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**THE BISHOPS' SCHOOL NEWS**



We wish you all a joyful Christmas. You have wonderful children and we hope you all manage to have special times with them in this special season.  
(These pictures might make it into the Essex Chronicle!)



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

## Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Well it has been another unsettled end of term – when we had nearly got to the end and were looking forward to our Carols by Candlelight. If you want to see the stable which we were to have at school, head out to St. John's Church, Church Lane, Little Leighs. There is a car park just beyond the church on the left, and some great countryside walks from there.



These times can make us all feel unsettled, and they disrupt our plans (I am allowed out of isolation at midnight on Christmas Eve!) – unlike anything in our pre-Covid lives. In our country we are so used to settled times, safety and predictability.

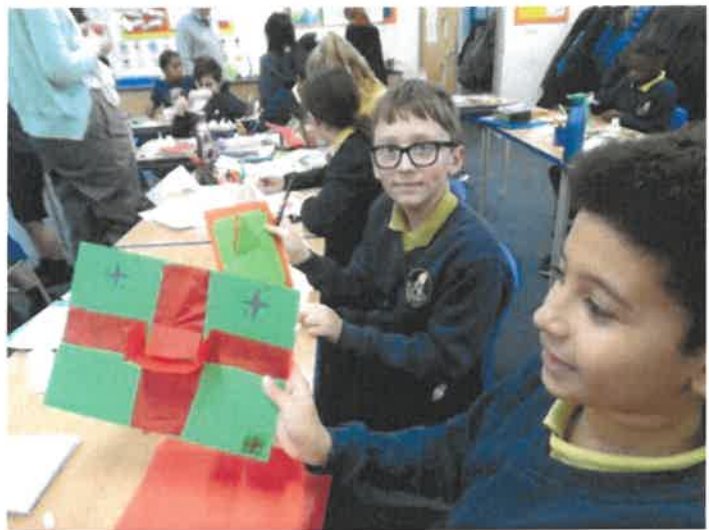
The stable scene is a good reminder that Jesus was born into troubled times, lived in troubled times and that in some way he showed that this is where the life of God shines the brightest. I love the words of Julian of Norwich: "All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well." Julian lived in the fourteenth century and survived two waves of the Black Death – so she is speaking to our times!

And so we at The Bishops' wish you all hopefulness and the surprises of fun, and joy, and laughter despite the news and the difficulties - and we wish you the light that is God's love, especially shown in the faces of your children (yes, it's true!).





Your children have been enjoying lots of art over the last week.



Congratulations to  
**Harrison Mercer.**  
He has recently signed to  
play football for  
**Colchester United U11s.**  
He worked really hard on  
the trial, and was signed  
last week.



We have evidence in school that sainthood is to be found in the most unusual of places!





Chloe has just been given a certificate for her stage 2 LAMDA exam. She got a distinction! How wonderful! What a beaming smile!

Year 4 have been learning about formal and informal letter writing this half term. We have surprised lots of family and friends around the country, (and a couple going further afield), with handwritten letters to say 'hi'. We have already heard some have been received and replies are heading back our way.





**5B carol singing at Cotman Lodge on Wednesday (outside) The residents listened at their windows and a few came outside to join us. When we returned to school, 2 ladies had come to the school to hear the singing, so we gave them another carol concert at the front of school!**



**5B were out carol singing again on Thursday, this time joined by 2 of 5E. We went to Lyons Court and the residents joined us outside for a short open air carol concert.**





## Lunchtime Menu: Week Beginning Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Roast Turkey & Yorkshire Pudding	Jacket Potato With Cheese, Tuna, Beans	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chunky Chips & Peas
<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>
Roasted Quorn Yorkshire pudding	Vegetarian Sausage Roll	Curried Vegetable Samosa with Mango Chutney Served with Rice & Peas
Served with Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower & Broccoli	Served with New Potatoes & Fine Green Beans	Served with Rice & Peas
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Chunky Flapjacks	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt

This beautiful painting is now hanging in the courtyard – painted by Mrs Ivanova, it is a beautiful expression of dancing in the light, coming out of the darkness.

Thank you Mrs !!



Today we say a sad farewell to Mrs Dennis-Lauder and her three children Blake, Sienna and Jude. Mrs D-L has been a wonderful teacher for our Year 1s, and we have loved having three out of the four of her children with us. We wish her and all her family every happiness as they make a new home in New Zealand.



## The Bishops' PTA

Thank you all for your support with our fundraising efforts this year. Unfortunately, many of our planned activities and events have not been able to take place, but we hope to be back in force in 2022.

In the meantime, please don't forget to use Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile to raise money for the PTA while you do your last-minute Christmas shopping.

\*Please note the next PTA meeting is on the **18<sup>th</sup> of January 2022** via Zoom. Please do join us if you can as we discuss plans for the year ahead.

*We wish you all a happy, healthy Festive break.*



Many thanks, The PTA team



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We look forward to welcoming you and your children back to school on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**, and wish you all a wonder-filled Christmas and a hope-filled New Year.



Greg Waters and all the Bishops' Team

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

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