



Dear Parents/Carers,

### Reading Review

Last Thursday our English Leaders, **Mrs Hayward-Windsor** and **Mrs Mann**, and I went round the whole school looking at how reading is taught – and **Mrs Uzzell**, our Chair of Governors, interviewed lots of children about their attitudes to reading. We looked at your children's reading record books, enjoyed reading your comments, and had a great day!



So many children at Bishops' have a great attitude to reading – thank you for all you do to help this and encourage it. Please keep up the bedtime reading routines which your younger children love, and keep creating those spaces of time for your children to just sit back and enjoy a read. DEAR time is spreading across the school – Drop Everything And Read! – you could try it for your own good mental health!



You may wonder what drawing has got to do with reading – we mix creativity with reading, as description is so well matched to drawing what the author is describing, and the children love it.

There's also lots of **discussion** – paired groups – to enable all the children to put their thoughts into words – and we pre-teach the vocabulary which helps every child to understand the text as it's read.



Being **creative** is such a great way to spend time!

Here's **Paris** and **Ruby** designing and building a marble run, borrowing my camera for a selfie, and then bringing it back, maybe hoping it'll get into the newsletter!

### **Message from Essex County Council**

### **Secondary School Applications for September 2021 – Reminder for Year 6 Parents**

As you may be aware, the statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children, (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2021) is **31 October 2020**.

Please be reminded that if you have yet to submit an application, you must do so **by 31 October 2020**.

Applications can be made via our website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

Well, congratulations to Maisie and her mum for this awesome edible solar system – and thank you for sharing it at the end of the day!



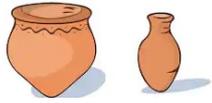
Here are a few more amazing solar systems, shown at 5E's assembly on Friday. Thank you so much, parents and carers, for helping with this project. And thank you to Luna for introducing the assembly so skilfully!





Despite the wet weather, Year 3 had a fantastic time on Wednesday, when they travelled back in time to the Stone Age..





## Lunchtime Menu—Week beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jacket Potatoes with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Brunch Lunch Sausage, Bacon & Egg <u>OR</u> Brunch Lunch (Linda McCartney Red Onion & Rosemary Sausage)	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Puddings <u>OR</u> Quorn Filled Yorkshire Pudding	Kickin' Chicken Caribbean Style Mild Jerk Chicken <u>OR</u> Curried Vegetable Samosa	Omega 3 Breadcrumbs Fish Fingers <u>OR</u> Quorn Dippers
Served with Mixed Leaf Salad	Served with Baked Beans & Hash Brown Potatoes	Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Spring Beans	Served with Fluffy Rice & Summer Slaw	Served with Chunky Chips, Baked Beans & Sweetcorn
Fresh Fruit Selection	Fresh Fruit Selection	Strawberry Smoothie	Chilled Yoghurts	Lemon Tray Bake

We wish you all a really good half term, hope that all the parent consultations go well on Friday (don't forget, for KS2 children, we welcome their presence at these), and look forward to seeing you all again after half term – hoping for Monday 2nd November and that the government will not keep us from opening. (I think we will be ok!)

Keep safe, keep hopeful, try to create light moments for yourselves and your children. Curl up and read with them!



### Individual and Family Photographs

**Monday 2nd November 2020**

The photographers will be in school on the first day back after half term to take individual and sibling photographs during the normal school day.

**Children who have PE that day** (Years 1 and 6) should wear their gold polo shirts and jumpers on their top halves, PE kit on their bottom halves. They will wear their gold polo shirts for their PE lesson—please **do not** send in PE t-shirts to change into. Thank you.

(Note: there will be no non-Bishops' sibling photographs this year).

## Looking Ahead

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October—Half term break**  
**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October— closing date for year 6 secondary school applications**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November—**  
**Individual and sibling photos, in school**



**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November—Church led by 5E via Zoom, 9.20am**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November—6A Class Assembly via Zoom, 9.20am**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November—Church led by 2C, via Zoom, 9.20am**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November—2M Class Assembly via Zoom, 9.20am**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November—Church led by 6FT via Zoom, 9.20am**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November—3A Class Assembly via Zoom, 9.20am**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November—Church led by 3A via Zoom, 9.20am**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November—4HG Class Assembly via Zoom, 9.20am**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December—Church led by 5B via Zoom, 9.20am**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December—3M Class Assembly, 9.20am**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December—Last day of term**

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### Community News/Notices

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



### The Bishops' School

Please report absences by telephoning or emailing:  
01245 460107 / admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk  
Website: www.bishops.essex.sch.uk

Please can you help your child to remember to bring everything they need with them into school each morning. Please try to avoid bringing *forgotten items* to the office; essential items only, thank you.