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THE BISHOPS' SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,



FS had their dressing up day on Wednesday – it's such a pleasure seeing how settled they are in school (I know a few are still nervous as they come into school – this is really normal). They are doing really well.

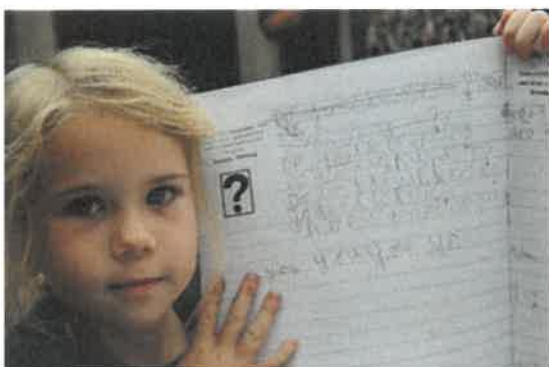
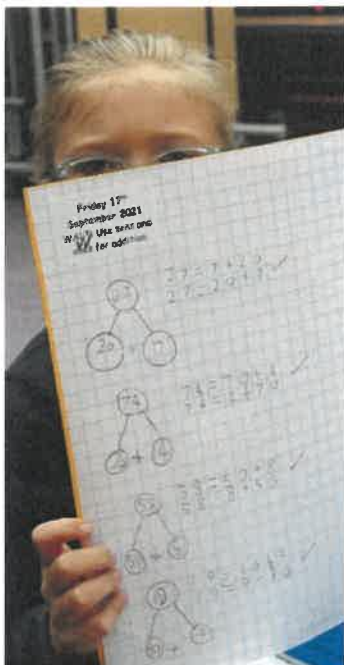


Live Fully, Laugh Often, Learn Deeply,
Love as God Loves You and Let Your Light Shine

Feedback Monitoring

Three of our governors have joined us to see how our new feedback policy is working – they interviewed children and staff, looked at your children’s work and soaked up the atmosphere of the school. What we are trying to do is shift from written marking to verbal feedback and ‘quick’ written marking which allows teachers to gauge the children’s understanding really quickly. 3 ticks is ‘Got it completely’, 2 ticks ‘Got it pretty well’ and 1 tick is ‘Needs some support to really get this’....then the teacher focuses on preparing for the next day so that children who have not understood something are helped as quickly as possible. In KS1 the children also have purple pen marking for noticing great things, and green pen marking for noticing something that may need some extra practice. The Teaching Assistants also contribute to this process, and we may use an assembly time to catch up with a pupil or a group of pupils who could do with some extra support to keep them confident in a subject and maybe correct a misunderstanding.

This is all a shift that we trialled a bit last year and have started more formally this term. Here are some of the children we interviewed showing their work:





Meet our **new Chair of Governors – Rob Higgs**. Rob has a leading IT role in a multinational organisation and we are grateful for the service he has already given to the governing body and welcome him to his new role.



Many of you will have met **Marian Uzzell** who has been our **Chair of Governors** for the past 14 years. She has worked tirelessly and passionately for the school, giving us time, inspiration, support and contributing significantly to the strategic leadership of The Bishops'. We are greatly indebted to her and hope that she will continue to be involved in the life of the school for many years to come – just in different ways. Thank you, Mrs Uzzell!



Class 4HG News

Mrs Godfrey is expecting a baby! Due to Covid safety measures she will be leaving us at the end of next week, and some of your children may end up seeing her by zoom, as she will be working from home for a number of weeks. We wish her and her family lots of happiness as they prepare for a new wonder arriving!



I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Fung will be covering Mrs Godfrey's maternity leave. She is an experienced local teacher and taught your children a great lesson on adverbial phrases on Thursday as a trial.



Soft Plastics Recycling

There are recycling facilities for soft plastics e.g. salad & crisp packets, at certain supermarkets, visit recyclenow.com for more information.



Year 4 started a 5 week block of tennis coaching with Mr Nightingale from Hamptons, and were lucky enough to witness this rainbow at the same time.



The **PTA** had their **AGM** this week, and more details will be on their newsletter slot. I just want to thank the team - those who lead it, those who support it and those who came for the first time and enjoyed prosecco (and other soft drinks!) and pizza whilst discussing plans for events and fund-raising. Thanks especially to **Becci Higgs** as Chair, **Sarah Mott** the newly appointed Vice-Chair, **Nicole Davenport** as Treasurer and newly appointed **Lisa Stonestreet** as Secretary. Thank you too to **Laura Boreham** (outgoing Secretary) and **Jane Ship** (outgoing Vice Chair) for all their wonderful hard work. We are looking forward to this year's events even if we cannot yet fill the school with our normal fayres and excitement.

THANK YOU!



It's wonderful to see different clubs starting up again - here's **Art Club** with **Mrs Bennett**, and a brand new **Band** with **Mr Saiters**.



Lunchtime Menu: Week Beginning Monday 4th October 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pasta with Tomato Sauce or Cheese	Cumberland Sausage with Gravy	Jacket Potatoes with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Minced Beef Mexican Style Burritos	Omega 3 Breadcrumbs Fish Fingers
Served with Mixed Salad	<u>OR</u> Gluten Free Spicy Bean Burger	<u>OR</u> Roasted Seasonal Vegetable Parcels	<u>OR</u> Vegetable Fajitas	<u>OR</u> Veggie Fingers
Fresh Fruit Selection	Served with New Potatoes, Baked Beans or Peas	Chocolate Ice Cream	Served with Sweetcorn	Served with Chips & Baked Beans or Peas
	Chunky Flapjack		Chilled Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit Selection

Sports News



The **Year 5 & 6 Football Team** excitedly made their way to Great Baddow High School on Wednesday afternoon with hopes and dreams of going deep in to the tournament. After an accomplished start, winning their group matches 2-0, 1-0 and 4-0 against

Perryfields, Great Waltham and Great Leighs respectively, it sadly wasn't to be. Although dominant in the semi final versus St Peters, the match ended 0 - 0 and sudden death beckoned. As each team was reduced by a player every 30 seconds in the hope of forcing a result, both teams look shattered playing 3 a side. Unfortunately, it was us that tired first, losing to a golden breakaway goal and missing out on the final.



Credit to the boys who picked themselves up to beat Great Leighs again 2 - 1 in the 3rd/4th play off after being bitterly disappointed.



The Bishops' PTA



First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone who came along to the AGM and first committee meeting of the year, we had a great turnout on a cold, rainy night and I am extremely grateful to each of you who attended. It was lovely to welcome new members of our school family to the meeting.

During the meeting, all of the trustees stepped down from their positions as we do each year, two decided that currently they would like to step back from an official role and so I would like to say a massive thank you to Laura Boreham and Ed Haynes for their work over the last year! We then re-elected all the positions and I am pleased to share with you the up to date list of trustees/officers for the PTA:

Chair Person- Becci Higgs
Vice Chair – Sarah Mott
Secretary – Lisa Stonestreet
Treasurer – Nicole Davenport
Vice Treasurer- Claire Edmunds

We are looking forward to holding, hopefully, a few more events over this academic year but have decided to focus mostly on events that can be held outside, this therefore means we will not be having a traditional Christmas Fayre this year but we will still host an event to celebrate Christmas, more details of which will follow later in the term.

Coming up first though we have an exciting twist on a non uniform day which will take place before half term and details of this will be with you in the next couple of weeks.

Our meeting left me full of excitement of what we can do over the next year and how we can raise some money for our school.

Thank you to each and everyone of you for supporting the PTA and YOUR school. We couldn't do it without you.

Becci and The PTA team

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USBORNE Book Fair

You're invited to our
Book Fair

When is the fair?
12th/13th October 2021

Where will it be held?
The School Hall

When does it start?
3p.m. for parents/carers

Our Usborne Partner is,
Once Upon a Book Shop

Come to our book fair and earn
free books for our school!

School Book Fair on 12th/13th October 2021

KS2 will visit the fair during the afternoon on **Tuesday 12th October** and may bring cash to purchase books if you wish (guide price £5-£10).

KS1 will visit on **Wednesday 13th October** to look at books but not purchase them—please do not send money into school.

The book fair will be open to parents on 12th and 13th October after school in the hall. Please enter via the hall doors in the staff car park and exit via the hall doors by the office.

Usborne will donate up to 60% of total sales in **FREE BOOKS** to the school.

Thank you for your support.

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Best Attendance
Last Week
 Class — 1YD—99.3%
 Class— 3M—98.9%
 Well Done!

Reporting Absences:
Illness—please telephone or email the school office by 9am
Medical appointments—please provide copy of appointment letter in advance
All other absences—please complete in advance a leave of absence form (available on our website or by request from the office)
 Telephone: 01245 460107
 Email: admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.bishops.essex.sch.uk

This week, please checkout the community page on our website ('News/General News') for:
Secondary School Open Event Info

Looking Ahead



Monday 4th October—

6FT's residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands, 8am

Tuesday 5th October—Church Service for Group 1 led by 4S in hall and via Zoom, 9.20am

Wednesday 6th October—6A's residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands, 8am;
 6FT return from Thorpe Woodlands, 5.15pm

Thursday 7th October—Science & Computer Science Enrichment Day at Chelmsford County High, 9.15am to 2.40pm (selected children only)

Friday 8th October— Maths meeting for Year 2 parents
 6A return from Thorpe Woodlands, 5.15pm

Tuesday 12th October—Church Service for Grp 1 led by 5E; Book Fair for KS2

Wednesday 13th October—Book Fair for KS1

Thursday 14th October—English meeting for Year 2 parents

Friday 15th October— Phonics meeting for FS parents;
 5B Class Assembly in school hall and via Zoom, 9.20am

Tuesday 19th October—Church Service for Grp 2 led by 4HG in hall and via Zoom, 9.20am

Friday 22nd October—Non-pupil day; Parent Consultations

Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October— Half term break

Wednesday 3rd November—Year 5 trip to Duxford (details to follow);

Photographers in school to take individual photos (Year 5 will be before trip)

Tuesday 9th November—Choir to Barnardo's Concert at Royal Albert Hall, 8am to 11pm

Wednesday 17th November—Year 3 trip to Celtic Harmony Camp (details to follow)

Thursday 18th November—Year 5 Cinema Trip (details to follow)

Thursday 25th November—Flu Immunisations

Thursday 9th December—Christmas Dinner