable to staff morning and afternoon sessions with such low numbers, the governors and I have made the decision to open just a morning nursery for next year. This will be reviewed on an annual basis. All members of staff will continue to work in school but will be redistributed to add capacity around the school.

Children and families will find out where teachers will be placed for September later in the summer term. As usual, a number of transition sessions have been planned so that children can spend some time with their next-year's teacher. Many teachers are likely to be teaching in different year groups in September.





School Meal Price Increase: As mentioned in previous newsletters, budget cuts and other financial challenges mean that the school is no longer able to subsidise school meals as it has done in the past. Currently, parents in Y3-6 pay £2 for a meal which actually costs £2.59. From September, the price of a school meal will be £2.59 per meal and £12.95 per week. Families in receipt of Pupil Premium will continue to receive a free meal each day.

Infant Free School Meals: We will be also asking parents of children in Reception through to Y2 to contribute toward the short fall in Infant Free School Meals. Currently, families in Reception - Y2 are entitled to £2.30 toward the price of a school meal. The actual cost of the meal is £2.59 meaning a short fall of 29p. From September, we will be asking parents to contribute £1.45 per week or approximately £8.70 per term toward this short fall. Families in receipt of pupil premium will not be expected to pay.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR): Parents may be aware of the proposed changes to data protection coming in to force on 25th May. More specific details will follow this newsletter which may include the school sending you an updated 'Privacy Notice' to complete. It is very important that these documents are completed in a timely way if we are to be GDPR compliant. In the meantime, the school has jointly employed a Data Protection Officer (DPO) along with other Greenwich Anglican Schools, planned to train all staff and have begun to implement some of the changes needed to be GDPR compliant. If you wish to find out more about GDPR, follow this link to short and useful YouTube video aimed at parents <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=daHWgqm5uj4>



Jewellery in School: Parents are reminded that the school prospectus states that "*Children should not wear jewellery, because they can cause injury during PE or play. Children with pierced ears should wear studs.*" As a school we are currently reviewing this policy with particular regard to religious jewellery. In the meantime, while it is our wish to respect religious observance from any faith, we also have the children's safety to consider. In addition we are not always able to keep items safe from theft or damage. In the interim, please do not send children to school with jewellery. You may speak to me or Mrs Richardson for more clarity while we take advice on a clearer policy.

Threats: You may have heard reports that schools in Greenwich have received bomb threats. Schools responded quickly to the threats and made the Council and the Police aware. The Metropolitan Police have advised that they are NOT treating the emails as a credible threat. There is nothing within the emails that names a specific school and the same email was sent to other schools. The Police have advised that it is not necessary to close schools and schools have been advised to direct the police of any threats and contact 999 if they see someone or something they are not comfortable with.

Save the date

Thursday 12th July: Celebrating Thamesmead's 50th Birthday and launch of the Thamesmead Charter

Friday 13th July: Coffee morning at BJR hosted by The Bishop of Woolwich - Bishop Karowei

Saturday 14th July: Thamesmead 50th Birthday Festival around Southmere Lake



Bishop John Robinson Primary School
Spring Term Dates

[Also available on the school website](#)

May

Monday 14 th	KS2 SATs - Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
Tuesday 15 th	KS2 SATs - Reading
Wednesday 16 th	KS2 SATs - Maths Paper 1 and Paper 2 Bishop John Robinson's Birthday
Thursday 17 th	KS2 SATs - Maths Paper 3
Friday 18 th	PLAY DAY - No school uniform (please contribute £1 toward activities)
Monday 21 st -25 th	Y6 School Journey - Townsend Centre Swanage KS1 SATs this week Y1/2 Bench Ball competition (TBA)
Tuesday 22 nd	Year 4 Class assembly
Friday 25 th	Last day of $\frac{1}{2}$ term
Monday 28th-Friday 1st	$\frac{1}{2}$ term holiday

June

Monday 4 th	Back to school
Thursday 7 th	Reception and Nursery intake meetings
Monday 11 th -15 th	Year 1 Phonics Check My Money Week
Tuesday 12 th	Y5 Class Assembly
Wednesday 13 th	Thamesmead Cluster Spelling Bee
Tuesday 19 th	Y3 Class Assembly
Monday 25 th - 29 th	Science Week
Tuesday 26 th	Y2 Class Assembly

July

Monday 2 nd	Transition sessions start
Thursday 5 th AM	KS2 Sports day @ Sporting Club Thamesmead
Friday 6 th AM	KS1 and EYFS Sports day @ BJR
Monday 9 th	Transition afternoon
Thursday 12 th	Thamesmead Festival day
Friday 13 th	Bishop Karowei hosting coffee morning @ BJR
Saturday 14 th	Thamesmead 50 th Birthday Festival Southmere Lake
Tuesday 17 th	Y6 show to parents
Wednesday 18 th	Y6 Disco
Friday 20 th	Leavers' Service and Last day of school
Monday 23rd - Friday 31st	Summer Holiday

September

Monday 3 rd	School Closed INSET Day
Tuesday 4 th	School Closed INSET Day
Wednesday 5 th	Back to school