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THE BISHOPS' SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers,

LIGHT TO THE WORLD!



Some Year 6 pupils created this great chalk art on the playground for the Diocesan Virtual Advent Service which the Anglican Diocese are compiling – once they have created it, I'll send out the details for you to access it.

Decarbonisation is on its way and we should be quietly proud that we have actively written to our MP, met with her, talked with her and given the pressure that we can to put this high on the government's agenda. We know that Vicky Ford MP is supportive of the environmental progress being made and has lobbied government to take action. So it's good to report to you that The Bishops' is starting its own journey of decarbonisation and is involved in a national programme to receive modern technologies of heating, lighting and insulation to help us to leave a better environmental footprint.

We are hoping to be successful.

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



Children in Year 4 have been exploring sustainable living this week, and have made some amazing things out of plastic milk bottles as part of their homework. Here's Mr Clark being Zoom interviewed by both Year 4 classes about how the school is sustainable – and some inspiration for everyone to get creative with things at home and be sustainable!









This is the joy of Little Fingers and two of our early morning Clubs. The clubs are under-subscribed, so please contact the office if you would like places. Sport is such a great thing to be doing – ticking all the boxes of physical, social and mental good health. Children should be doing an hour a day, and we can't do all this during the curriculum time – we do our best! This morning (Wednesday) it was Year 4 dodgeball and Year 1 football and it was mainly boys but we know girls are great at these too, so please send them in! If you are struggling with finances, which many are at the moment, please talk to us and we will make a free place available.



We are tentatively singing! Here's a group of Year 2s who are singing whilst the sitting children are speaking – and we enjoyed hearing the Year 6 choir singers in the service on Tuesday.





Late Arrivals

The school office is closed at drop off and pick up times.

In the morning, it will reopen once all the entry point gates/doors are closed.

If your child is unavoidably late, and their entry point is closed, please try the chickens' gate.

If the chickens' gate has closed, please come to the office.

Please can we ask you to wait outside until the office door is unlocked, and for you to say goodbye to your child outside before they enter.

Please be reminded that it is one at a time in the reception foyer, so please wait outside with your child until it is their turn to enter.

Thank you

A Plea

If anyone has some fairy houses, plastic or wooden, and some small world characters that they no longer use, please consider donating them to us. Many thanks.

The FS team



Exciting ... Bedtime Stories ...

Reappearing by Zoom

Year 1—Tuesday 1st December,

Year 2—Tuesday 8th December



Years 1 and 2, please come and share in the magical world of stories with us at 6.15 to 6.40pm via Zoom on the above dates for a fun session of stories, songs and relaxation. Children can come ready for bed with their hot chocolate and favourite teddy bear. Adults please stay with your children for the duration of the event.

Can anyone help our chicken?

If anyone has any veterinary experience with chickens, please can they contact the school office?

Thank you.



Questionnaire!

Yesterday you will have received an email with a questionnaire attached. Every couple of years we like to gather your views about the school. This helps us to prepare for different inspections (OFSTED and the Diocesan Church School Inspections), and it also helps us to know if there are things you'd like to see improved and things you are happy with. – so please complete them on-line and send them to our Chair of Governors, Marian Uzzell, who will compile all the answers and ensure we listen well to your views. Doing it online means we avoid the issues to do with handling paper, makes us more environmentally friendly and hopefully saves time – but if you'd like a paper copy please email the office and we will get one to you through your children. Thank you.

Lunchtime Menu—Week beginning Monday 23rd November 2020

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

The Bishops' PTA

Thank you to everyone who has registered with Amazon Smile and Easy Fundraising. We have had our payments through from them, for the period of July-September we raised £52.14 with Amazon Smile and for the month of September we raised £24.85.

If you haven't already signed up then please do consider doing so, these donations come at no extra cost to you but are gratefully received. Lots of the companies on Easy Fundraising have increased their percentage donation for Black Friday and Amazon have lots of deals too.

This is your last week to order your Christmas items from My Child's Art before the portal will close. We hope you enjoy sharing your child's art with family and friends over the Christmas period.



Contact us: thebishopspta@gmail.com
 Find us @BishopsPta
 Or The Bishops' School PTA on Facebook



Looking Ahead



Tuesday 24th November—Church led by 3A via Zoom, 9.20am

Friday 27th November—4HG Class Assembly via Zoom, 9.20am

Tuesday 1st December—Church led by 5B via Zoom, 9.20am;

Christmas letterbox available in the courtyard

Year 1 Bedtime Stories via Zoom, 6.15 to 6.40pm

Friday 4th December—Note: no 3M Class Assembly, carried over to next term

Tuesday 8th December—Year 2 Bedtime Stories via Zoom, 6.15 to 6.40pm

Friday 11th December—Last posting day for school Christmas cards

Friday 18th December—Last day of term



Community News/Notices

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



Friday 19th March 2021 ...

...is going to be an exciting day..... if you are a runner, a cyclist or a walker you might like to note it in your diaries!

More another time.....



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Pupil on the day absences and lates: Please telephone or email by 9am

Late parents at pick up: Please telephone before the end of your child's day

Forgotten items: Essential items only, please telephone to arrange drop off

Notifying Us: Forms for leave of absence, administering medicine, change of details etc. are available on our website under 'Parents' and 'Notify Us', please send in completed forms by email

Thank you