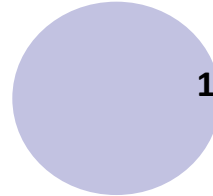


The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

BISHOPS' FOOD FOREST



We are so grateful to Mrs Stonestreet and her small team of volunteers for beginning the transformation of a rather sparse garden area into a Food Forest. Here are some notes from Mrs Stonestreet so you can see what is being planned ...

Some of you may be aware already that exciting things are happening in the garden area of the school near the adventure playground – Volunteers have been working hard to turn this into the Bishops' Food Forest. This will be a functional,



productive and beautiful garden designed and managed using forest gardening/ permaculture principles of sustainability, biodiversity and connection to nature. A wildlife-friendly space filled with fruit trees, fruit and vegetables, herbs and edible flowers for all the children and wider school community to enjoy and learn from. Next week we are getting an exciting delivery of free fruit trees from The Tree Council.

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



Some of our planned planting list includes:

Plum tree; Apple Tree; Perennial kale; Lavender; Alpine Strawberries; Wild garlic; Raspberries; White currants; Calendula; Chives; Lemon Balm and more.....



Over the coming months there will be lots happening so do follow our progress via the PTFA account on Facebook and/or our Instagram @bishopsfoodforest. There will be opportunities to volunteer and help with the project, so keep an eye out for those.



Mr Barlow has had a delivery of some clever little gadgets called Micro:bits. The class have worked out how to use them, programme them, and send messages to each other through them!





FS are always busy
building and
drawing –
and on Wednesday
morning they also
ventured outside
on a nature walk!



A VERY WELL DONE TO...

Hannah!

We are very proud of her for growing her hair
beautifully long and then having it cut so that a child
with hair-loss can benefit from it.

Well done, Hannah!



A few reminders...

- * Earrings MUST be taken out for PE sessions. This means that if your child's ears are pierced, due to the time earrings need to be left in, he/she won't be able to do PE for a number of weeks. The start of the summer holiday is the best time to have this done!



- * Please be on time at the start of the day – we aim to have children through the gates by 8.45am



- * At the end of the day, if you do not have a Year 3 child, please use the carpark gate to come in and leave



Thank you!

The Bishops' PTFA

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting Discos after school on Friday 9th February, more details will follow via email soon.

We have an Emergency General Meeting followed by a usual PTFA meeting on Tuesday 30th January at school 7pm please notify us on thebishopspta@gmail.com if you are able to attend.



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 22nd January

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

LOST PROPERTY...

We have quite a selection of lost and found items in the school office!

These include: glasses, hair clips, keys, a foam airplane etc....If you believe that any of these items belong to you/your child then please come to the front office so that we can try to help reunite them.



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



Looking Ahead



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, 9am for 9.10am

Monday 29th January—Choir to Young Voices Concert at the O2, 11am to 11.15pm;
Selected KS1 Sports Hall Athletics Event, CSAC, 1 to 2.30pm

Tuesday 30th January—Late start (optional) for O2 children, 10am;
Church Service for Grp 2 led by 6FT, 9.10am;
Selected Yr 5/6 Cheerleading Competition at CSAC, 1pm to 3pm;
PTFA EGM in school, 7pm

Friday 2nd February—3M's Class Assembly in the hall, 9am for 9.10am

Tuesday 6th February—Church Service for Grp 1 led by 6A, 9.10am;
FS height, weight and vision measurements in school;
Year 4 trip to Superstars Festival at CSAC, 9.30am to 11.45am

Wednesday 7th February—

FS trip to 'Gruffalo's Child' at Chelmsford Theatre, 9.30am to 12.15pm

Friday 9th February—6A's Class Assembly in the hall, 9am for 9.10am;
Netball Tournament at New Hall School, 12.45pm to 3.30pm



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

