

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,



Advent Experience



Years 3 and 4 enjoyed an Advent experience at Chelmsford Cathedral on Tuesday – and the walk there and back! It was a beautiful day, and the children explored the Christmas story, made 'gift' bracelets, learnt about the wise men's journey, became detectives at the scene of the shepherds' outdoor fire, smelled frankincense and myrrh, and made an Advent wreath which is with us back in school. The Chelmsford Cathedral Team were wonderful and very appreciative of the children's enthusiasm and how well they all joined in.



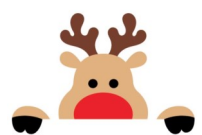
Live Fully, Laugh Often, Learn Deeply,
Love as God Loves You and Let Your Light Shine



Christmas Productions

Christmas Shows are soon to be upon us!

Here are a few important reminders: –



PLEASE don't bring preschoolers with you to these, as we want all the performers to be heard

PLEASE don't upload pictures/ videos which include others' children onto your social media pages – just keep them for your family use





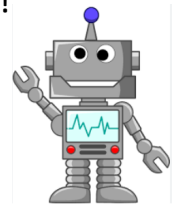
E2V VISIT YR 5



E2V is a world-leading technology company in Chelmsford who send their apprentices to schools with exciting challenges and kit that they have designed.

The Year 5s' challenge was to build a bridge that would survive the

environmental challenges
of acid rain, wind and
rock-falls of Neptune's
climate!



MEET OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL!

The main topics discussed this week were including more of their favourite foods at lunchtime, extending the school to include Year 7s (the Year 1s miss their buddies!), increasing the range of clubs, and keeping spaces free of football on the playground....school life is always a work in progress and it is great to hear the views of your children and to have them representing their classes. Thank you all!



CONGRATULATIONS

Teddie was scouted by Ipswich Town FC in the summer and, after a 6 week trial, he was asked to train with them as a goal keeper. He recently had his first training session at Portland Road. Well done Teddie!



We're ALL In!

This Tuesday, a group of wonderful children took part in an 'All In' event at Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre, accompanied by their support staff.

They participated in various activities including trampolining and archery.

The children had such positive attitudes and thoroughly enjoyed their experience.





Football Success!



It was a great start to the league season for the Yrs 5 & 6 Football Team after a comprehensive 4-0 away win at Springfield.



The boys quickly took control of the match after going ahead early on in the first half thanks to Tyler's opener and didn't look back. Further goals came via Marnin, an own goal and Tyler again.

ARCHERY

Archery is one of our most popular sports clubs!



It's great to see children of all ages enjoying this sport on Wednesday mornings.





CROSS COUNTRY



The second cross-country fixture of the Pope & Smith League took place at Writtle on Thursday morning. Our Years 5 & 6 running teams took part with plenty of personal bests and Willow came away with the bronze medal in the Year 6 Girls Race. Well done to all involved and thank you to Mr Evans for all your support and encouragement.



In the afternoon, a group of 38 children from Years 2, 3 and 4 took part in the rather chilly Cross Country event at Melbourne Stadium. Miss Rice and Mrs Turner were so impressed by the behaviour of all children.— We saw many of The Bishops' qualities including hard work, resilience and determination. It was a pleasure to see such overwhelming support for one another. We are convinced the loudest cheers could be heard



from The Bishops' children, who were encouraging each other throughout! A special mention to loan and Chisom who finished an impressive first and second respectively in their races. Well done!





6A Pizza Creations



Here's what Rehan had to say about his experience yesterday morning...

"In 6A we made a healthy meal for our design and technology project. We had two halves of pita bread and multiple toppings.

I put cheese, chicken, tomato purée and onions on mine and we balanced it with a cucumber salad. It was very yummy and delicious"



6FT's creations will feature in next week's newsletter!



R.E & School Ethos



This week, we had R.E and School Ethos monitoring carried out by staff, governors and an external lead RE teacher from one of our RC family of schools.

We interviewed children from across the school, looked at their RE work, and let them talk to us about their experience of assemblies, worship, RE, the school motto and all things Bishops' 'spirit'.

The pupils we spoke to seemed to really enjoy RE, loved the opportunity to learn about other faiths, and to be wrapped up in the difficult dilemmas of faith (the Year 5s and 6s especially tackle the faith/ science questions of creation/ evolution or of whether love can ever be 'conditional'). Whenever we do monitoring like this we are amazed at the depth of your children's thinking, how much they think about the wonder of life – and their respect for others.

Here are just a few quotes:



For the question – **Do you sometimes feel close to God?:**

'I love singing.' 'I like reading our own Bibles.' (Yr 2)

'When I'm on my own – I look up and think about God...' (Yr 3)

'Prayers help – you feel relaxed' (Yr 3)



'It feels like God is with us, and supports us when times are hard..' (Yr 4)

'When we pray in school I can pray to my own God' (from a Hindu pupil) – (Yr5)

'Church definitely helps me especially when I am having a hard day. It helps me to be ready for

learning. I am into the worship – I try and pray in the worship and feel God is encouraging me...' (Yr 6)

Do you feel special in school?

'The adults remind us that we are all special...' 'We learn together...' 'People care about me and we learn from our mistakes...' (Yr 3)

'It's the love and care..' (Yr4)



'(I feel special because) we can be ourselves and be different..' (Yr 5)

'This is a kind school – it honours who you are...' (Yr 6)

Anything else? – especially related to our school motto...

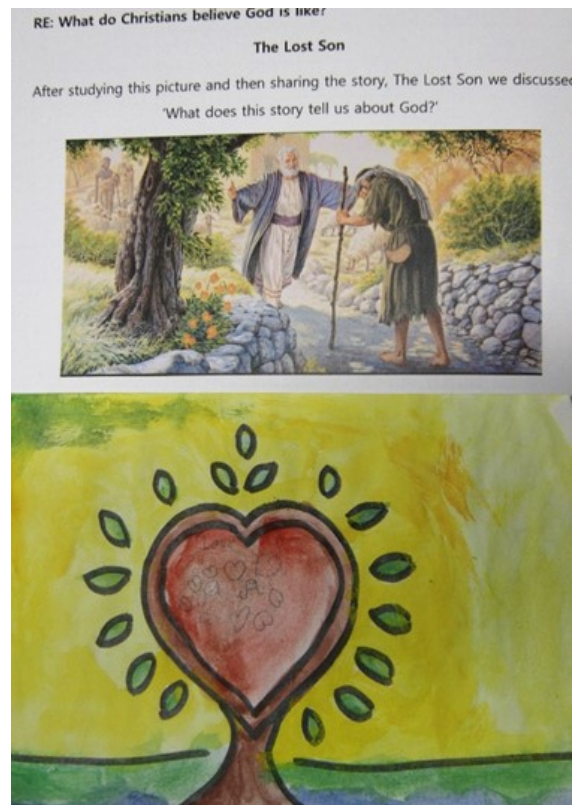
'God made a world for us, He looks after us, He loves us.' (Yr 2)

'It's the best school! Fun and funny!' 'It's colourful'.....'People help me – I worry less' (Year 3)

'Teachers support us in our learning and want to get the best out of us' (Yr 5)

'Always be positive – a big smile in hard times.' (Yr 5)

'Teachers make it fun and make us laugh – they also make us finish our work!' (Yr 6)



WEMBLEY MATCH!



A very good luck to the **England women's football team** later today as they play against The Netherlands!

20 of our girls, accompanied by Mr Evans and Mrs Boreham, are attending the match at Wembley Stadium this evening.

The fixture will be shown **live on ITV 4**, with coverage kicking off from 7pm. We will have a big England flag with our school name on it so look out for us if you can! You can do it Lionesses!

Uniform and P.E Kit

Please remember that children should **always** be in school uniform UNLESS a sports club allows them to wear alternative clothing better suited to the sport being undertaken (currently running and football).

In other sports clubs, children should be wearing school uniform PE kit. If children come to school wearing non-school uniform for a sports club, then they should get changed before class starts into school uniform (including school PE kit if it's a PE afternoon). I hope that is clear!

The only logo on school uniform should be the school logo – whilst other clothing is allowed so long as it is the right colour etc., it should not be 'logo-ed' – this includes trainers (which should be black).

The only jewellery allowed is stud earrings, and these should be removed on PE days. Here is a link to the uniform section of our website for more information: <http://bishops.essex.sch.uk/uniform/>

Please help us to keep the school smart! Thank you.

IMPORTANT—PLEASE READ

If your child has permission to walk home alone then it is imperative that you inform the office if they **will not** be attending an after school club.

It causes safeguarding concerns when we are expecting your child to attend a club and they do not arrive.

If your child is due to attend Little Fingers, but they will be walking straight home at the end of school day then please email

littlefingers@bishops.essex.sch.uk to notify us by midday that day.

In all other instances, please email: admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk



Thank you.

The Bishops' PTFA

Thank you everyone for your donations towards the tombola, we will be counting these and letting the winning class know soon.

Our Christmas Fayre (15th December) is fast approaching, but unfortunately we still do not have enough volunteers for the main event between 3.30-5.30pm.

It saddens me to say this, but if we have not had enough people come forward by next Wednesday (6th) we will be cancelling the event.

Please email us if you can help thebishopspta@gmail.com

Wednesday 13th December is our annual red, green and sparkly Christmas non-uniform day! We kindly ask for a suggested donation of £1 per child and Santa's friendly PTFA volunteers will be outside school to collect your donations (cash only please).

**13TH DECEMBER IS
RED, GREEN &
SPARKLY NON-
UNIFORM DAY!**



Many thanks,
Becci and the PTFA team

Email: thebishopspta@gmail.com

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or The Bishops' School
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Lunch Menu for Week Beginning: Monday 4th November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Chilli con Carne	Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken Curry	Breaded Pollock Fish Fillet
	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>OR</u>
Pasta with a Variety of Sauces	Vegetarian Chilli	Veggie Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Meat Free Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Grilled Halloumi Burger in a Bun with Lettuce
Served with Mixed Salad	Served with Rice, Tortilla Chips & Peas	Served with Crushed New Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots	Served with Rice, Naan Bread & Sweetcorn	Served with Chips & Winterslaw
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Ice Cream	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/Lates

Illness: advise by email by 9am

Medical appointments:

provide a copy/screenshot of the appmt in advance

All other absences:

complete a leave of absence form in advance

All lates due to appointments:

advise lunch choice by 9am

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



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, 3.15pm finish

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

Thursday 4th January—Back to school for the first day of the spring term



Wishing you all a nice weekend