

# The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,



## Bah Humbug!



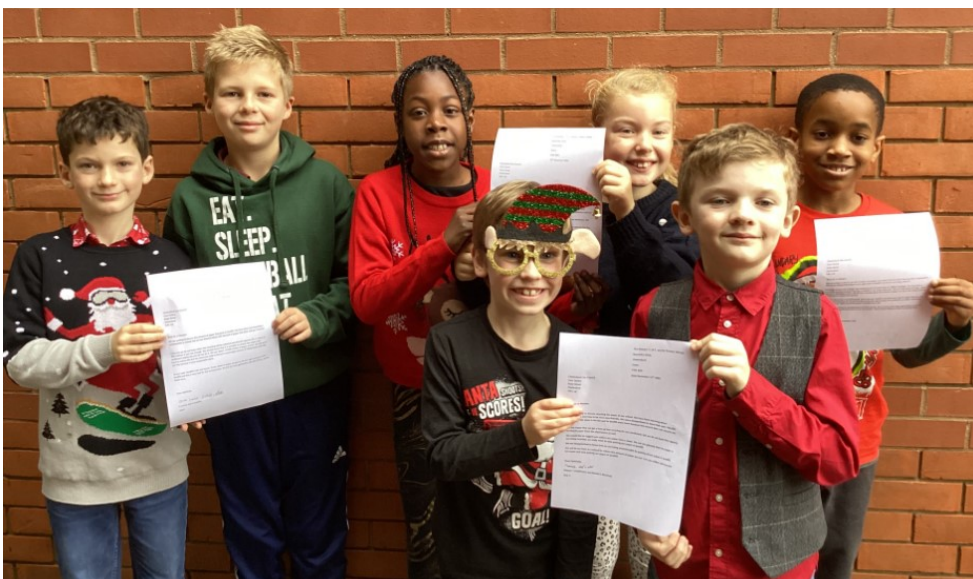
The Year 5 Production  
of Bah Humbug was  
wonderful to see and

hear and brought this Dickens classic to life  
with great singing, actions and drama –  
thank you all of Year 5!



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





Year 4 wrote to Chelmsford City Council asking them to collect our paper and cardboard recycling more often to help us become more sustainable as a school. Here are a selection of their letters.



# Visit from Santa!

It has been very exciting to have Santa visit us again – how lucky are we?! – and he popped in just at the right time for the buddy parties with FS and Year 6 children enjoying time together.





# Jack & The Beanstalk

The School Hall became a Theatre yesterday with the M&M Christmas Pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' – greatly (and loudly!) enjoyed by all the children from Foundation Stage up to Year 5.



*Well done!*



Well done to Eleanora who recently performed her first solo in the main choir at All Saints Church.

The director of music at the Church, Mr Paul Strong, would like to encourage more children to join the choir. He can be contacted on 07732 368624 for more information.



# Christmas Fayre

Thank you to so many for supporting the PTFA Christmas Fayre – it seemed incredibly busy and the overall total raised was brilliant. Thank you to the Year 6s for doing all the courtyard games, the team of parents



and teachers who helped with all the setting up, clearing up and being at all the stalls and activities.

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Finally, a huge thank you to the PTFA team for organising such a fun and festive afternoon for us all!

## The Bishops' PTFA

We have had an incredible end to the autumn term with all our festive fundraising. Your donations at the Christmas shows raised **£1380.21**. Red, Green and Sparkly day raised **£243.39** and the Christmas Fayre raised an epic **£1779.15!**

That gives us a fantastic festive total of **£3402.75!** All of this money will be going towards our new outdoor gym equipment in the playground.

We hope all the children have enjoyed their presents delivered by the PTFA on behalf of Father Christmas! We would like to take this opportunity to thank Property Stop for making this possible by sponsoring the purchase of the books this year.

On behalf of myself, the school staff and the children, thank you so much for all your support, through volunteering and donations, these funds do really make a difference. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2024!

We have our first PTFA meeting of the year on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January on zoom if you would like to join us!



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Many thanks,, Becci and the PTFA team

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It remains for me to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a New Year full of hope for good things to come.

Your children are a joy to have with us, and the support you give to the school in all we do is appreciated by us all.

Wishing you great blessing in your homes and families, and we will look forward to seeing you all in 2024! (Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January to be precise, ready for the gates to open at 8.40am!)



Greg Waters and all The Bishops' Staff



## Christmas Card Recycling

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, we are taking part in a Christmas Card Recycling Challenge with UK Waste Direct. Our recycling bin is



located in the office foyer. Please use this for your Christmas card recycling. The school with the most recycling will win a prize pack including a tree to plant for their school!

## Lunch Menu for Wk Beg 1<sup>st</sup> January

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Pasta with a Variety of Sauces	Breaded Pollock Fish Fillet
Served with Mixed Salad	<u>OR</u> Grilled Halloumi Burger in a Bun with Lettuce
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Served with Chips & Winterslaw
	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 of the appointment  
notification at least 48hrs in advance

**All other absences:**  
complete a leave of absence form at  
least 5 days in advance

## Changes to Collection Arrangements ...



Advise by email by  
12pm

After this, *urgent  
messages only*  
by phone by 2.30pm

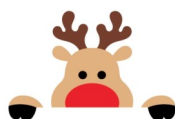


*Please help us by stating your child's class in any  
communications with us, thank you.*

Please be kind out there on the roads when you are parking.  
Patience is a great virtue!



Please look out for The Bishops' Gardening Appeal at local  
Tesco supermarkets in January. Mrs Stonestreet is leading this project  
which will help make the school a more beautiful place as well as  
teaching the children about the benefits of plants, orchards, herbs and  
flowers for the insects.



## Looking Ahead



**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**—Last day of the autumn term, 3.15pm finish

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**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**—Christmas Holidays

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**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January**—Back to school for the first day of the spring term



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Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!