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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well – we have cautiously opened to some of your children, I hear the R rate in Essex (which is a huge county) is around 0.7, and we are beginning to see the easing of some of the restrictions.

It has been a real pleasure to welcome back children and families we haven't seen in school since the lockdown – and there have been many smiles and reunions which has been a pleasure to see. If at first you were unsure about your child returning, but are wanting to change your mind, just let us know. Our system is designed to be able to grow – but we do need to have as good a notice as possible.

What are our plans for other Year Groups?

I know and appreciate you will be wanting to know and plan for other year groups returning. Whatever happens, the present arrangements will continue until Friday 19th June, and I anticipate that for FS, Year 1 and Year 6 the present arrangements will continue until the end of term.

I will aim to give some details of further re-opening next Friday, but I would caution that it is very unlikely that we will be able to open in the same way as we have done for these year groups – we just do not have the staff or the spaces to accommodate many more in a way that we can consider is safe.

But we are actively trying to think outside the box!

Library Books

Thank you to those of you who have returned books – I think we have now recovered about 10% of books that are out, and we will have the book boxes outside at the next Learning Pack pick-up days – please hunt for more books at home. Thank you.

Which brings me on to The Library –

The Bishop Wilson Memorial now Grade 2 Listed Library
- which many of you may have heard about on BBC Radio Essex over the half term break.



Live Fully, Laugh Often, Learn Deeply,
Love as God Loves You and Let Your Light Shine

British Library architect's Chelmsford school design gets listed

A primary school library designed by the architect who created the British Library has been granted listed status.

The Bishop Wilson Memorial Library was built in Chelmsford, Essex, in the 1980s at Bishops' Church of England and Roman Catholic Primary School.

The library has a striking circular structure and was designed by architect and academic Sir Colin St John Wilson.

Tony Calladine, of Historic England, said the move "celebrates its importance" to Chelmsford's story.

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has given the building Grade II listed status on the advice of Historic England.



I particularly like this quote:

‘The Bishop Wilson Memorial Library was under construction at the same time as the British Library. It is one of a number of library designs in which Wilson and his partner Mary Jane Long came to specialise and is perhaps the most successful example of Post-Modernism in post-war school design.’

If you want to find out all about our historic and wonderful library, please visit <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1465814>

The Bishops' School – when it first opened – was called Bishop Wilson CofE Primary School, in memory of the third Bishop of Chelmsford. Shortly after this, the Catholic Diocese joined the school and we became The Bishops' CofE and RC Primary School. But we owe a debt of gratitude to SMOGA – St. Monica's Old Girls' Association who, when their school in Clacton was closed, campaigned to safeguard their funds and raised more, in order that the memorial library could be built. Bishop Wilson had been a founding member of St. Monica's and they wanted to commemorate his contribution to their lives. So – thank you St. Monica's Old Girls, and thank you Colin St. John Wilson for designing our unique library, and thank you Mrs Fellowes for looking after it so well now!

The news of our library has spread across the world as far as Guernsey, Aberdeen and Belfast, reaching an audience of over 5 million, and been on both BBC and ITV online news outlets.

Education at Bishops' is in the fresh air when we can....



...here are Year 1s drawing the story of The Three Little Pigs,
and, socially distanced pedalling....



...and (of course) children in
FS drawing the planets.



Renee and Jasmine are watering the
potato plants whilst socially distancing!



FS keyworker children
are enjoying learning
outside in the sunshine
with Mrs Yerrell.



In class, the children are of course at their distanced work stations, but have settled incredibly well.



Amazing Person

Mrs Rourke was lucky enough to be the winner of a draw held by TT Designs. The winner was to nominate a key worker to receive a beautiful marquetry picture with a rainbow. Mrs Rourke chose Kellyanne who has been nursing patients with Covid19 at Broomfield Hospital. We really do appreciate all that she does to help others at this difficult time. Here are Jack and Emma receiving the picture in assembly on behalf of their mum, and then Jack passing it over to his mum.

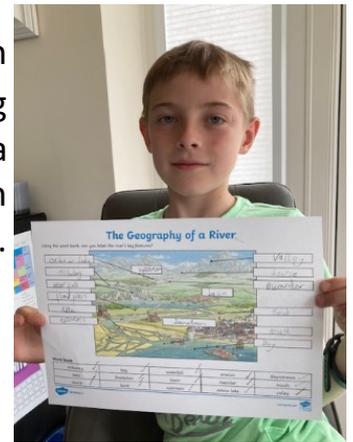


At home this week....

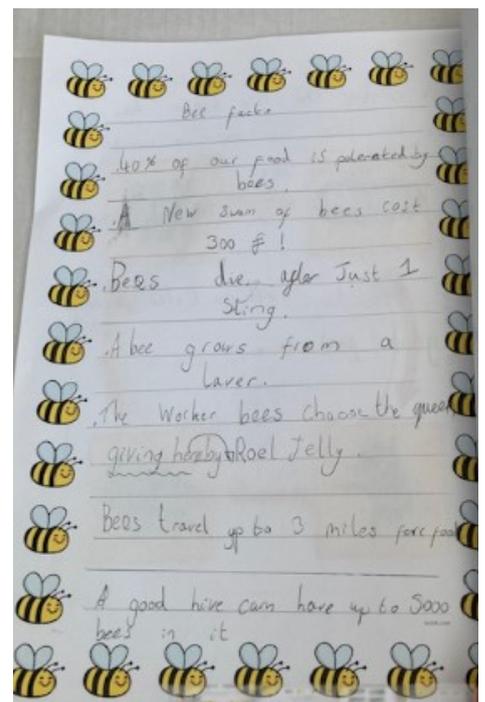
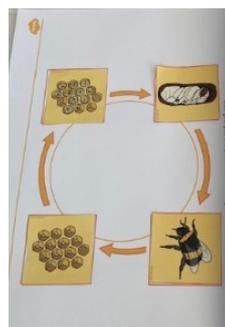
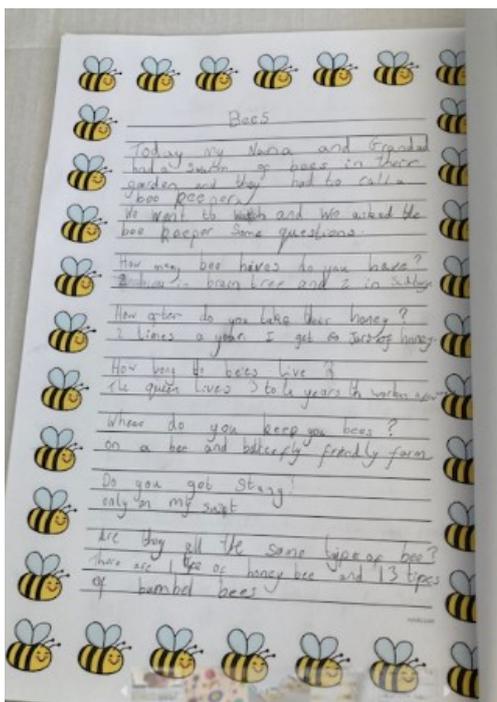
Mařilda, tuned in on Zoom with Imogen and Amelia, to take part in a worldwide Young Voices singing of Power in Me. Over 20, 000 children registered to join in - singing together at 2.30pm on Tuesday.



Jacob has been sending in lots of great work, including this week, work inspired by a beekeeper removing a swarm from the garden.



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Work Packs

These will be continuing for all year groups, and will be ready for collecting on **Thursday 11th** and **Friday 12th June** as follows:

Thursday 11th June—for FS and KS1 available to collect as follows:
9.30 Bdgrs, 9.50 Hdghgs, 10.10 1M, 10.30 1C, 10.50 2M, 11.10 2C

Friday 12th June —for KS2 available to collect as follows:
9.20 3RG, 9.40 3M/F, 10.00 4SHW, 10.20 4YS, 10.40 6F, 11.00 6A, 11.20 5E, 11.40 5B

We will be putting sibling packs together, and if times are not convenient, then please come when you can – and if it's impossible to get here, please let your child's teacher know so that we can deliver to you.

Feedback from all the work at home

We are really aware of all the good work that your children are doing under your care at home. I have heard from some teachers how much their children's writing has improved from all the practice at home! (Don't worry if this is not the case for you and you feel your children have gone backwards! – they will get going again, and every child is different!) But we do want to find a way to celebrate all this work, and I would encourage you to set some of it aside and maybe put it into a scrap book, so that when the time is right, they can bring it into school and share it with their teacher. Many of you have sent in photos of activities done at home, and so many of your children have taken part in zoom meetings – and so I hope you feel that the teachers are doing what they can to keep in contact and to respond to your emails.

Shush!

I hope you have received the links to Shush's lessons – if any of you want to send in photos of your children doing these, I'd love to send some to Shush – so please send in!

Finally, Thank you

The calm way you have returned your children and accepted the inconvenience of varied sessions, worked out our systems for coming and going, and been so helpful to the school and to each other – it's all really appreciated.

With continued best wishes, and in this time of celebrating Pentecost, I wish you all the gifts of the Spirit – these are the ones from Paul's letter to the Romans – Encouragement, Giving, Leadership, Mercy, Prophecy, Service and Teaching – and they seem appropriate for our unsettled times.

Greg Waters



Children-in-the-key-worker-bubble-have-been-creating-art-whilst-also-learning-about-angles. ¶

Looking Ahead

Thursday 11th June — Work pack collection for FS and KS1:
 9.30 Bdghs, 9.50 Hdghgs, 10.10 1M, 10.30 1C, 10.50 2M, 11.10 2C

Friday 12th June — Work pack collection for KS2:
 9.20 3RG, 9.40 3M/F, 10.00 4SHW, 10.20 4YS, 10.40 6F, 11.00 6A, 11.20 5E, 11.40 5B

Community News/Notices

Please visit the 'News/General News' section on our website for useful organisations, websites and local community information.

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