

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

SCHOOL COUNCIL PROJECT

The School Council have an important Project! It's being led by our Pupil Ambassadors, Oscar and Shiloh, who have decided with the school council to focus on improving our local environment.

This is starting with an education campaign about the dangers and sadness of

Litter kills



Before you litter, think of what you could be hurting...



Please save your rubbish for the bins.



litter – and here is Thomas Gauden's poster made this week.



The School Council have organised a litter-picking rota for the next week where they will be tallying up the different kinds of litter to see more clearly what is going wrong.

We'll also be venturing outside the school grounds to help our local area look better too!

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

Getting to school on time

Thank you to all those of you who are on time to school every day!

It is such a challenge but it makes a real difference. **If your children are late, please come into the school office with them to sign them in, rather than making them sign in by themselves.** Some of the reasons they state for lateness are very interesting!

We aim to close the side gates at 8.45am and there are growing numbers of children arriving just after this time.

Please keep up the efforts to be through the gates before 8.45am. Thank you.

6FT'S CLASS ASSEMBLY

We loved the 6FT assembly last week – showcasing great talent, lots of happy memories of Thorpe Woodlands, their wonderful buddies, science (see the blow-up lung models) and much more!...



Church Visits



Year 2 visited the church this week specifically to look at special parts of the church which related to events in the Bible.

It was a real pleasure to talk with them about our beautiful church building and the children were incredibly observant and thoughtful.

'When I'm in here I feel I'm not alone' said one pupil.



Foundation Stage also visited the church late last week to learn about the church community.

They also did a treasure hunt for all the different things you can find in a church.



Take a close look at this beautiful drawing of some emus by Theo...

← and this was Mr Barlow's reaction to seeing there was a camera in the room....he is clearly excited about the choir's visit to the O2 next Monday! →



Big cheer for Bishops'!

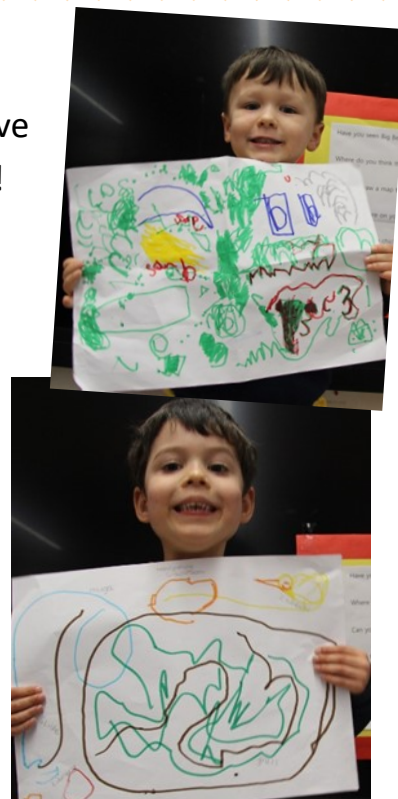
We are very excited to see the Cheerleaders practising their routine ready for an upcoming competition next Tuesday. Wishing you all the very best!



THE JOY OF ART

Foundation Stage have been making some very creative works of art this week!

Well done all!



CROSS-COUNTRY



The Pope & Smith Cross Country League continued this week, Thursday, at Writtle with the third of four fixtures. Girls' & Boys' teams from Years 4, 5 & 6 competed with the Bruce Girls and both finished an

impressive 4th in their respective races!

The league will conclude next month before the children prepare for the county qualifier in March.



Polite Reminders



Staff Car Park

This is for staff use only. For safety reasons, please do not use this car park for dropping off or collecting your children at any time. It should also not be used for turning around. Thank you.



Lost Property



Property is still being found unnamed! We do our best to reunite lost property with your child, but we can only do this when belongings are clearly labelled. Please have a good look through the lost property box outside as anything remaining the week before half-term will be donated or discarded.

The Bishops' PTFA



Have you seen our new addition in the car park?



We now have a clothing bank to raise money for the PTFA. Please make use of it and spread the word! The local community are welcome to access it too. This is to replace our Bag2School collections.



Tuesday 30th January is our first PTFA meeting of the year, along with an EGM meeting, which we will be holding in person at the school from 7pm. Please join us if you can.

Friday 9th November is our disco evening!

Tickets can be purchased via Scopay.



The timings are as follows:

Years 1 & 2, 3.45-4.45pm

Years 3 & 4, 5.15-6.30pm

Years 5 & 6, 7.00-8.30pm



The Key Stage 2 discos are UV discos so please dress ready to glow!
Spaces must be booked in advance and tickets will **not** be available to purchase on the door.



Many thanks, Becci and the PTFA team

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Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 29th January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Sausage & Tomato Pasta	Roast Gammon & Yorkshire Pudding	Jacket Potato With Cheese, Tuna, Beans	Breaded Cod Fish Fingers Served with Chunky Chips & Peas
Freshly made Pizza with a variety of Toppings	<u>OR</u> Veggie Sausage & Tomato Pasta	<u>OR</u> Roasted Quorn Yorkshire pudding	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	<u>OR</u> Curried Vegetable Samosa with Mango Chutney Served with Rice & Peas
Served with Mixed Salad	Served with Sweetcorn	Served with Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower & Broccoli		Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Frozen Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt		

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What a windy week it has been!



Here is a photo of our climbing wall, which was brought down by the strong gales one night this week. As Mr Clark cleverly pointed out, it would be a lot easier to climb now!

The area was cordoned off and made safe for the children.

As this space will be used for the food forest project, a new structure will replace it.

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

Thank you.



Looking Ahead



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;
Selected Yr 3/4 Indoor Tennis Event at CSAC, 12.30 to 2.30pm

Friday 9th February—6A's Class Assembly in the hall, 9am for 9.10am;
Netball Tournament (selected children) at New Hall School, 12.45pm to 3.30pm;
PTA Disco in the hall: **Yrs 1 & 2, 3.45pm to 4.45pm;**
Yrs 3 & 4, 5.15pm to 6.30pm; Yrs 5 & 6, 7pm to 8.30pm

Tuesday 13th February—Church Service for Grp 2 led by 3m, 9.10am

Friday 16th February—1CS's Class Assembly in the hall, 9am for 9.10am



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

