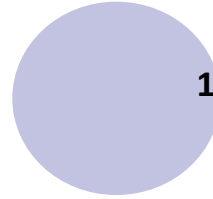
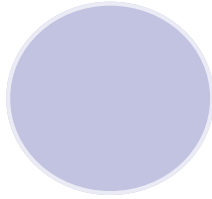


The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

The first full week back is always an exhausting one, but we are settling well back to work and there is plenty to look forward to this term...

Key Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 5th March: Mothers' and Special People Celebration at 9.10am in church – everyone welcome

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day! We had an interesting time with this last year(!) – so this year we will be allowing your children to dress up as a book character OR to wear their pyjamas OR to come in school uniform

For those who like to know things very well in advance, Sports Day this year is planned to be on the morning (KS2) and afternoon (KS1) of **Friday 21st June**

A Few Reminders

Consent for photos on the newsletter etc. /walking home (Years 5 and 6) – please keep these up to date and if you want to change them, please let us know in writing or via email.

Please make sure your children are really clear about their arrangements for being collected or walking home. Older children, with signed consent, if walking home should walk with a friend or two – and any child who is unsure, or is not collected as expected, should go to the office so that we can contact you.

Do make sure your children are aware of this – thank you.

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

Next week is the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** – it's a national week for our churches and it seems to be as important as ever that we embody the message that they are promoting this year:

'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself'.

If you want to delve further into this and show your support, then follow this link:

<https://cte.org.uk/wpcu2024/>

The great uniqueness of our school, being a joint denominational school which serves Christian families from all sorts of traditions – and also Muslim and Hindu families – as well as families with no firm faith background, is that we are doing our best to be a community which is unified in love, care and respect for one another and which celebrates our differences and diversity as gifts.

So it is a special week for us and this will be the theme for our next two Tuesday church services at 9.10am – do join us if you are able.

Earlier this week, we celebrated the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus at Epiphany.

Some of the staff who were in our Monday Worship Assembly were asked to give their own nuggets of wisdom for living life happily.

Here are a few below... (really attentive children might be able to tell you which staff member suggested each one):

Be thankful for something every day

Look on the bright side of life

Listen don't judge

Trike and Bike, not Swipe and Like

Be true to yourself

Music is Life – Sing it!

Be kind

Do to others as you would have them do to you

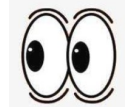
We only learn by making mistakes

Compare and despair!



You may your own nuggets of wisdom – do send them in, we are very happy to share!

New Term Clubs



Please be aware that the majority of clubs will commence next week (any exceptions are detailed in the club timetable that was emailed out on Monday and can also be found on our website).

We understand that some of you were unsuccessful in booking a place for your child on their chosen club/s due to high demand/technical issues with Scopy. We will continue to look at better ways to manage the booking process so as to minimise disappointment in the future.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns about meeting the cost of clubs then please contact the school office in confidence. We would also like to encourage any families who are entitled to Pupil Premium support to contact us in the same way.

Thank you.

Archery Competition



On Wednesday, two Bishops' teams, from year 6 and year 4, competed in the Mid-Essex archery finals, which they qualified for in a preliminary competition last term.

Both teams showed such great team work, resilience and skills, firing multiple bulls-eyes (wow!) and encouraging each other..

Against very stiff competition, year 6 placed an impressive 7th and year 4 a

very impressive 3rd! A very well done Samuel, Liam, Charlotte, Amelia, Emily, Reuben, Anae and Pranav!

Here are a few pictures to assure you that your children are being well exercised each week!...Gymnastics in Year 4 and Dance in Year 1:



WOW

In Foundation Stage, the children have been busy creating a village on stilts and filling the base with water. They were set a key challenge of carefully transporting the water from the taps to the Lego village.



The children have also enjoyed spending time re-telling and acting out traditional stories, like The Three Little Pigs..... As you can see here, the wolf is terrifying the pigs!.....



Great work everybody!





Please make sure to deliver and collect your children on time!

Most of you are amazing at this but some would benefit from it

being a late New Year's Resolution...(note the irony)



Thank you.



The Bishops' PTFA

Just a reminder about the cancellation of the PTA meeting on **Tuesday 24th January** and a change to the EGM (emergency general meeting) on **Tuesday 30th January at 7pm**—this will be held in person at the school.

Since the AGM in September, the position of Vice Chair has become vacant and I am looking for someone to fill this if possible.

I would also like to elect the positions of Treasurer and Vice Treasurer. We have had two members shadowing these roles and the current trustees in those positions would now like to stand down with immediate effect. This is not an unexpected or surprise change, but needs to be dealt with in an official way. I would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to Nicole and Claire for remaining in these positions to enable a hand over to happen.

We need a minimum of 15 people in attendance at our EGM meeting to satisfy our constitutional quorum. Please email thebishopspta@gmail.com if you are able to attend.

The EGM will be followed by the pre-planned meeting to prepare for the Spring and Summer terms.

If you would like to stand for the position of Vice Chair, or have any questions relating to this role, please do email me at thebishopspta@gmail.com or speak to me in the playground.

Many thanks, Becci and the PTFA team

Email: thebishopspta@gmail.com

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Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 15th January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Pork Apple Burger & New Potatoes	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding	Themed Lunch	Pasta Bolognese
Macaroni Cheese	OR	OR	Oompa Loompa's Cod Fish Fingers	Served with Garlic Bread & Salad
Served with Salad	Veggie Burger & New Potatoes	Quorn Dippers	OR	OR
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Served with Cucumber & Carrot	Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Savoy Cabbage	Noodle's Veggie Fingers	Vegetable Quesadilla
	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Served with tasty Chips & Peas	Served with Couscous
			Wonka's delicious Chocolate Muffins	Frozen Smoothies



Please look out for The Bishops' Gardening Appeal at local Tesco supermarkets this month.

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.



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 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



Looking Ahead



Tuesday 16th January — Church Service for Grp 2 led by 5B, 9.10am

Thursday 18th January— Selected Yr5/6 Cross Country Race at CSAC, 2-3pm

Friday 19th January - 6FT's Class Assembly in the hall, 9 for 9.10am

Tuesday 23rd January—Church Service for Grp 1 led by 5E, 9.10am

Thursday 25th January—

Selected Yr4/5/6 Cross Country Races at Writtle College Sports Ground, 12pm to 3pm

Friday 26th January—2T's Class Assembly in the hall, 9 for 9.10am

Tuesday Church Services— Spring Term 2024

30th January—Grp 2 led by 6FT

6th February—Grp 1 led by 6A

13th February—Grp 2 led by 3M

27th February—Grp 1 led by 3B

5th March—Mothers' & Special People Service

12th March—Grp 2 led by 1CS

19th March—Grp 1 led by 1YC

Friday Class Assemblies— Spring Term 2024

2nd February—Class 3M

9th February—Class 6A

16th February—Class 1CS

15th March—Class 2R

Thurs 21st March—Class 3B

22nd March—Hedgehog Class



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

