

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome Back!



I hope you have had a good half term and enjoyed all the rain!!

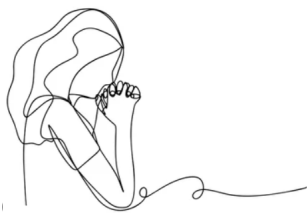
It's always a pleasure to return and see everyone again – and also to receive notification of the Church School Inspection that we will be having next Tuesday 5th March.

You should have received a letter through our email system about this from Rachel Beeson who is inspecting us.

If you would like to talk with her then there are likely to be two opportunities:

1. At the start of school, she will be outside at the front of the building hoping to talk with some parents/ carers
2. After the Mothers and Special People celebration which is in church at 9.10am

If you would like to write in, please feel free to (email admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk for the attention of Rachel Beeson). Or you can write by hand. She will be looking for evidence that The Bishops' is living up to its vision (Live Fully, Laugh Often, Learn Deeply, Love as God Loves You and Let Your Light Shine), is enabling your children to flourish, and is doing everything a church school should do in terms of worship and RE – and doing it well.



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

Mothers & Special People Celebration

9.10am start next Tuesday 5th March for about an hour in church

Please come along and bring your children's special people too!

This is an important service and a highlight of our year to be thankful for the amazing work you do in loving and providing for your children.

Here are some excited children showing great work this week:



On the left, year 1 children are showing some wonderful writing and pictures inspired by the Chinese artist Yayoi Kusama.

Below, Foundation Stage children proudly display their oil pastel creations, inspired by Vincent Van Gogh.



Here, Alex shows us a beautiful flower he made and Harriet has painted this inspiring interpretation of Palm Sunday as we begin to prepare for the Easter story.



Watch us GROW!



The children in FS have started their new topic... Growing! They have all planted their own bean plant and some have also helped to sort the FS garden area.



We're ALL IN!

This Wednesday, a small group of children took part in the 'All In' sports competition at Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre. Supported and encouraged by our LSA staff, they enthusiastically gave their all at various activities. Well done to you all for showing such great character and skill!



Parent/Teacher Consultations



The dates and times for these are as follows:

FS Badgers and Class 5E are coming up soon -

Tuesday and Thursday 12th and 14th March, 3.30-6.30pm

The online booking system opened on Thursday 29th February March at 8pm.

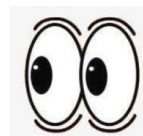
The system will close on Monday 11th March at 12 midday.

Consultations for all the other classes will be on Tuesday 19th March, 3.30 - 6.30pm and Thursday 21st March, 4.30 - 7.30pm. The online booking system for these will open on Wednesday 6th March at 8pm.

The system will close on Monday 18th March at 12 midday.



Polite Reminders



Shoes

These should be black

(trainers are fine – but plain without any obvious logos)

Snacks



Please send your children in with healthy snacks – it's always difficult to define this but please not chocolates/ sweets/ crisps. Sweets should not be in school at all, please, but a chocolate covered bar/ packet of crisps is ok with a packed lunch, just not as a snack.



Walking/ cycling / scooting to school

Spring is a great time to be getting the fresh air and enjoying the newly emerging life, and it's so much less stressful than driving.....

WELL DONE TO...

Isaac loves fishing and he recently won the Junior Novice award in the President's Match for his angling society.

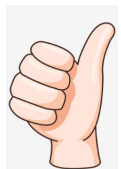
Here he is proudly holding his trophy and shield.



Brilliant work!!



LEO has been working very hard towards his first ever Martial Arts tournament.. and at the weekend he came 1st place in his category. Super news!



The Bishops' School Concert



Saturday 18th May 2024, starting at 7pm



We are excited to be preparing for another big concert in the brilliant venue of Christchurch, New London Road.

The school choir, many of our musicians, a visiting choir and of course our school community choir will be performing.

If you would like to join the Community Choir please do! You don't have to be able to read music, we will teach it all, the pieces will be beautiful and not too difficult!

Try it out **next Friday afternoon (8th March) at 3.20pm**, and if you have children they can be looked after at Little Fingers if they are school age.

It is fun! Please come even if just to check it truly is fun!

Pause for Thought...

Here's something that a parent shared with me earlier in the week...



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Children are our Guests

It belongs to the center of the Christian message that children are not properties to own and rule over, but gifts to cherish and care for. Our children are our most important guests, who enter into our home, ask for careful attention, stay for a while, and then leave to follow their own way. Children are strangers whom we have to get to know.

"Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification."

ROMANS 14:19 (NIV)



Sports Day

We have needed to bring Sports Day forward slightly earlier this year.

Please make a note in your diaries that this will take

place on

Friday 14th June

(NOT 21st June)

Outstanding Payments

Please ensure that all Dinner money, Little Fingers, Clubs and Trip payments are up to date on your child's Scopay account. **Payments must be received by 13th March due to financial year end.** As always, if this causes you any issues or concerns then please contact the school office in confidence and we will endeavour to help. Thank you.

The Bishops' PTFA

Thank you for all your non uniform day donations! We raised over £400 which will be going into our fundraising pot for outdoor equipment.

Keep an eye out for more information on our upcoming events soon!

Many thanks, Becci and the PTFA team

Email: thebishopspta@gmail.com

Find us @BishopsPta, or The Bishops' School PTA on Facebook



Beaulieu Community Walk

Sat 2 Mar 10:30am - 12:00pm

Meet at the Beaulieu Community Centre, 17 Centenary Way, Beaulieu Square, Chelmsford, CM1 6AU, to explore the local area together and build momentum for Beat the Street!

There will be double points on Beat Boxes 82, 86, 91, 92, 95 and 99.

On Tuesday, the PTFA kindly distributed Beat the Street packs to all children. This is a great initiative to encourage us to all get more active and have fun along the way!



Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 4th March

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



If you are a parent/carer of a young person with Special Educational Needs and disabilities then there is a poster in this month's Community News with information and dates for Essex Local Offer Roadshows . Please take a look!



Email: admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk / Tel: 01245 460107

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



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 4th March—

Girls' Football Match v Great Baddow Juniors on the Parish Field, 3.30 to 4.45pm

Tuesday 5th March— Church School Inspection, all day;
Mother's & Special People Church Service, 9.10 to 10.10am

Wednesday 6th March —

Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum, 7.45/8am to 4.15pm;
FS Bedtime Stories in the Hall, 6 to 6.45pm

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;
Community Choir Practice in the Year 6 Block, 3.15pm

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;
KS1 Cross Country Event (selected children) at CSAC, 9.30 to 10.30am;
KS2 Cross Country Event (selected children) at CSAC, 12 to 1.30pm;
5E & Badger Class Parent Consultation Meetings in School, 3.30 to 6.30pm*,
*Online bookings open on Scopay on Thurs 29th February at 8pm,
And close on Mon 11th March at 12pm*;
PTFA Meeting via Zoom, 7.30pm

Wednesday 13th March —Class Photos in School, am;
Quicksticks Hockey Event (selected Yrs5/6 children) at Chelmer Park, 12 to 2.30pm

Thursday 14th March—

5E & Badger Class Parent Consultation Meetings in School, 3.30 to 6.30pm*

Friday 15th March —

2R's Class Assembly in the hall, doors close 9am for 9.10am



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