



Dear Parents/Carers,

The Questionnaire!

Thank you – many have been emailed to Mrs Uzzell, and I know many of you have not managed to do one yet. Please do try over the weekend. Remember they are all being treated anonymously and they help us to know what we are doing well and what you'd like to see improved.



Friday 19th March 2021 – an exciting date for our diaries!

The Bishops' Big Library Challenge will see us re-live the excitement of last year's Race to Canterbury. However, this time we will be walking, cycling and...yes...running from our Grade 2 Listed Library to the greatest Library in the Land – The British Library, in the heart of London! Better still, each group will have a Bishops' book to race with! Some of you will have noticed me out and about with the camera recently. Well, that is because I am trying to capture images from this hugely difficult year so that, together, we can create a unique book, full of photos, pictures, poetry and memories of life at The Bishops'. We hope to give a copy of the book to every family at The Bishops' whilst also raising money for our new hall.



So, what can you do to help?

If you are happy to be included:

- Key Worker parents and carers – please email in a photo of yourself in your workplace (we'll need your name in the email...)
- All members of the community – write a short poem or reflection either about the lockdowns, or about the inspirations for hope and what gave you comfort and joy during the hard times – or about both.....we will include as many as possible!



We will also be asking every child to contribute poems, pictures and memories so that we end up with a book that is special for everyone . The resulting book will be raced to The British Library with a copy given from our library - one of the smallest - to the largest library in the country – where it will be stored for future generations to enjoy!

Our teachers will be working with your children on their contributions and some of this may well be for homework, so please get involved where you can!

All contributions should be emailed to Miss Foale at c.foale@bishops.essex.sch.uk

Finally, we are looking for sponsors for this project. It will cost around £4,000 to create a colour book that we can give to every family (we will be asking for donations for the books for those who can – but want every donation to go 100% to the new hall project). Please consider whether you or your business would be able to support this. It would of course be recognised in the book. We could be looking at 8 gifts of £500, or 4 of £1000 – or a mixture. We are not necessarily looking for one sponsor to offer the whole amount. Again, please let Miss Foale know at c.foale@bishops.essex.sch.uk if you can help.

Ideally, we would like all the contributions for the book, as well as sponsorship, in before the end of term, so that we can work on putting it all together first thing in the new year.

Thank you!

Here are some pictures from this week...

Year 4 basketball



Year 1 Dance and Drama



Year 3 Strings



Coach Rachel's Cheerleading Clubs are going well!



Year 6 are....working!!



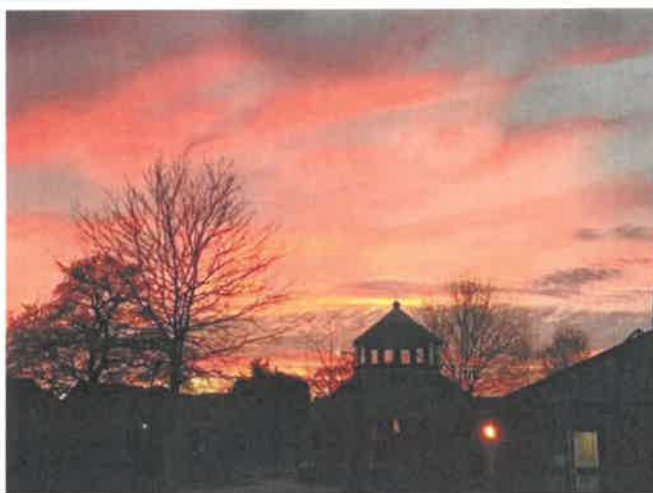
Year 2s are flying!



Badgers and Hedgehogs went on a bear hunt! They found a real live bear who had escaped from Colchester Zoo! They had great fun asking the bear lots of questions!



....and the school's silhouette with this stunning sunset as a backdrop.



MISSION IMPOSSIBLE NEWS

Wednesday 11th
November 2020

Boy Steals Custard Creams



Mr Barlow angry with no snack and Mr Waters Suspending Arashk

On Tuesday 17th November (at 10am), Arashk Zarei broke into MR Barlow's secret cupboard to steal custard creams (15 to be exact). This all took place in the year 5 classrooms, at the Bishops C of E and RC Primary School. It is believed this all came about because Arashk missed his breakfast.

The terrible event occurred because Arashk stayed up late to play Fortnite – as he was trying to get the best score in his class. After sleeping in he rushed around trying to get ready quickly (he spent too long doing his hair).

During assembly Arashk crept into Mr Barlow's cupboard and stuffed custard creams in his mouth. He sneakily returned into 5E classroom and he thought he had got away with his crime. Sadly, eagle eyed, Mr Evans spotted crumbs all over his face. After that he was sent to Mr Barlow – who held back his tears, just. "Where's my custard creams gone, that is my snack". Mr Barlow sent him to Mr Waters, who instantly suspended him (for 2 days).

Arashk has since returned to school and promises to go to bed on time and eat his breakfast. Mr Barlow has since forgiven Arashk and bought more custard creams for his cupboard.

Written by Harvey Brown

Star Readers

We are excited to announce that at the end of each term we will be awarding one child in each class a **Star Reader Badge**. Each teacher will be looking for children who are making lots of progress, reading regularly at home or showing a great attitude towards reading in class. They get to keep their badge and can wear it with pride! We look forward to announcing the first winners at the end of this term.



Lunchtime Menu—Week beginning Monday 30th November 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pasta in Tomato Sauce OR Macaroni Cheese	Cajun Chicken Served with Rice & Broccoli Florets OR Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry Served with Rice	Traditional Sausage in Yorkshire Pudding OR Linda McCartney Sausage in Blanket	Freshly made Breaded Chicken Chunks Served with Chunky Chips, Peas & Coleslaw OR Grilled Halloumi Burger with Houmous (optional) Served with Coleslaw	Freshly made Pizza with a choice of Meat Free Toppings Served with Mixed Salad Chilled Yoghurts
Served with Mixed Salad	Served with Rice	New Potatoes Carrots Cauliflower Florets	Chocolate Cake	
Fresh Fruit Selection	Fresh Fruit Selection	Vanilla Ice Cream		

Christmas Productions by Video

The viewing of **Christmas Productions** this year will be by **videos** which will be uploaded onto your children's google classroom pages. Your child's teacher will be emailing you with more details and to ask for your **consent**. Please reply to your child's teacher, if requested, by **Monday 30th November 2020**. Thank you.

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

Monday 30th November— Christmas video consent replies to teachers where necessary



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



Tuesday 8th December— Church led by 4HG via Zoom, 9.20am;
Year 2 Bedtime Stories via Zoom, 6.15 to 6.40pm

Wednesday 9th December—School Christmas Dinner

Friday 11th December—Last posting day for school Christmas cards;
FS Christmas Production video upload, 4pm

Monday 14th December—Year 1/2 Christmas Production video upload, 4pm

Tuesday 15th December— Year 3/4 Christmas Production video upload, 4pm

Wednesday 16th December—Year 5/6 Christmas Production video upload, 4pm

Thursday 17th December— The Bishops' Christmas Journey to Bethlehem,
in the evening, details to follow

Friday 18th December— M&M Pantomime in school, 3 performances;
Last day of term

Friday 19th March 2021—

Fundraising walk, run & cycle event for The Bishops' School Hall



Community News/Notices

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



The Bishops' School



Contact us on: 01245 460107 / admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk

Website: www.bishops.essex.sch.uk

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