

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Thank You!



We have a few big

THANK YOUS to give and receive
this week...

Firstly, we received a special thank
you from the Little Edi Foundation
for our Harvest Gifts.

Thank you, Little Edi!

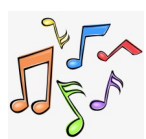


Secondly, a big thank you
for all those who were able
to prepare almost 100
boxes for Operation
Christmas Child.

We hope these gifts bring
much happiness to children,
and spread love to those
in need.

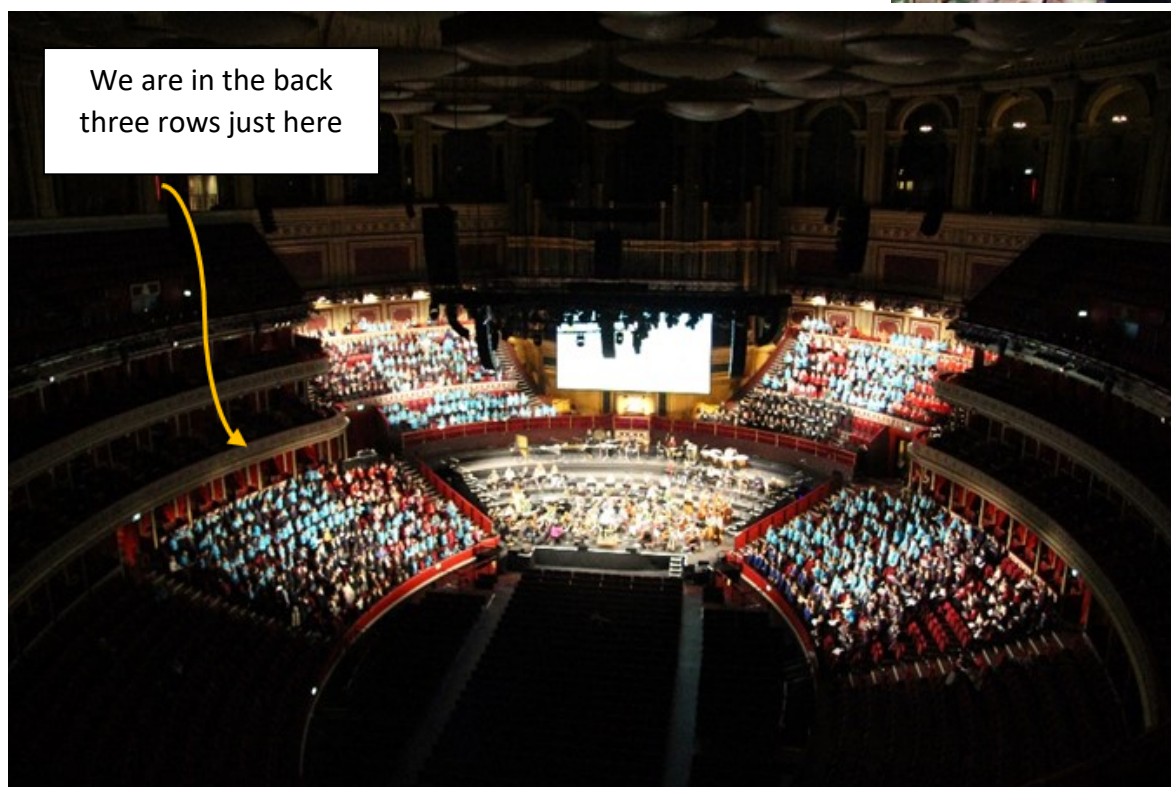
Live Fully, Laugh Often, Learn Deeply,
Love as God Loves You and Let Your Light Shine

Finally, thank you, too, for all your generosity towards the work of Barnardo's for our sponsored day of singing last week. We raised almost £250 and got a special shout out from the one and only Natasha Kaplinsky OBE (she won the first ever Strictly Come Dancing Competition and is a well-known television presenter) at the Royal Albert Hall Barnardo's Concert on Monday night for our fundraising efforts.



Royal Albert Hall

The Choir had the best of times singing with another 900 children from across the country at the Royal Albert Hall on Monday night. It was great to see so many parents and other family members there – thank you all for your support. Next stop is entering their Choir of the Year Competition today (we have been busy doing the recording for this!) Then, it's all about the Young Voices at the O2 in the new year.



We are in the back three rows just here

It's great to sing with one of the most accomplished
orchestras in the world, the Royal Philharmonic
Orchestra, but it's also great to dance in the leaves
(or throw them at each other!...).





YR 4 LEGO DAY

Year 4 had a very exciting visit from the Lego man on Tuesday!

They had a great time designing and making a sustainable town, complete with wind turbines, solar electricity, a church and school (with our logo on it!). Thank you parents /carers who joined us for these activities.

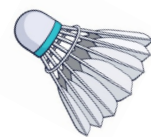


A reminder – if your address, phone number or circumstances change, please let us know – this includes whether or not you are happy to give permission for your children's photos to be in our newsletters etc. Thank you.



Thank you for not blocking the entrance roads to the carparks this week! It makes a big difference!

Yrs 5/6 Badminton



The Chelmsford Sports & Athletics Centre hosted the annual Yrs 5 & 6 Badminton Competition on Monday.



Two Bishops' teams, with a mixture of experience, competed against schools from across the city and finished an impressive 1st and 4th overall.

The winning Bishops' team will now go on to represent Chelmsford in the County Final next year. A huge well done to you all!

Yr 5 Cinema

Once again, On Wednesday morning, Year 5 took part in the Into Film Festival, part of the film industry's way of showing children that there could be possibilities for future careers .

We had a great time at Cineworld in Braintree watching The Railway Children Return - A film linked to our World War 2 topic - enjoying the shared experience of watching a film together.





Teddy Lympics

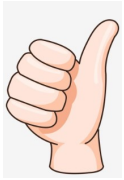


On Wednesday, 16 children from Year 1 enjoyed the Teddy Lympics at Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre.

They had a great time taking part in a variety of sporting activities and decorating teddy flags. They loved meeting the Teddy mascot and had lots of fun! Bishops' green team finished in 8th place and our pink team finished in 6th place.

Well done to everybody who took part!





A VERY WELL DONE TO...



Matthew for his Step 1
Violin Distinction! A
fantastic achievement.

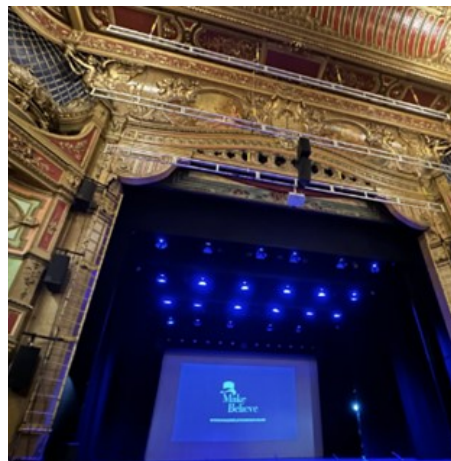


James for his brilliant
rocket making skills !

Eliana and Boden for their stories and Greyson for
his moon!



Olivia-Rose for
recently performing
in a London show at
the Hackney Empire!
Well done
Olivia-Rose.



CHRISTMAS CARDS



We are trying to support the environment by not creating too much waste - and part of this is the extraordinary paper/ card waste which is created by Christmas cards.

This year, we will not be encouraging children to write cards for all their friends - we will be discouraging them. Instead, their teachers will be giving them opportunity to be creative and to make a card for their whole class, or for each child to receive one that is signed by everyone in their class. We hope this will keep it special but will create much less waste, and be a cost-saver for you, too.

Community Choir Starts TODAY!



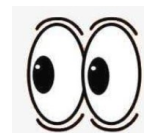
Rehearsals will be **after school in the Year 6 building**, and then on **1st and 8th December**. We will aim to finish by 4pm.

Please come if you can!

For those of you with children, some might like to sing with us, others will have some play equipment, and some will be ok out on the playground as there will be staff to supervise them.



Please remember!



Warm P.E kits

Please make sure your children have WARM P.E kits. Lots of P.E takes place outside and it's getting much colder.



Medicines

Please **do not** send your child into school with medicine in their bag. All medicines must be handed into the school office and a form completed giving us permission to administer it. If you can come into school to administer medicine yourself then this is preferable.



No dogs on school grounds

Dogs are not permitted on school grounds at anytime.



Lost property

Please take a look for any lost property (in the container out the front of school) by Wednesday 29th November as it will all be sorted and then either recycled or disposed of by the end of next week.

School place applications

Applications for school places at the Bishops' require a SIF (Supplementary Information Form) to be signed by a minister if you wish to be considered under the church criteria of the admission code (even if your child has a sibling at the school)





There's a great opportunity for any children (and parents/carers!) who love singing carols to support **St. Augustine's Christmas Fayre**. Rev Caroline will have the words and the music, ready to sing at **2pm on Saturday 25th November**.

Just come if you can - the children will know the songs! More details can be found on the poster in the Community News section of our website



The Bishops' PTFA

On **Friday 1st December** we will be doing some Christmas prep at school for a couple of hours, if you can help or would like more info please email us.

Our Christmas Fayre this year will be on **Friday 15th December at 15.30-17.30**. This is our first Christmas fayre in 4 years and we can't wait to celebrate the festive season with you all.

One of our most popular stalls at the fayre is the tombola, we would love to run this again and therefore we are asking for donations of chocolate (**nut free please**) and sweets for this stall. They all need to be in their original packaging with ingredients listed please. Please send these into school from **Monday 27th November- Thursday 30th November**. The class which collects the most items will win a prize. Thank you!

Also, the fayre simply cannot run without volunteers, we need help during the fayre and afterwards to clear up. Please if you are able to offer some time email thebishopspta@gmail.com. We are thankful to everyone who helps us.

More information about the event itself will come home in due course.

Many thanks, Becci and the PTFA team

Email: thebishopspta@gmail.com,

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



Lunch Menu for Week Beginning: Monday 27th November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Pork Apple Burger & New Potatoes	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding	Pasta Bolognese Served with Garlic Bread & Salad	Cod Fish Fingers
Macaroni Cheese	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>
Served with Salad	Veggie Burger & New Potatoes	Quorn Dippers	Vegetable Quesadilla Served with Couscous	Veggie Fingers
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Served with Cucumber & Carrot	Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Savoy Cabbage	Frozen Smoothies	Served with Chips & Peas
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Community News

For info on children's activities and family events please visit:
www.bishops.essex.sch.uk/News/General News



Reporting Absences/Lates

Illness: advise by email by 9am

Medical appointments:
 provide a copy/screenshot of the apptmt in advance

All other absences:
 complete a leave of absence form in advance

All lates due to appointments:

advise lunch choice by 9am

Thank you.

Changes to Collection Arrangements

Please advise
by email by 12pm

Urgent messages after this,
 please phone by 2.30pm

Thank you.



Email: admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk
Tel: 01245 460107





Looking Ahead



Monday 27th November—

Yr5/6 (selected chn) Boys' Football Match v Springfield Primary (away), 3pm to 4pm

Tuesday 28th November— Church for Grp2 led by 2T, 9.10am;

KS1 & KS2 (selected chn) All In Competition at CSAC, 9.30am to 10.30am;

Year 3 trip to Chelmsford Cathedral, 9am to 12.45am;

Year 4 trip to Chelmsford Cathedral, 11am to 3.15pm

Thursday 30th November— Yr 5/6 (selected chn) XC Event at Writtle, 12.45pm to 2.30pm;

Yr 2/3/4 (selected chn) XC Event at CSAC , 1.45pm to 3pm

Friday 1st December— FS Christmas Stay and Play for parents/carers, 9.15am to 10am;

PE Masterclass (selected Yr5s) at Boswells Sch, 9am to 12.20pm;

Christmas Community Choir Rehearsal in 6FT, after school;

Girls' Football Trip to England v The Netherlands, 4pm to 11pm

Tuesday 5th December—Church for Grp1 led by 1YC, 9.10am;

Yr 5/6 (selected chn) Bowls Competition at Falcon Bowls Club, 9.30am to 11am;

FS Performance of 'The Nativity' in the hall, 1.45pm

Weds 6th December— FS Performance to parents of 'The Nativity' in the hall, 1.45pm

Thursday 7th December—Yr 1/2 Performance of 'Shine Star, Shine' in the hall, 1.45pm

Friday 8th December—Year 1/2 Performance of 'Shine Star, Shine' in the hall, 9.20am;

Christmas Community Choir Rehearsal in 6FT, after school

Monday 11th December—Year 3/4 Performance of 'Silent Night' in the hall, 1.30pm

Tuesday 12th December—Church for Grp2 led by 1CS, 9.10am;

Year 3/4 Performance of 'Silent Night' in the hall, 1.30pm;

Year 6 Christmas Celebration in Church, 6.30pm (all except pre-schoolers welcome)

Wednesday 13th December—

PTFA Non-uniform Red, Green & Sparkly Day; Christmas Dinner in school

Thursday 14th December—Year 5 Performance of 'Bah Humbug!' in the hall, 9.10am

Friday 15th December—Year 5 Performance of 'Bah Humbug' in the hall, 9.10am;

PTFA Christmas Fayre, 3.30 to 5.30pm

Monday 18th December—Pantomime 'Jack & The Beanstalk' for the children in school

Tuesday 19th December—Last day of the autumn term

Wednesday 20th December to Wednesday 3rd January—Christmas Holidays

Thursday 4th January—First day of the spring term



Wishing you all a nice weekend

