



Dear Parents/Carers,



### Headlines

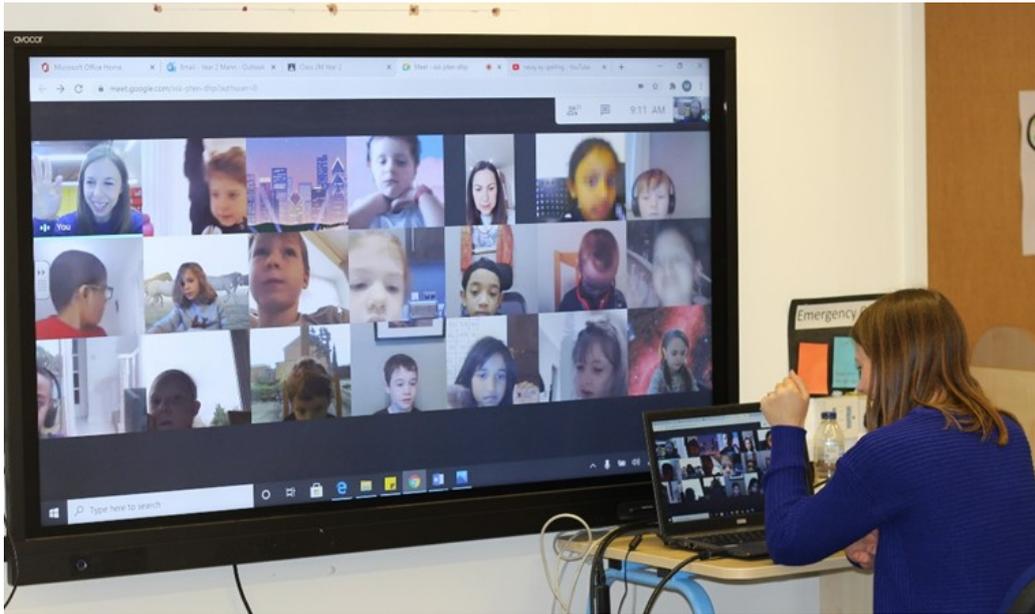
1. Thank you. As I wander around the classes and see so many of your children's faces on Google Class lessons, I am just astonished at the uptake of you all and the skills of your children's staff (and you and your children) in managing the new way of education.
2. Thank you to our LSAs – they have become teachers for so much of the time in school, managing and teaching our bubbles in school.
3. We are missing your children in school!
4. The British Library Adventure is being postponed. 19<sup>th</sup> March seems too soon in the light of the current pandemic situation – so we are going to aim for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – the day before the summer half term. This is when we normally have our St. Augustine's Day celebrations and picnic, and I am hopeful that this will be safe to do towards the end of the summer term.
5. The state of the pandemic in the Chelmsford area seems still to be critical – please keep your children off school if they show *any* signs of illness – and book a test for them, and keep yourselves safe.

In school the staff are wearing masks around school (but not in their classes) – so here are what a few of us look like!



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

And here's what the **Class Google Meets** look like from the classrooms!



Children in 2C have welcomed a new member of staff to their team – **Miss Reeve** – who is a student teacher from Canterbury Christchurch. We hope she enjoys her time with us.



**Worship Assemblies** continue to be at 1.10pm every day and can be watched live or after that time on The Bishops' School and Hall Project FB page. They are led by a range of staff and ministers – if you can, please join us with your children for a moment of stillness, reflection and prayer each day.

Finally, did you catch the extraordinary and uplifting poem written and delivered by the American National Youth Poet Laureate at Joe Biden's inauguration? If you didn't, and have a moment, be inspired:

<https://www.theguardian.com/global/video/2021/jan/20/youth-poet-laureate-amanda-gorman-recital-at-biden-inauguration-video>



Here's just a part of her poem, and maybe she speaks for us all:

And so we lift our gazes not to what stands between us, but what stands before us.

We close the divide because we know, to put our future first,  
we must first put our differences aside.

We lay down our arms so we can reach out our arms to one another.

We seek harm to none and harmony for all.

Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true:

That even as we grieved, we grew.

That even as we hurt, we hoped.

That even as we tired, we tried.

That we'll forever be tied together, victorious.

Not because we will never again know defeat,  
but because we will never again sow division.....



...and she finishes:

When day comes, we step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid.

The new dawn blooms as we free it.

For there is always light,

if only we're brave enough to see it.

If only we're brave enough to be it.



Do checkout the community page for some helpful hints on helping your children (and you) keep going and keep healthy in mind as well as body.....

### **Community News/Notices**

Please visit the 'News/General News' section on our website for information on useful organisations, children's activities, community events and local businesses.

## Lunchtime Menu

Week beginning  
Monday  
25<sup>th</sup> January  
2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pasta with Grated Cheese Tomato Sauce	Roast Turkey <u>OR</u> Veggie Sausage	Cheese and Tomato Pizza  Served with Sweetcorn	Cottage Pie with Broccoli  <u>OR</u> Quorn Fillet	Fish Fingers  <u>OR</u> Veggie Fingers
Homemade Cake	Served with New Potatoes and Carrots  Yoghurt	Ice Cream	Smoothie	Served with Chips and peas  Fresh Fruit Selection

## The Bishops' PTA

Thank you to those who were able to join us for our PTA meeting this week via Zoom.

We are pleased to announce that we raised £383.27 in commission from the orders you placed with My Child's Art before Christmas, thank you so much for every order that was made, fundraising in this way is currently one of a few ways we are able to do so, as ever we are extremely grateful for all your support.

Thank you also to those who have donated their winnings from the School Lottery back to the PTA. If you would like to know about ways to support the PTA currently please do contact us.

Thank you, The PTA

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Find us @BishopsPta, Or The Bishops' School PTA on Facebook

## Looking Ahead

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

— *The Bishops' Big Library Challenge* —

Fundraising walk, run & cycle event in aid of The Bishops' School Hall.

## The Bishops' School

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