

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome back!

Welcome back to Bishops' for this new academic year! I hope that you have all enjoyed a great summer holiday. A special welcome to all our new parents both in FS and across the school. We hope that your children settle in well, and that you all feel part of our school community quickly. Any problems or concerns – please email into school for the



attention of the class teacher, or directly to the class teacher once you know their emails. You may also be able to catch them at the end of the school day when you collect.

School Times



Thank you all for managing the new school times so calmly – it has been much better than I imagined it would. Two reminders:

At the end of the day please come in AND leave by the carpark entrance
UNLESS you have a Year 3 pupil.

At the start of the school day, please just drop off your children at either entrance and let them make their own way round to their classes. Thank you!

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

Meet our new staff

We have also welcomed some new staff this term:

Mrs Sheldon is our new SENDCO:



Mrs Ealham and Mrs Wong are new Mid-day Assistants and Mrs Ireton is a new cook



Mrs Coldwell is teaching in Year 1 on Thursdays and Fridays (1YC), and Mrs Tarplett is teaching in FS Hedgehog Class also Thursdays and Fridays



Mr Bowen-Long and Mrs Hubble are new LSAs, as is Miss Wilson.



We also welcome back Mrs McLuckie and welcome Mrs Harding to an LSA role from the kitchen! (pics to follow next week!...)

Here are some great things that have been going on in and around school this week...



Tiana has made an extraordinary marble run

Year 1 are already busy making portraits...



The playground is busy,
especially with football



FS are settling into creative
play and getting to know
each other



Year 6s are enjoying the luxury of air-conditioned classrooms



WOW!

..and Lydia is
proud of her
judo medal
where she won

gold (in a competition full of boys, she
says!) Well done Lydia!



Dates for your diaries

Class Meetings are changing this term. We have normally had these in the evening and we want to experiment with having them during the school day, just after drop-off. Please wait at the front of school and at 9am we will let you through the chicken gate to the classrooms where the Year Group presentations will be.

Here are the times:

Thursday 14th September : Years 3 and 4

Friday 15th : Years 5 and 6 (The Year 6 meeting will be over an hour due to Thorpe Woodlands discussions)

Monday 18th : Year 2

Wednesday 20th : Year 1

Friday 22nd : Foundation Stage



These meetings will be held in the children's classrooms, and we would ask that parents/ carers drop off their children as usual and then wait by the chicken gate, which we will use as the way through to your children's classes.

The FS meeting will be in the hall.



Baby news!



It was a great joy to welcome Sophia to school on Tuesday (I know she will be in for the children to meet her sometime soon – but best for a calm first visit!).

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Mann on becoming parents!

CONGRATULATIONS!

A big well done to Matthew in year 3 who has passed his Step 1 Violin Exam with a distinction.



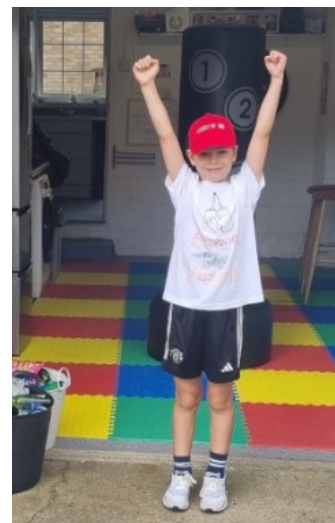
Keep up the great work Matthew!



GREAT JOB!



Another big well done goes to Albert in year 3 for taking part in a 24 hour punch bag event to help raise money for charity. With the help and support of his family, friends and the wider community, a massive £6,290 was raised. Congratulations on all your hard work Albert and for inspiring others to make a positive impact .



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ALBERTS BIG PUNCH

£6,290 raised of £3,333 target • 126 donations



No phone system

Our current phone system has failed, and we are waiting for a new system to be installed. As a result, we have a change to how you can contact the school in the interim.



All child illness related absences need to be emailed to the admin email address (admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk), stating the name of the child, their class and the reason for the absence. A follow up call will be made to you, if required.

We will have a temporary mobile number which is the Little Fingers phone. The number is 07716 391704, ***please only use this number to contact the school if there is an emergency.*** Please note that this number, or a withheld number, will be used to call out from school should we need to communicate with you.

All early pickups and changes to collection of children will need to be sent **via email** to the admin email by 12.45pm at the latest, to minimise disruption to lessons. Any unavoidable emergency messages after this time should be by phone no later than 2.30pm.

The Bishops' PTA

Welcome to all our new families who have joined the school.
We look forward to getting to know you.

Our AGM is coming up for the start of the new academic year.
It will be held Tuesday 26th September at 7.15pm in the school.
All adults are welcome! Please email thebishopspta@gmail.com to let us know if you are coming.



Thank you!

The PTA

Email: thebishopspta@gmail.com,

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Lunch Menu for Week Beginning: Monday 11th September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Sausage & Tomato Pasta	Roast Gammon & Yorkshire Pudding		Breaded Cod 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	Jacket Potato With Cheese, Tuna, Beans	<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	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt
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Community News

For info on more events and activities visit:

[www.bishops.essex.sch.uk/News/General News](http://www.bishops.essex.sch.uk/News/General%20News)

Please let the office know...

Absences due to Illness—please report all on the day absences by phone or email by 9am.

Medical appointments—please provide a copy of the appointment letter **in advance.**

Planned absences —please complete a leave of absence form **in advance.**

Change of details—please complete a change of details form.

All forms are available to download from our website under 'Parents' and 'Notify Us' or from the school office. ***Please state your child's class in any communications with us.***

Telephone: 01245 460107 / Email: admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk



Wishing you all a nice weekend