

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,



Welcome back to one of the most exciting times of The Bishops' school year!

We have lots to look forward to.....Advent will soon be helping us to prepare for the wonder of Christmas, Christmas productions, the PTFA Christmas fair, Christmas dinner and the travelling theatre production of Jack and the Beanstalk all await us.

Before that, we have the important season of **remembrance**, and this year we will be commemorating all those who gave their lives in the wars on Thursday 9th November at 9.10am. As always, we will be on the playground, and we will open the gates to parents/carers and friends of the school at 9.05am. Please join us if you can.



FS have come back to a week full of Autumn, of reciting performance poetry, and making microphones (with stands) to perform their songs, too:



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



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal



We hope that many of you have been enjoying creating these boxes of love and joy for those who may not receive anything else this Christmas.

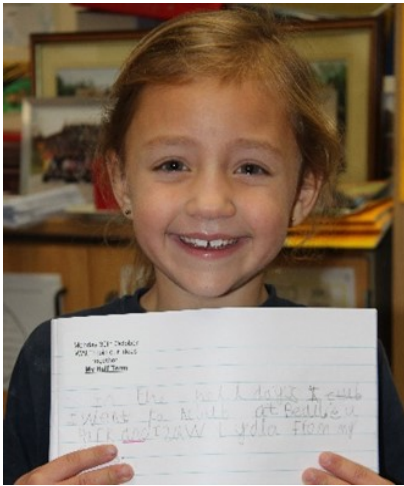
Please send these into school to your children's classes the week beginning Monday 13th November.

The last day for handing them in will be Friday 17th November as this is when they are all due to be collected.



Thank you!



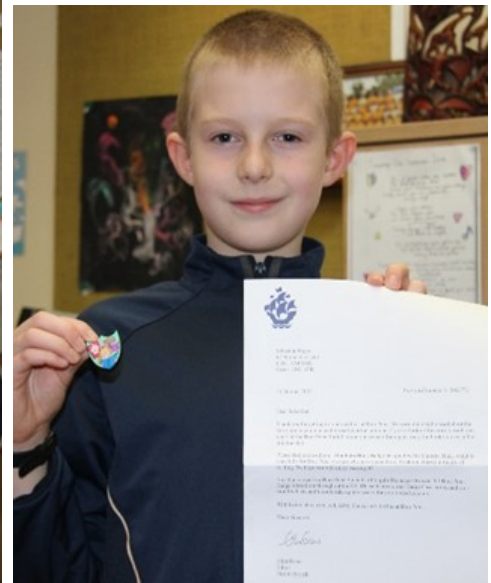
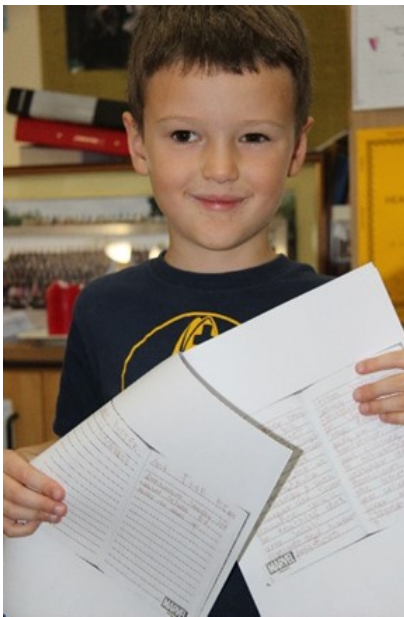


GREAT WORK!



Here are a few children celebrating great work this week...

Ava has worked so hard on her writing, Cameron has written a new Harry Potter novel, Rose has written a book all about every day of her half term, and Seb has received a Blue Peter Badge in recognition of the incredible number of books he's been reading.



Please note



Please ensure your children are on time for their clubs, and also for the start of each day – we have noticed more lateness recently which is unsettling for everyone.

Thank you for not parking along the entrance road to the car parks, but **Please** do not park within 10 metres of road corners or in private bays.

A happy notice! Next week our new phones are being installed, and so we will be open to receiving your calls again. Thank you very much for your patience with us while we have been getting this sorted.

Our new HENclosure



The chickens received an early Christmas present over half-term!

Very kindly funded by the PTFA, the chickens now have an exciting new enclosure and coop, complete with extra enrichment.

The old enclosure was rotting away and becoming unsafe for them. With the new fencing and rain cover, they are much more secure and won't get quite so muddy.



THANK YOU

Another big thank you to the PTFA for purchasing all of these lovely new dictionaries and thesauruses for Key Stage 2.

They will come in very useful!



The Bishops' PTFA

Thank you for all your donations for Bag2School and Fab Bricks orders, we will update you with these fundraising totals as soon as we have them.



As we are starting to prepare for Christmas we have some wrapping to do! If you are able to donate a roll of festive paper we would be extremely grateful, these can be left under the table just inside the main doors and one of the PTFA will collect from there.

Thank you in advance.

The order portal for My Child's Art is now open and if you order **before 13th November** you can get an extra 10% discount using the code '**TheBishops**'. If you need a reminder on how to order, please send us an email using the address below.

Thank you for all your calendar orders, we have now placed our order and these will be with you by the end of the month, as long as there are no delays with the printers. If we have any additional copies available once we have fulfilled all current orders we will let you know.

Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm is our next PTFA meeting. This will be online, so if you would like to join us please let us know so we can send you the link. This is our Christmas Fayre planning meeting so please do come along if you are able.

As mentioned, our Christmas Fayre is in the planning stages, it will be held on **Friday 15th December, 3.30-5.30pm**. If you are able to help with the event please let us know. We will need help for set up, the event and the clean-up.



Many thanks

Becci and the PTFA team

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Lunch Menu for Week Beginning: Monday 6th November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free</u> <u>Monday</u>	Pork Apple Burger & New Potatoes	Jacket Potato With Cheese, Tuna, Beans	Pasta Bolognese Served with Garlic Bread & Salad	Cod Fish Fingers
Macaroni Cheese	OR		OR	OR
Served with Salad	Veggie Burger & New Potatoes	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Vegetable Quesadilla Served with Couscous	Veggie Fingers
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Served with Cucumber & Carrot		Frozen Smoothies	Served with Chips & Peas
	Homemade Cake			Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt

Community News

For info on children's activities and family events please visit:
[www.bishops.essex.sch.uk/News/General News](http://www.bishops.essex.sch.uk/News/General%20News)

Reporting Absences.....please...

Illness:

Report all on the day absences **by email by 9am**

Medical appointments:

Provide a copy/screenshot of the appointment
notification **in advance**

All other absences:

Complete a leave of absence form **in advance**

...thank you.



Changes to Collection Arrangements

Please let us know of the
above by email by 12pm.

Last minute
urgent messages after
this, please phone by
2.30pm.

Thank you.



Email: admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk
Tel: 01245 460107 (from next week tbc)



Looking Ahead



Tuesday 7th November—Church Service for Grp1 led by 3B, 9.10am;
Netball Club Matches at New Hall School, 4pm to 5pm (no netball club at school)

Wednesday 8th November— Year 5 trip to Duxford Air Museum, 9am to 5pm

Thursday 9th November—Remembrance Service on the playground, 9.10am

Friday 10th November—Year 3 trip to Celtic Harmony Camp, 9am to 3.30pm

Saturday 11th November—Choir Concert with Caprice at St Andrew's Church, 7.30pm

Monday 13th to Friday 17th November— Bring in Christmas Shoeboxes to classes

Tuesday 14th November—Church Service for Grp 2 led by 3M, 9.10am;
Year 3/4 (selected children) Bowls Competition at Falcon Bowls Club, 10am to 11.30am;
PTFA Christmas Fayre Planning Meeting by Zoom, 7.30pm

Wednesday 15th November—Whole School Sing Fundraiser for Barnardo's (tba)

Thursday 16th November—5B's Class Assembly in the Hall, 9.05 for 9.10am;
Year 5/6 (selected children) Cross Country Event at CSAC, 2 to 3pm



Friday 17th November—Individual and Siblings Photo Shoot in school



Monday 20th November—

Choir to Barnardo's Young Supporters Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, 8am to 11pm

Tuesday 21st November—

Church Service for Grp1 led by 2R, 9.10am; Class 4HG Lego Day in School

Wednesday 22nd November—

Year 5 trip to Cineworld, Braintree, 9.10am to 12.30pm; Class 4S Lego Day in School

Tuesday 28th November—Year 3 trip to Chelmsford Cathedral, 9am to 12.45pm;
Year 4 trip to Chelmsford Cathedral, 11am to 3.15pm

Friday 1st December—Girls' Football Trip to England v The Netherlands, 4pm to 11pm

Tuesday 5th December—FS Performance to parents 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—Year 1/2 Performance to parents in the hall, 1.45pm

Friday 8th December—Year 1/2 Performance to parents in the hall, 9.20am

Monday 11th December—Year 3/4 Performance to parents in the hall, 1.30pm

Tuesday 12th December—Year 3/4 Performance to parents in the hall, 1.30pm;
Year 6 Christmas Celebration in Church, 6.30pm

Wednesday 13th December—

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

Thursday 14th December—Year 5 Performance to parents in the hall, 9.10am

Friday 15th December—Year 5 Performance to parents in the hall, 9.10am;

PTFA Christmas Fayre, 3.30 to 5.30pm



Wishing you all a nice weekend