

# The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

## Creative Relaxation

Year 6 have been enjoying the relaxation of art this week in their National Park (Hornbeam Class) and Egyptian (Hawthorn) topics:



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

Around the school there is a theme of art this week (below, Year 2), and PE of course – and also ICT where some pupils from 5B helped to lead a staff meeting on programmable robots...



Year 3 have been learning the art of speech marks (Well done Harriet)



# Welcome to the team!



## Continued...

Following on from our welcomes in last week's newsletter, we have three more new staff to introduce to you that have joined our team this term.



Mrs Carey is with us at lunchtimes and in Year 3 in the afternoons, Miss Parker (an ex-pupil) is also with us at lunchtimes and, in the afternoons with FS, and – pictured on the next page –



is Mrs Higgs who is also with us at lunchtimes and the afternoons – again with FS.

It is a joy to have each of them with us.



The FS children are here having their second experience of the ICT suite, and being helped to learn to use the mouse by some very helpful Year 4s. Thank you!



## schoolwear plus



We have been contacted by Schoolwear Plus regarding uncollected orders.  
**If you have ordered any items from them recently then please make sure that you collect your order as soon as possible please.**

Thank you.

# Thank You

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Becci Higgs for her tireless work on the PTFA! **Over £100,000 raised in the past 5 years!** Think of Bishops' with no adventure playground, pirate ship, rainbow shelter, hall chairs, MUGA, water play in Foundation Stage, Inflatables Day, school discos, Make the Rules Day, fayres, outdoor gym equipment.....the list goes on – Becci and her team have contributed so much to school life in recent years.

Thank you, Becci, and thank you all the PTFA team. I am delighted that, at the AGM, a new team has been created and voted in, and I look forward to the work of community-building, friendship-building and keeping our school improving and colourful and happy continuing.

But for now – thank you Becci!



## Reading Sessions

Thank you to everyone who managed to attend a Reading Session recently – and to the staff for leading them – we hope you found them helpful.



Whilst nationally just 47% of children aged 5-7 are read to regularly by their parents or carers, we aim for this to be so much higher for your children.

Children who are read to and love reading just do better at life and careers.

We hope it is a joyful time for you each day.

# FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS

The Yr 5&6 Girls Football Tournament took place on Wednesday morning at Great Baddow High School.

The girls finished a commendable 5<sup>th</sup> after losing only one of their matches by a single goal. They can go in to their league fixtures with a great deal of confidence!



Wednesday afternoon saw the turn of the boys, who didn't get off to the best start losing their first fixture. However, they quickly picked themselves up to go through the rest of the tournament unbeaten and finished on par with the girls, 5<sup>th</sup>!



# Rocksteady at Bishops'



Many of you will no doubt have heard from your children that they had a very exciting and interactive Rock Music Assembly on Thursday, and you will have received letters inviting you to sign up your child for lessons.

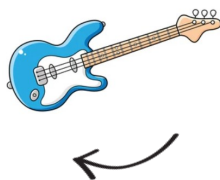
I fear there will be some disappointments but hope that sending out the email to everyone at the same time as your children left the school



meant that as

many as possible had a fair chance of enrolling.

Here are the bands that had a go demonstrating what a Rocksteady lesson looks like.



And here is Ross, who will not be the Rocksteady teacher, but entertained and inspired us to want to be band members.

## Birthday Clothing

Please be reminded that your child is able to wear their own clothes to school on their birthday. If their birthday falls on a weekend, then they can come into school wearing their own clothes on the Friday or Monday, but not if their birthday falls in a school holiday.

Thank you!

**Great Job!**

Pixie recently received an award for completing her level 6 at the gymnastics club she attends.

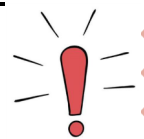
Here she is proudly holding her certificate!



Alice, with her family, went to watch Spurs play at the weekend and she got a picture with the two mascots!

We're not sure who looks more happy in this photo!

## Worried about influencers or the dangers of the internet for your children?



Have a look at this guidance to help your children think critically about what they see and hear:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/question/how-can-i-help-my-child-think-critically-about-the-social-media-influencers-they-follow/>

And here's a fun game to help children be aware of the dangers lurking on the internet:

[https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en\\_uk](https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_uk)

# Bishops' PTFA News

It's the end of a big chapter for me, it's time to say goodbye to my role as PTFA chair.



Thank you to everyone who has supported the PTFA whilst I have been in my role, I have made some incredible memories, met some amazing people and we have raised a phenomenal amount!

Mr Waters has often looked at me like I'm crazy when I have gone to him with an idea, but he always trusted that craziness, even when I said I would organise a fayre with 24 hours' notice and he didn't think I could pull it off! I am very thankful to have been able to do these things.



From reindeer, or alpacas or even a sugar glider at the school fayre, to inflatables, to breaking the rules, sports days, fayres, watching your children grow up... Everything really! It's been a true privilege to be part of it all, but now it's time to experience some of the fun as a parent too!

To every parent, every member of staff and every child— thank you! It's been a blast!

The PTFA Chair will now be the lovely Tam and next week she will introduce you to the amazing team of trustees.



Thanks once again,  
Becci

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## Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b><u>Meat Free Monday</u></b>	Chilli con Carne	Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Breaded Pollock Fish Fillet	Chicken Curry
Pasta with a Variety of Sauces	<b>OR</b> Vegetarian Chilli	<b>OR</b> Veggie Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	<b>OR</b> Grilled Halloumi Burger in a Bun with Lettuce	<b>OR</b> Meat Free Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce
Served with Mixed Salad	Served with Rice, Tortilla Chips & Peas	Served with Crushed New Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots	Served with Chips & Winterslaw	Served with Rice, Naan Bread & Sweetcorn
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Ice Cream	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt

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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.

These include:

- \* **Secondary School Open Days/Evenings**
- \* **Support information for parents/carers**
- \* **Pop-Up Food Store for affordable groceries**
  - \* **Holiday camps/activities**
  - \* **Local shows**
  - \* **Music workshops**
  - \* **Sports clubs and activities**



## Absences for any reason other than medical and illness

Please be reminded that parents/carers should be completing a leave of absence form for absences that are for any other reason than medical appointments and illness, and submitting this to the school office. This includes visits to other schools and passport renewal appointments. This is a requirement from the Local Authority. Please submit the form to the school office as much in advance as possible, ideally 2 weeks to allow time for processing. Forms can be downloaded from our website under 'Parents' and 'Notify Us' or obtained from the school office. Thank you.

### Looking Ahead



**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September—**

Hawthorn Class (6A) residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands, 7.40am for 8am departure

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** — Church Service for Grp2 led by Cedar Class (5B), 9.10am;  
Year 5/6 Table Tennis Competition at CSAC, 1.30pm to 3pm

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October—**

Hornbeam Class (6FG) residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands, 7.40am for 8am departure;  
Return of Hawthorn Class from Thorpe Woodlands, approx. 5pm

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October—** special lunch day—see menu



**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October—**

Return of Hornbeam Class from Thorpe Woodlands, approx. 5pm



Please advise the office..

**Absences/Lates ...**

**Illness:** advise by email by 9am

**Medical appointments:** provide a copy of the appointment notification at least a week in advance

**All other absences:** complete a leave of absence form at least 2 weeks in advance

**All lates:** advise lunch choice by 9am

Thank you.



**Changes to Collection**

**Arrangements ...**

Advise by email by midday

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



Thank you.



**Email: [admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk) / Tel: 01245 460107**

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

