



Welcome to Reception at

Bishop's Primary School

Part of Northumberland Church of England Academy Trust

Parent/Carer Guide 2022/23



A message from Mrs Marriott - Headteacher

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to our Reception classes at Bishop's Primary School.

In this booklet you will find some information and some reminders for the new school year.

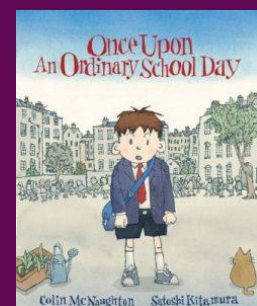
If you would like to look at our website you will be able to read about our ethos, values and our school.

Job 8:7 *"Your beginning will seem so small, since your future will flourish."* Let your Light shine. You will be able to see our curriculum and also find out about our favourite book 'Once upon and ordinary school day' by Colin McNaughton.

We hope your child is excited about starting in our Reception classes and we will help them to settle and be happy in school.

Please contact us by phone or email if you have any further questions:

Our admin Team are Gemma Anderson and Gemma Latimer;
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The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

We are part of the *Early Years Foundation Stage*, which the children begin in Nursery and finish at the end of Reception.

Our learning is made up of seven areas of learning:

- ◆ Personal, social and emotional development
- ◆ Communication and language
- ◆ Literacy
- ◆ Mathematical
- ◆ Understanding the world
- ◆ Physical Development
- ◆ Expressive arts and design



Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Sharing



Working together



Helping each other



Being kind

Physical Development



Building & Joining



Big movements



Pinching & Kneading



Handling tools safely

Communication and Language / Literacy



Reading



Writing

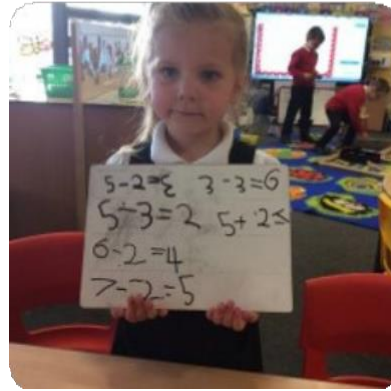


Discussing

Mathematical Development



Pattern



Problem solving



Weighing & Measuring



Playing games to recognise numbers and count objects

Understanding the World



Observing the environment



Making things



Exploring



Caring for living things

Expressive Arts and Design



Dancing



Role Play



Music & Singing



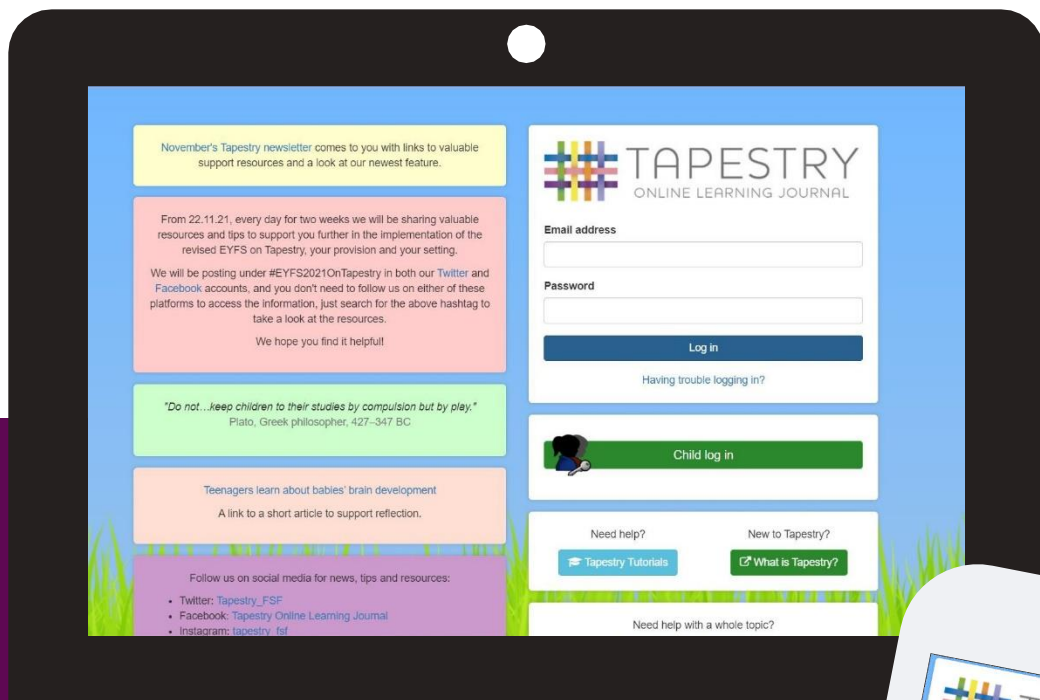
Art & Craft

Outdoor Education

- We spend a lot of our time in the outdoors which is a great place to learn and explore.
- We go on weekly wellie walks and will be using our Forest School site.
- Children need to bring a coat to school everyday, even if the sun is shining.
- School shoes need to be appropriate for all weathers.
- We have some spare wellies in school but if a pair of your child's wellies could stay in school this would help. (Please put their name in them).
- In hotter months please apply sun-cream to your child before school and send them in with a sun hat.

Tapestry

- We use 'Tapestry' to share your child's Learning Journeys online.
 - Observations can be seen of your child in school.
 - You can send photos/videos and information which will be added to their online journey.
 - We often communicate other information on here with things that might be happening in school so you can check it regularly.
- You will get a username and password to use once you have downloaded the app.



Rewards and Sanctions

We use lots of different ways to promote good behaviour within Reception.

We believe in assertive discipline – where good behaviour is rewarded. We use 'good sitting', 'good listening', 'good walking' and 'kind hands'. We talk to the children about making the 'right' choice'.

Some of our rewards:

- ◆ Stickers
- ◆ Visits to other staff
- ◆ Learner of the WeekStar of the week
- ◆ (Presented in our Early Years Celebration assembly)

Sanctions:

- Reflection Time
- 'Good to be Green' Behaviour System
- Good sitting etc

Start of term timetable:

Mon 5th	Tue 6th	Wed 7th	Thur 8th	Fri 9th
Teacher Training	x2 sessions. Class split into 2 groups Group 1 9am - 10.30am (1.5hours) Group 2 10.45-12.15 (1.5hours)	9am-12.45pm Children stay for lunch	All children to start at 8.40am Children stay for lunch Children to be collected at 3.30pm	All children to start at 8.40am Children stay for lunch Children to be collected at 3.30pm
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Lunches

School lunches are free for children up to age 7, but if your child is entitled to free milk, you need to complete a form online to apply for free milk and free school meals. Our office staff can help you with this.

Alternatively you can provide your child with a packed lunch but **please** make sure it is healthy and remember they only have little tummies..... Please don't send juice with their packed lunch and we recommend only one biscuit or one packet of crisps.

Water Bottles

We have a water fountain in school.

We would appreciate a named water bottle every day, particularly when the weather is warm.

Please remember – **water not juice** - and do not put them into book bags.



Reading Packets

- Please purchase a reading folder for your child and make sure they bring it every day.
- Personalise it. This can be done by adding a small keyring to the handle.
- Please hear your child read and go over their words and sounds as often as possible.
- Please comment and sign in the reading record book so we can see what children are reading.

Your co-operation in this would be much appreciated!



Uniform



We do have a school uniform and it is expected the children will wear it.

Reception can be a creative and therefore a very messy place! We do insist that the children wear aprons whilst painting but they do often get glue or pen on them.

We will do our best to teach your child to be careful, but accidents will happen.

Uniform is to be ordered online via the Michael Sehgal & Sons website at www.michaelsehgal.co.uk. There is also a link on our school website at www.bishops.ncea.org.uk.

Children should wear:

- White polo shirt, black trousers or skirt, Bishop's purple sweatshirt or cardigan and black shoes (not trainers)
- A Bishop's track suit is also available for the day your child does PE.
- In the summer, purple checked dresses are also available.
- Your child will also need a purple book bag.

PE Kits

The children will take part in regular PE sessions where we will be exploring movement, dance and games skills.

The children will have PE once a week.

Please remember to provide your child with a PE kit consisting of:

- ♦ a white t-shirt
- ♦ black shorts
- ♦ black sandshoes
- ♦ hoody/joggers

This stays in school for the half-term.

Alternatively, children can wear the school PE kit (joggers, hoody and white t-shirt) they can come to school wearing this on their PE day. Only branded kit can be worn all day.

It really helps if you name all of their uniform as we quite often get items of clothes mixed up... A named drawstring PE bag is essential.



Checklist

- ♦ Name everything.
- ♦ PE Kit – to be kept in school for a half-term or come into school on PE day wearing the Bishop's jogger/hoody set.
- ♦ Hear your child read, or share a story with them, as often as possible – we need to work together.
- ♦ Arrive at 8.40am every day.
- ♦ Please help them learn to be independent, washing hands, dressing for PE, fastening zips and shoes.
- ♦ Sign up for free school meals if entitled.

Any questions, please email us on adminjbp@bishops.ncea.org.uk or telephone **01670 844323.**

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