

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Happy New Year!

It's a pleasure and joy to have your children back with us!

We hope you have had a really happy Christmas and are full of hope for the New Year and all that 2024 will bring us.

Our first assembly of term was all about putting away the nativity scene (I know, Epiphany – the coming of the Wise Men – has not yet happened! We are keeping them out and will be celebrating this holy day next Tuesday in church).

We remembered that despite the very powerful figures of the Emperor and King Herod, there were people who managed to listen to another voice all that time ago.

The voice of the angels telling of a new dawn, a new birth, a new hope. So on behalf of us all at Bishops' I wish you a hopeful New Year, full of the promise of love coming into the world and into your homes and families.

For those of you who like to be inspired by Ignatian spirituality, I love this Epiphany-time prayer, by the African-American theologian, educator, and civil rights leader, Howard Thurman:

Now the Work of Christmas Begins

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart.

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



New Term Clubs

Please be aware that clubs for the new term will commence week beginning **Monday 15th January** – with the exception of Choir which will start next **Wednesday (10th January).**

We will send out a timetable next week with all of our new club information on, along with details about when they will be available online for you to register and pay for. If your child was attending a club last term and they wish to continue then they will need to register again.

We try our best to make the process of booking onto clubs as fair as possible. However, we're aware that the Scopay system can become overwhelmed and technical issues do occur. Unfortunately, this is out of our control. Using a computer or tablet device is usually advisable rather than a mobile phone.

Baby News!

We send our congratulations to Mr Evans (and his wife, of course!) for the birth of their daughter, Ivy Violet, just before Christmas. Mr Evans is currently on paternity leave and will be returning on January 18th. We wish him and his family all the very best.



The Bishops' PTFA

We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas! it is time for us to start planning what will be happening over the next few months.

Why not join us for our next zoom meeting? It will be taking place on Tuesday 23rd January at 7pm, please email thebishopspta@gmail.com for more information.

Many thanks,, Becci and the PTFA team

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Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 8th 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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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!

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 ...



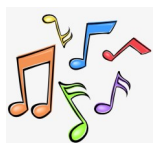
Advise by email by
12pm

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

Please 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 9th January — Church for Grp 1 led by 4S, 9.10am

Wednesday 10th January— Selected Yr4/6 Archery Comp Final, CSAC, 1.30 to 2.45pm

Tuesday 16th January — Church 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 Class Assembly in the hall, 9 for 9.10am



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

