



Dear Parents/Carers and CHILDREN,

The Bishops' full re-opening, for the second and we hope final time, is just over a week away! 10 sleeps! We are all really looking forward to welcoming you back and I want to say to you as loudly and clearly and thankfully as I can – **well done**. This lockdown has been so much harder than the summer one.

It's rained and rained, Christmas has been so much smaller without seeing friends and family, and so many of you have been stuck in your homes being taught through a screen. You have been amazing – and your teachers and teaching assistants have been amazing too.

Thank you all for keeping going and getting through these hard times.

We have missed each one of you.



ARRIVAL and COLLECTION details for 8th March

Please.....

Continue to wear a mask as you approach the school and while on the school site, if you are able to.

Do not bring your child to school if they are unwell in just about any way!

If there are Covid symptoms, please continue to get a test, keep away from school, and let us know the result.

We are so grateful to all of you who have done this and ensured The Bishops' has been as safe as possible.

....Thank you.



Please have a look at this table to see your children's times and places. If you have more than one child, **you may drop off both children at the earlier child's time**, but will have to wait on site at the end of the day for each child to be released separately.

Here are the details of arrival and collecting your children, with just one simple change for **Year 6 who will be entering and leaving the school through the car park and FS play area**, instead of by the MUGA. Everything else will stay the same for the time being.

Year Group	Arrival time	Entrance point	Finish time	Exit point
Foundation Stage	8.55 – 9.05	Through FS play area (staff car park)	2.50	Parents/ Carers: IN through STAFF CAR PARK and FS OUT through CHICKENS gate
Year 1	8.55 – 9.05	Through hall	2.55	
Year 2	8.55 – 9.05	Through chickens' gate	3.00	
Year 3	8.45 – 8.55	Through chickens' gate	3.05	
Year 4	8.45 – 8.55	Through FS play area (staff car park)	3.10	
Year 5	8.50 – 9.00	Through hall	3.15	
Year 6	8.45 – 8.55	Through FS play area (staff car park)	3.15	

Uniform will be as last term:

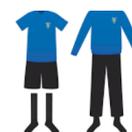
plain black trainers every day



(logos should be subtle, please, preferably black – and in KS1, unless your children are amazing at laces, they should have **Velcro fastenings**)

plain blue track suit/normal PE clothing

depending on the weather, on PE days or sports club days



polo shirts all year round (no buttoned blue shirts and ties)

[Please continue to avoid coming into school unless you are a child!](#)



The offices are just a phone call away, or an email.....
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Our Water of Forgiveness Service

All of us who were in school and many of you at home who joined in by fblive were able to use water as a simple symbol of God's forgiveness in our first outdoor service of this year. Here's Mr Fisher asking God's blessing on us all at the end of the service, which reminded us that God forgives us completely and joyfully, and that we learn from this to forgive others. I think it maybe takes a lifetime of learning to really understand this – and that maybe children are best at it (there's a happy paradox there)!



Mr Evans is on paternity leave!

Many congratulations to him and his wife on the birth of a son – Rafferty John Evans. Mr Evans has been advising the Prime Minister about the best time for schools to re-open, and so will return on 8th March with everyone else. We are incredibly grateful to Mr Barlow for taking on the online teaching for both Year 5 classes until the return.



Year 4 Bench Ball with Coach Chris...



...Ready...Steady...Go!



This is Jasmin's Dream Jar from 4HG – isn't it stunning! And how we should all be dreaming of better times, and sunshine, and fun with friends....



Lunchtime Menu: Week Beginning Monday 1st March 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Sausage	Macaroni Cheese	Roast Chicken	Fish Fingers	
	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>	
	Veggie Nuggets	Veggie Sausage Served with New Potatoes and Green Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna, Cheese	Quorn Fillet Served with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding and Carrots	Veggie Fingers Served with Chips and Beans	
	Flapjack	Fresh Fruit Selection	Ice Cream	Fresh Fruit Selection	Yoghurt	

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (bccs) has continued to support the emotional health and wellbeing of children, young people and families throughout the lockdowns and they anticipate an even greater need for their services well into the future. They have been a great support to our school over many years and Donna, our School Counsellor, comes to us through BCCS. Please take a minute to read about their work and support their Lenten

Appeal if you can:

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society – bccs – Spring Newsletter: https://www.bccs.org.uk/application/files/9516/1409/6364/BCCS_Spring_Newsletter_2021.pdf

A listening heart, in the light of the Risen Lord

newsbccs Spring 2021 @bccs_charity A listening heart, in the light of the Risen Lord
Predictions about Coronavirus are, as we have discovered during the pandemic,
pretty

www.bccs.org.uk

The Bishops' PTA

Did you know we are on Facebook?

You can find us by searching "The Bishops' school PTA"

We also have a page for Preloved uniform, perfect for selling/passing on uniform items before the children return to school "The Bishops' School Preloved uniform"

Please feel free to join the pages.

Many thanks, The PTA

Contact us: thebishopspta@gmail.com

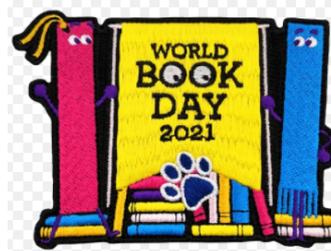
Find us @BishopsPta, Or The Bishops' School PTA on Facebook



World Book Day!

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4th March,
when the children's teachers will be dressing up themselves
and the Google Meets will take on a whole new flavour!

(Please do not buy costumes! – do improvise and make if you
possibly can, they do not need to be Hollywood examples of
costume...)



Looking Ahead

Thursday 4th March—World Book Day, dress up as a book character

Monday 8th March—Back to school for all!

Friday 26th March—Last day of spring term

Monday 29th March to Friday 9th April 2021—Spring Break

Monday 12th April—Start of summer term
(sports and drama clubs will restart)



Friday 28th May 2021
— **The Bishops' Big Library Challenge** —
Fundraising walk, run & cycle event in aid of



The Bishops' School

Reporting Absences: Please telephone or email by 9am

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 to the above email



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Community News/Notices

Do checkout the community page on our website ('**News/General News**') for:

- ◆ helpful hints on helping your children (and you) keep going
and keep healthy in mind as well as body
- ◆ information on useful organisations, children's activities,
community events and local businesses.