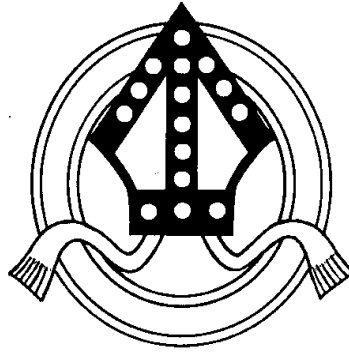


Bishop Cornish CE VA Primary School



Starting School

**Bishop Cornish CE VA Primary School
Lynher Drive
Saltash
PL12 4PA**

Telephone: 01752 845463

Head Teacher: Mrs Sue Green



Starting School

Starting school is a very exciting time. Our aim at Bishop Cornish is to make it a happy experience for you and your child. We hope that this booklet will provide you with some useful ideas to ensure that your child is ready for school in September.

If you have any queries before the end of this term I shall be happy to help you. Please leave a message with the main office (01752 845463 or enquiries@bishop-cornish.cornwall.sch.uk) and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Miss Alice Edlin



General Routines and Information

Parents are invited to bring their son/daughter into the class on the first day of school. You can help them to find their name label and coat peg and show them where to put their P.E. bags, lunch boxes and book bags. You may like to show them some of the things that they will be able to do once you have said goodbye.

Although parting is hard for parents and children it is much better to leave the classroom fairly quickly. Reassure your child that you will be back to collect them at the end of the day and show them where you will be waiting for them.

The children usually settle very quickly and become absorbed in their new environment and activities.

The school day ends at 3:15pm, children will not be allowed to leave the area until I or Miss Wilmot see their parent(s). If you have arranged for somebody else to collect your child could you please let myself, Miss Wilmot or the office know in advance.

Good communication is important for our home-school relationship. School newsletters are sent every week via email to keep you informed of important dates and information for your diaries.

We also use 'Tapestry' in Reception, where we will be able to send and receive messages. Tapestry is a great way for parents to keep in touch but, for illnesses and important issues please email the office secretary@bishop-cornish.cornwall.sch.uk.

Tapestry is our way of sharing some of the children's learning and a chance for you to share some of your home learning!

I am always pleased to speak to parents but for the safety of the children I am not able to do so at the beginning of the school day, unless there has been an emergency or for medical reasons. If you wish to discuss any problems or concerns may I ask you to speak to me after school, once I have ensured all children have safely met their parents, or to make an appointment at the main office?



How you can help

You can help us by:

- Making sure your child is in school before registration at 9 a.m. Children can come into school from 8.50 a.m. onwards.
- Informing the school by telephone if your child will be absent due to illness.
- Keeping the office informed of any change of adult collecting your child, or change in your address or telephone number.
- Letting us know if there is any reason for your child to be feeling insecure or upset. This can vary from a minor incident to a major change in home circumstances. We will respect confidentiality at all times, but this information helps us to provide for the needs of your child.
- Contacting Miss Edlin, Miss Wilmot or Mrs Green if you have any concerns. If you talk to us we will make every effort to address issues that may arise.



What should my child bring to school?

- Book bags should be brought to school **every day**. Please do not keep water bottles in book bags, as we have had many books damaged through accidental leaks.
- **Named** jumpers/cardigans and coats should be brought to school **every day**, despite the weather forecast, as we all know how changeable the weather can be. It is far better for them to have a coat that ends up staying in the cupboard all day, than to risk spending a cold lunch time on the playground without a coat.
- Water bottle. Your child may bring a bottle of water (no juice or fizzy drinks please) which will be kept in the classroom. They will be able to drink from this at appropriate times during the day.
- P.E. bags should be kept in school and can be taken home for washing at your discretion.
- Spare clothes for woods on **Wednesday**. Every Wednesday (weather depending) we spend the afternoon in the woods. Children can change into their own clothes, that they do not mind getting messy!
- Welly boots that can be left in school.

- Some parents like to leave a small bag/carrier bag containing a change of underwear on their child's coat peg, in case of toileting accidents.

Items that should not be brought to school include:

- Toys (Only for Show and Tell days.)
- Pencils, pens etc. (all stationery will be provided)
- A snack for playtime (in Reception, Year One and Year Two fruit will be provided at school for the children)



Self-help Skills

Children learn best when they are happy and confident. You can help them to feel confident as they start school by giving them opportunities to develop a sense of independence and self-help skills. The following ideas will help the children to become familiar with new experiences that they will encounter at school:

Going to the toilet on their own.

It is vital that children are able to use the toilet independently.

Getting dressed and undressed on their own.

The ability to dress and undress for P.E. and to do up their own coats is essential, although we always help when they need it. If your child has a routine of dressing within a time limit, getting ready for school will be less stressful for everyone. It is also essential that all of your child's clothing is **clearly marked** with their name. I am sure you will appreciate the difficulty caused if clothes are not named and we are trying to help 30 children to dress after P.E.!

Putting on and taking off shoes

Please do not buy your child shoes with laces or difficult buckles if they cannot manage them alone.

Taking responsibility for their own things.

The children will need to take care of their belongings, including book bags, P.E. bags, coats and jumpers/cardigans.

The ability to recognise their own name.

Learning to recognise their own name will give your child a great deal of confidence.

Getting used to saying goodbye to parents/carers.

Children need to know that they will be in a safe and secure environment until you return.

Knowing how to use a knife and fork.

Lunchtime will be far more enjoyable if your child does not have to rely on an adult to cut up their food.

Learning to listen to others.

This is a vital skill for all areas of school experience.

Learning to take turns

It is important for your child to be able to share and take turns fairly.



The classroom



Their teacher will be Miss Edlin and the teaching assistant is Miss Wilmot.

Children have coat pegs with their names on, to find on their first day. They have their own peg to hang their coat and PE bag on.



The water bottle tray and their book bags go in the wooden storage unit.



The class have toilet facilities close to the classroom, they will be assisted when they need some help!

Arrangements for starting school

All children will start school full time on:

Thursday 3rd September

**We hope you have a lovely
summer and look forward to seeing
you all soon!**

