



Dear Parents/Carers and Children,



Advent is on its way, starting this Sunday – and so we will be singing 'Light the Advent Candle' on Monday morning, as we will every Monday until the end of term - and reminding ourselves of the meaning of the Advent Wreath. It's an exciting time of waiting and we will be encouraging all your children to be seeing it as a time of looking forward to and contributing to a better world, as Mary did in the first Advent. We wish everyone a good Advent.

A couple of weeks ago I asked children who wanted to, to pledge to do something that would help the Environment and support a cleaner, healthier world. Lots of children gave up some time to write on paper chains and these have been displayed in Chelmsford Cathedral. We have been sent these pictures of the Bishops' School's offering:



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



Children throughout the school learn Public Speaking skills with Shush – as well as having fun with miming, acting and song. The task for Year 6s is, terrifyingly, to prepare and learn a speech (without notes!). I am in awe of the children I saw last week who both introduced their friends' speeches and delivered their own, passionately advocating the need to abolish homework or for a four day working week.....all without notes and with great expression, eye contact and movement.



## Sports News...

Another sporting competition, this week Yr 6 Badminton, and more sporting success, 1st and 3rd place finishes for the A & B teams respectively. This means that the Badminton A Team will now go on to represent Chelmsford at the County Finals early in the new year after comprehensively winning all their fixtures at the Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre on Tuesday. Credit to both Bishops' teams who were put through their paces every break and lunchtime over the past week and a few of whom spent their weekend honing their skills at their local leisure centre.



It was a very cold afternoon at Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre for the Year 3 and 4 Cross Country but an enjoyable one. There were fabulous runs across all four races with plenty of top 30 finishes, but performance of the day goes to Luke who finished 1st in the Year 3 Boys race.



On Thursday, a team from The Bishops played Netball against the Perryfields B team.

They were very evenly matched, but in the last few minutes Perryfields just managed to take the lead and the end result was 4-3 to Perryfields.

Given that the girls have only been playing since September and all bar one team member is year 5, we were delighted with this result!

Elena, Emer, Alannah, Emilia, Eva, Eni, and Florrie made up the team.

We asked Perryfields to pick a player of the match and they picked Florrie. Well played to all the girls.



## On Another Note....

An Incredibly Rare Thing...

Jamie Taylor (6A) just got a distinction, with full marks(!), for his recent grade 1 piano exam - he worked really hard for it so we are really proud.



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EXAMINATION REPORT FORM			
Name: Jamie Taylor		Centre: Recorded Exams	
Session: Digital Exam 2021		Exam: Piano - Grade 1	
Teacher Name: Mihails Saiters		Candidate ID: 1020130042011	
Accreditation No: 501/1985/0		Registration No: 46341	
		Unit No: L/602/4072 (Level 1, 6 credits, EQF Level 2)	
		Marks available	Marks awarded
1 Technical Work / Study	Scales, Broken chords and arpeggios - Very well played. Well done!	20	20
2 Performance	Andante - One very gentle performance. Very accurate articulation and steady tempo. The melody and accompanying lines were well played by both hands.	20	20
3 Performance	Flying Above the Clouds - You played this piece with a lovely sense of musical phrasing. Your dynamics control was impressive. The melody and accompanying lines were well played by both hands. Amazing performance.	20	20
4 Performance	Baby Bouncer - You played this this piece with very good dynamics control, amazing swinging style in lively tempo. Your performance included also a depth of expression and you captured the very essence and spirit of this piece. An outstanding performance in all aspects!	20	20
5 Discussion	Fantastic understanding of the music theory and explanation of the musical picture. This made your performance more musical and your playing more gentle.  Congratulations Jamie, on achieving Distinction in your exam, fantastic work!	20	20
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## Lunchtime Menu: Week Beginning Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Sausage & Tomato Pasta	Roast Turkey & Yorkshire Pudding	Jacket Potato With Cheese, Tuna, Beans	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chunky Chips & Peas
Freshly made Pizza with a variety of Toppings	<u>OR</u> Veggie Sausage & Tomato Pasta	<u>OR</u> Roasted Quorn Yorkshire pudding	<u>OR</u> Vegetarian Sausage Roll	<u>OR</u> Curried Vegetable Samosa with Mango Chutney Served with Rice & Peas
Served with Mixed Salad	Served with Sweetcorn	Served with Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower & Broccoli	Served with New Potatoes & Fine Green Beans	Served with Rice & Peas
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Frozen Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Chunky Flapjacks	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt

### Hometime



If ever you are unsure about picking up, your child or anyone else's, or arrangements change, please contact the office.



Thank you!



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### Mrs Forte is leaving us!

Although it is a little way off – next February – we are very sad to tell you that Mrs Forte is moving to pastures green. She has been appointed as School Business Manager to a beautiful school in Stock. Mrs Forte is a Tour de Force at Bishops' and we will miss her leadership of all things financial, material, officy and policy-related – and of Little Fingers which she set up and has managed for many years. We offer her congratulations on securing a new position.



### Parking!

You will have missed reminders about this in the last few newsletters. This week we heard of a pupil in another school getting hit by a car, and this is something we have to prevent at all costs here....please, whatever the time of day, even if it's well before school or well after, don't use the staff driveway as a turning around space or a drop-off point. Please take the time to park, away from the double yellows.

Thank you.

## The Bishops' PTA

Thank you to everyone who came along to our glass painting event this week, we had a lovely time and are already thinking about the next event.

Our 2022 calendars have arrived and will be on sale soon, more information will come via email.

Please don't forget to purchase your big PTA raffle tickets, the first draw is soon.

Coming up next week on Weds 1st we have our Christmas jumper swap shop outside school in the morning, jumpers/Christmas clothing can be dropped off at 8.30 and then items will be for sale from 9am priced at £1 each. All funds go straight to the PTA.

If you are Black Friday shopping this weekend don't forget you can support the PTA through Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile.

For more information on any of the above please email [thebishopspta@gmail.com](mailto:thebishopspta@gmail.com)  
Many thanks, The PTA

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The Bishops' School PTA on Facebook



## Christmas Jumper Sale

### Wednesday 1st December

Donate all your unwanted Christmas jumpers, tops & dresses (all ages & sizes) at the front of the school between 8.30 and 9am.

Sale starts at 9am and all items will be £1



## Cake Sale next Friday!



There is a cake sale next **Friday, 3rd December**, in aid of Cancer Research for the whole school, led by members of 5E and some parents. I'm really pleased that your children are so eager to do good things and support great charities.



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

Useful organisations, children's activities, community events and local businesses

## Looking Ahead

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November**—Height & weight checks for Year 6;  
Height, weight & vision checks for FS, in school

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**— Church for Group 1 led by 6A;

All In Competition (selected children), at CSAC, 9.45am to 10.30am

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**—PTA Christmas Jumper Sale, drop off 8.30 to 9am, sale 9am

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**—5E Cake Sale for the whole school in aid of Cancer Research

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**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**—Church for Group 2 led by 6FT;  
Teddy Lympics, selected children, at CSAC, 12 for 12.45am to 2.45pm

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December**— PTA Red, Green & Sparkly Day;  
Christmas Dinner



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**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**—  
Christmas Carols & Reading Event, outside,  
4.30pm/KS1 & 5.45pm/KS2

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**— Pantomime 'Aladdin' in School;  
Last day of term, 3pm finish for all

**Please report all absences to the school office, thank you**

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