

The Bishops' School News



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6th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,



I hope you have enjoyed a really good holiday with your children.

It's great to see them all back, smart and ready to learn, and a special welcome to all our new families! Here are children who seem to be very happy at Little Fingers!



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

Class Meetings

My apologies for repeating the following information from an email we sent out on Wednesday. I wanted the reminder to get to you as soon as possible in the hope that as many of you as possible would attend the Class Meetings next week, and subsequent Reading Meetings for FS and KS1 classes. There are not Class Meetings for FS because you received so much induction last term.

Class Meetings for Parents/ Carers (these are not for your children to attend) will be held on Thursday 12th September as follows:

Year 1: 9am – 9.45am

Year 2: 2.30 – 3.15pm

Year 3: 2.30 -3.15pm

Year 4: 4 – 4.45pm

Year 5: 5 – 5.45pm



Year 6: 6 – 7.15pm (latter part will be about Thorpe Woodlands)

For Parents/ Carers unable to attend, the Class Teachers will send out the PowerPoint with the essential information - but I hope as many as possible will be able to attend.

There are also going to be **Reading Sessions** which will include aspects of **phonics** which you are encouraged to attend:

FS will be 9 – 10am Tuesday 17th September

Year 1 will be 9 – 10am Tuesday 24th September

Year 2 will be 2-3pm Wednesday 25th September

Non-Pupil Days this academic year are:

Monday and Tuesday 2nd and 3rd September

Friday 25th October – joined to the October half -term

Friday 14th February – joined to the Spring half-term

Monday 2nd June - joined to the Summer half-term

Teamwork at The Bishops'

We have started this term with staff training and assemblies highlighting the qualities of great teams – and it occurs to me that you and us, together, are a team for your children. Working together, well, is so important for the success and happiness of your children. I hope that we will do this in spades for you throughout the current year. Here are some of the buzz words and phrases of great teamwork we have been looking at:



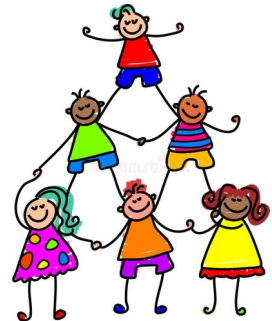
'Everyone's important'

'THE GOAL IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE ROLE'

'Be a catalyst! – winning teams have players who make things happen'

The Bad Apple Law – rotten attitudes ruin a team'

'TEAMMATES MUST BE ABLE TO COUNT ON EACH OTHER WHEN IT COUNTS'



'Shared values really matter'

'Communicate! – interaction fuels action!'

We have also been gently inspired by these words of St. Paul:

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God has forgiven you" (from his letter to the Ephesians) and, *"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing"* (from his first letter to the Thessalonians).

Taking all this to heart will guide us to have a great year!

Clubs

Getting a club place for your children is one of those horribly stressful things for those clubs where there are limits (KS2 choir is well over 100 now). Some of you have emailed your frustrations in – please understand that if you have been unsuccessful in gaining a place, Miss Foale will prioritise a place for your child for next term's club.

Please email her on c.foale@bishops.essex.sch.uk to ensure your children are on the priority list.

We aim to be as fair as humanly possible, and Miss Foale has a huge job in getting all the information out to you in such a timely way, and setting up the systems (which sometimes let us down) to allow the bookings to happen. We are sorry that the current online system has been particularly glitchy and will be looking at getting a better one.

A Few Important Reminders...

Holiday in the holidays!

There are stricter government guidelines now which will make fines more likely, but, more importantly, your child's education with us is of great value.



KS2 snacks

Please make them healthy. Fruit/cereal bars etc. are ok, but chocolate/crisps/sweets are not!



Read, read, read

The daily habit of reading with your children is PROVEN to help them throughout their lives academically, emotionally, with confidence, imagination etc. Don't forget the Springfield Library on our doorstep!



Here is a fun display from Mr Barlow's classroom to inspire your children with their reading.



Be on time

(gates open at 8.40am and should be closing at 8.45am)

Walk/cycle/scoot to school if you can – if not, park well (and not in the access road to the church car park!)

Collecting your children at the end of the day

Please use the staff car park entrance UNLESS you have a child in Year 3



Class WhatsApp groups

are very helpful for school-related queries – please keep them positive and for 'necessary' communications



Thank you!

Emailing the Teachers

Please only email the teachers through their **new** class emails (the old class emails from last year have all been deactivated).

If something is urgent please email the office (admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk) as the office is continually monitored but your teachers are....teaching!

Please remember to state your child's class in every communication with us.

Thank you.



The new class email addresses to use are as follows:

hedgehogs@bishops.essex.sch.uk

badgers@bishops.essex.sch.uk

robins@bishops.essex.sch.uk

wrens@bishops.essex.sch.uk

owls@bishops.essex.sch.uk

kestrels@bishops.essex.sch.uk

alder@bishops.essex.sch.uk

aspen@bishops.essex.sch.uk

birch@bishops.essex.sch.uk

beech@bishops.essex.sch.uk

chestnut@bishops.essex.sch.uk

cedar@bishops.essex.sch.uk

hawthorn@bishops.essex.sch.uk

hornbeam@bishops.essex.sch.uk

A VERY WELL DONE TO...

George and Olivia ran a one mile race at Lee Valley Velopark! Well done!



Karim has been awarded with two-time Champion of the World, Europe and Britain in his category and age in kickboxing. This marks 3 years of hard work. Congratulations!



The Bishops' PTFA

We hope everyone had a great summer! It's lovely to see the children back in school and we hope our new FS children have enjoyed their first sessions.

Our Annual general meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday 24th September at 7pm**, this will be held in the staffroom. We would love to see as many parents and staff there as possible. As per our constitution, we will be re-electing all the trustees roles during the meeting, they are - Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Vice Secretary, Treasurer and Vice Treasurer. If you would like to put yourself forward for any of these roles, or to notify us you will be attending the meeting, please email thebishopspta@gmail.com.

If you would like to discuss any of the roles further please email or speak to one of the current trustees.

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, **between 2nd September and 30th November 2024**

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our PTA. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

Thank you for supporting us!

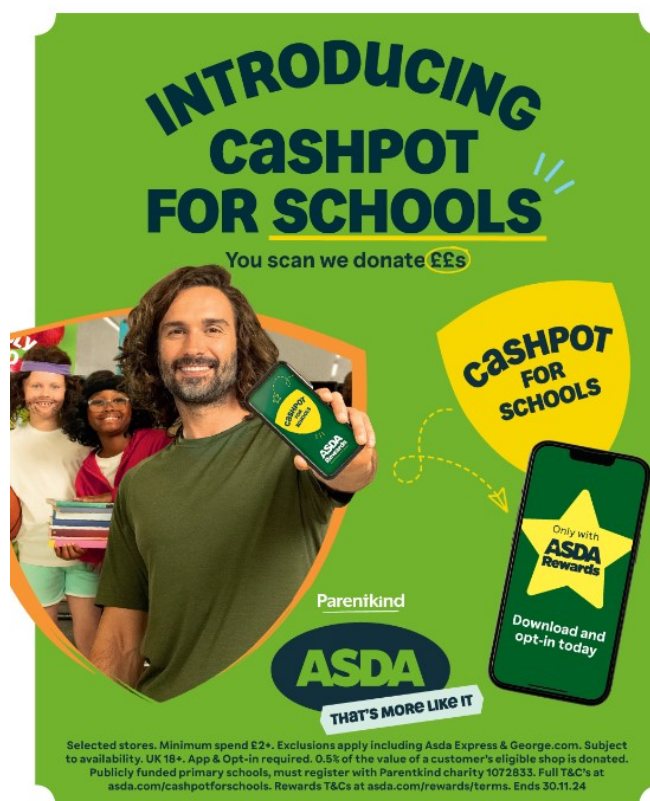
Finally, a date for your diary!

The Christmas Fayre will be on **Friday 29th November**, after school. We hope you can make it!

Many thanks, Becci and the PTFA team

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Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 9th September

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

Community News

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

- * **Support information for parents/carers**
- * **Pop-Up Food Store for affordable groceries**
 - * **Holiday camps/activities**
 - * **Local shows**
 - * **Music workshops**
 - * **Sports clubs and activities**
 - * **Performing arts opportunities**



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.

Looking Ahead

Monday 9th September—Autumn term activity clubs start this week

Tuesday 10th September — Church service for Grp1 led by Beech Class (4S)
(Grp1 Robins/Owls/Aspen/Beech/Chestnut/Hawthorn)

Thursday 12th September — Class Parent Meetings for Years 1-6
(see separate item/email for times)

Friday 13th September—FS children full time from today



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

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

