

The Bishops' School News



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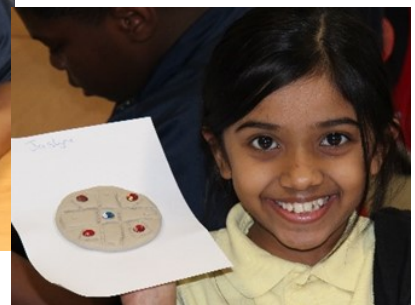
Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Lots to share...

It's been a busy and creative week this week!
Here's a selection of photos to show what's been happening
around the school.
In year 4, the Vikings
have inspired some



beautiful jewellery
making with clay...



Meanwhile, ribbons made for great
dance props in Year 3...



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

Year 6 have made pancakes and volcanoes and Foundation Stage have been very busy as always!



Last week's 6A Class Assembly gave an opportunity for a wonderful gymnastics display...



And here's a bit of their French Fashion Parade! Très Bien!



Ash Wednesday

This week we also 'celebrated' Ash Wednesday, welcoming the new Archdeacon of Chelmsford, Archdeacon Jonathan, to lead us, bless the ashes, and bless us too.





Netball Tournament



Wow! The Netball Team competed so valiantly at a Newhall tournament last Friday. They got to the final of the Plate Competition, and lost, in an exceptionally tight match, 2-3, against....Newhall! They also enjoyed delicious cake and, despite losing a

number of games (and winning one 9-2), they came away with a certificate for 'The Best Team-Play' Award which is credit to their encouragement for one another, and the way they played such an equal game with everyone valued and everyone contributing. Thank you, Miss Christie and Mrs Maskell for your great coaching – and well done, girls.



Help us help the planet!

We are still on the Litter-Free Campaign! – Here's another brilliant poster created by Isabella and a photo of the Coke Can sculpture in our courtyard.



Did you know?!...

More than two million pieces of litter are dropped in the UK every day. The cost to the taxpayers for street cleaning is over £1 billion a year.

(Source: keepbritaintidy.org)

Christmas card recycling-the results are in!

Our Christmas Card Recycling Challenge was a success. Thank you to all of you who helped by recycling your Christmas cards in our designated bin! Whilst we didn't win the challenge, we did receive the following message from UK Waste Direct:



"Together, we recycled an impressive 1.740 tonnes of Christmas cards – to put that into perspective, that's around 25 trees worth of cards! Please pass a massive thank you to you pupils, families, and staff for collecting all the cards that they could."

We have enjoyed this challenge so much and the enthusiasm that schools have shown, that as a company we have developed a dedicated package for schools for all their recycling and waste management needs and to offer more incentives towards recycling such as competitions, talks and more."



Darcey has been writing the new version of The Gingerbread Man Complete with Gingerbread Dinosaur and Gingerbread Rainbow! Great work!



We wished Mr Barlow a very special and happy 65th birthday this week!

Here is a picture of him enjoying some gifts which included a variety of chocolates- and, of course, custard creams!

Polite Reminders



Snacks for clubs after school

When providing a snack for your child who has an activity club after school please make sure that this is healthy and does not include sweets, crisps or chocolate.



Parking

This is becoming a weekly reminder! On the whole, this seems to have been slightly quieter over the past week, but we were notified of an incident that happened yesterday due to a parent parking in the car park next to the Lupin Drive flats. Please be mindful not to park in areas that are for private resident use only.



Thank you.



CONGRATULATIONS

A big well done to Abigail for winning her first medal at the weekend coming 2nd place in her annual gymnastics competition.

She completed in the 2012 age category in vault, bars, beam and floor routines, scoring almost perfectly on her bar routine!

Keep up the great work!



Disco? Let's GLOW!

A big THANK YOU to the PTFA for a great disco on Friday night!
Everyone glowed throughout!



The Bishops' PTFA

Thank you to all the children who joined us for the disco last week, we had a fantastic evening and hope they did too. This wouldn't have been possible without the help of the parents and staff who volunteered their Friday evening to supervise the event, thank you all very much!



We raised an amazing **£700** across the evening. We will let you know after half-term how much we raised for today's non-uniform day. All monies raised are going towards new outdoor equipment.

Coming up after half term we have a leap day doughnut sale (Feb 29th) a special relaxation and yoga evening for adults (March 8th), and will end the term again with a non uniform day (28th March) - more details to follow

Our next PTFA meeting will be online and is on Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm - please do join us if you are able to.

Many thanks, Becci and the PTFA team

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World Book Day

Vouchers are heading out this week and can be spent over half term, so please enjoy book-hunting with your children!



Solar Installation—update

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we were looking forward to installing a solar PV system during the half term break. Unfortunately this is being delayed and so it will be a while before this takes place.

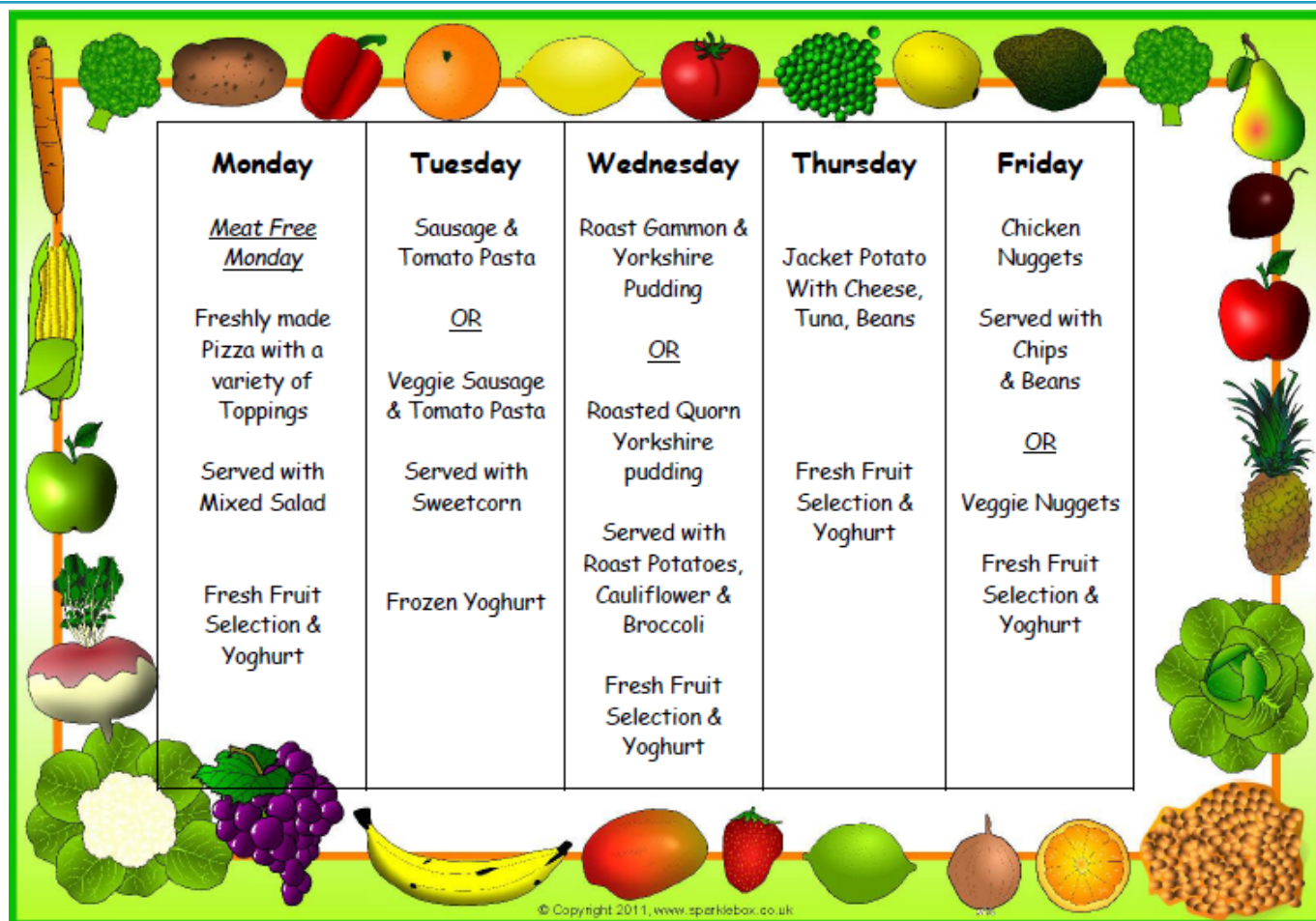
Community News

The Community News section of our school website has lots of information about activities and events that are happening locally, including:

- * **Support information for parents/carers**
 - * **Holiday camps/activities**
 - * **Local shows**
 - * **Health & fitness**
 - * **Job advertisements**
- * **Sports/performing arts opportunities**



Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 26th February



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|-------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| <u>Meat Free Monday</u> | Sausage & Tomato Pasta | Roast Gammon & Yorkshire Pudding | Jacket Potato With Cheese, Tuna, Beans | Chicken Nuggets |
| Freshly made Pizza with a variety of Toppings | <u>OR</u> | <u>OR</u> | | Served with Chips & Beans |
| Served with Mixed Salad | Veggie Sausage & Tomato Pasta | Roasted Quorn Yorkshire pudding | Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt | <u>OR</u> |
| Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt | Served with Sweetcorn | Served with Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower & Broccoli | | Veggie Nuggets |
| | Frozen Yoghurt | Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt | | Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt |

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School Dinners

- The lunch menu is sent out each Friday in our school newsletter for the week ahead (see above)
- There are usually two dinner options available each day (with the exception of meat-free Monday) for your child to choose from
- Your child is asked during morning registration what they will be having for lunch that day
- If your child does not want either of the school dinner options , and they do not have a packed lunch with them, then we will attempt to make contact with you
- If your child has a food allergy/special dietary requirement then please take extra care in discussing dinner options with your child and contact the school office if you have any queries or concerns.

Congratulations to our kitchen team!

WELL DONE

They had a surprise visit from the EHO (Environmental Health Officer) yesterday morning and were awarded a continued 5 Star rating for food hygiene standards.



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 19th to Friday 23rd February—Half Term Break

Tuesday 27th February—Church for Grp 1 led by 3B, 9.10am

Wednesday 28th February—

All In Competition (selected chn) at CSAC, 10.30am to 11.30am

Thursday 29th February— PTFA Donut Day;

Netball match (selected chn) at Perryfields Junior, 3.45pm—4.15pm

Friday 1st March —

Hedgehogs' Indoor ECC Road Safety Training with Parents/Carers in the school hall, 2pm

Tuesday 5th March—Mother's & Special People Church Service, 9.10am

Wednesday 6th March —

Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum, 7.45/8am to 4.15pm;

FS Bedtime Stories in the hall, 6pm

Thursday 7th March —World Book Day (optional dressing up:

book character/PJs/comfy clothing for £1 donation for library books;

Cross Country Event (selected children) at Writtle Sports Ground, 1 to 2.30pm

Friday 8th March —Year 4 Anglo-Saxon Day in school

Monday 11th March —Selected Yr3 Football Tournament at GBHS, 4pm to 5.30pm

Tuesday 12th March —Church Service for Grp 2 led by 1CS, 9.10am;

Cross Country Event (selected children) at CSAC, 12pm to 1.30pm;

PTFA Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday 13th March —Class Photos in school, am

Friday 15th March —2R's Class Assembly in the hall, 9 for 9.10am



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

