

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

THORPE WOODLANDS



Continued!...



Hornbeams spent three days at the end of last week on their residential trip at Thorpe Woodlands, in Thetford Forest. The sun shone on them (sorry Hawthorns!) and they enjoyed some wonderful biking through the forest, canoeing down the river along with many other adventurous activities. The campfires and roasting of marshmallows were a lovely end to the day, where they got to share and celebrate individual and team successes. Well done to 6FG for being such a great team.



P.S There were reports of two bear sightings on Friday. Please be reassured that they seemed very friendly and harmless.



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



Tag-Rugby Tournaments



On Monday, a group of year 4 children (in the morning) and year 6 children (in the afternoon) went to Writtle College Sports Ground to participate in a Tag-Rugby Tournament against other schools.

Both teams did really well! All children took it in turns to play and fairly take on the role of sub. The staff who accompanied them were very impressed.

The year 6 children were particularly speedy, demonstrating great tries and tagging.

The year 4 team came 7th and the year 6 group came 2nd out of 15 teams!





Appreciating Autumn!

Aspen Class and Alder Class enjoyed a lovely autumnal experience day on Monday to start their seasonal poetry work. They observed signs of autumn and worked collaboratively, collecting ideas for their poems. Well done Year 3!



The girls in 5B have been creating bug hotels out of leaves and sticks and have opened a chain of hotels that are beginning to be occupied!



World Mental Health Day



Mrs Spencer led a KS2 assembly yesterday in recognition of World Mental Health Day which fell on 10th October.

The children looked at ways to look after their own mental health and that of others.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Olivia from Badger Class completed her 10km running in September challenge to raise funds for The Liam Taylor Legacy who put out bleed control bags in her local community. She managed to raise £1040 in total!

Olivia's family would also like to thank all the parents/carers who donated to her Go Fund Me page.

Mrs Hayward-Windsor has graduated with the BDA for her level 5 as a specialist dyslexia teacher.



This qualification has enabled her to take on another role at Bishops', teaching and supporting a small group of children with the special skills she has learnt.

**BE PROUD
OF WHAT
YOU DO**

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We are holding parent consultation meetings on the following dates. Please take this opportunity to talk to your child's teacher about their progress.

Thursday 17th October, 3.30pm to 6.30pm (All Classes)

Monday 21st October, 3.30pm to 6.30pm (Not Robins or Aspen Class)

Tuesday 22nd October, 3.30pm to 6.30pm (Robins and Aspen Class Only)

The booking times are now available on Scopay and will close at midday the day before each of the consultations.



Come & Visit the Food Forest!



We are holding another volunteer drop-in session on **Saturday 12th of October from 10am - 12ish.**

No particular gardening skills required!

You are welcome to attend even if you'd just like the opportunity to visit the Food Forest and see what we are up to.

We will be planting our bulbs for Spring, clearing weeds, etc. so everyone is welcome! Please come in through the carpark gate.

Children are welcome but will need to be supervised by an adult at all times.

No need to RSVP.

PTFA NEWSLETTER UPDATE

JUST TO SAY :	EVENTS TO COME	FINANCE UPDATE
<p>I have received a lot of emails from a lot of lovely people. A constant theme seems to be that they assume that their contribution is small. I would like to quote a parent's remark regarding the power of collective spirit:</p> <p>'Yes you're right £1 is nothing for the individual but if paid by 1000 people then you have £1000'</p> <p>We have now raised £570 for the Christmas Book Fund because of 23 generous individuals. Simply amazing!!! We have received several wonderful emails offering their support for the Christmas Fayre. I'm optimistic that more volunteers will reach out in the near future because you have always pulled through for our events.</p> <p>Hope you have a lovely weekend,</p> <p>Tam and the PTFA</p>	<p>🕒 24th Oct Make the rules</p> <p>🕒 4th Nov PTFA zoom meeting</p> <p>🕒 29th Nov Christmas Fayre</p>	<p>🛒 Asda Cashpot 👤 £130 Ends: 30th of Nov</p> <hr/> <p>📖 Christmas Books Fund 👤 £570 COMPLETED!</p> <hr/> <p>FUNDRAISING TARGET FOR 2024/2025: £10 000</p>

MEET THE PTFA- A LITTLE MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-VICE CHAIRS

Donna Howard :

I'm Donna and I have 2 children at Bishops'.. Max in year 6 and Evie in year 4.

I also have Tyler who went to Bishops' but is now in year 10 at senior school.

Over my time at the school, I always tried to get involved with helping at events that are provided for the children as it's such a nice thing for the school community and it is for the benefit of them at the end of the day.

This year, I felt in a position that I could offer more and put myself forward as Co Vice Chair.

I'm looking forward to being more proactive within the school and planning of events/fundraisers etc.

Sarah Mott:

Hi 🙋 I'm Sarah, I have two boys currently still in the school, Luke in year 6 and Henry in year 3.

I love The Bishops' and love helping to provide that 'extra little sparkle' to the school for the children as it would be very dull without the PTFA adding all the events and additional activities into school life.

I think that secretly both my boys enjoy me being involved with the PTFA as they never know what crazy hairbrained ideas we might come up with for the next fundraising activity, although I'm sure Luke would say I'm embarrassing him 😊

"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH"
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



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Harvest

ITEMS NEEDED

TOILETRIES

SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER
SHOWER GEL
DEODORANT
HAND WASH
HYGIENE PRODUCTS

HOUSEHOLD

LAUNDRY DETERGENT
WASHING UP LIQUID
ANTI-BAC ITEMS
TOILET CLEANER
TOILET PAPER

STORE CUPBOARD

BREAKFAST SPREADS
TABLE SAUCES
LONG-LIFE MILK
GRAVY
HERBS & SPICES

DRINKS

TEA
COFFEE
HERBAL TEAS
DECAF OPTIONS

TINNED ITEMS

TINNED MEATS
TINNED VEGETABLES
TINNED FRUIT
TINNED CUSTARD
TINNED RICE PUDDING

JARS AND PASTAS

PASTA SAUCES
PASSATA
PASTA
RICE
PASTA MEALS
RICE MEALS

PUDDINGS

ANGEL DELIGHT
JELLY
CAKES/CAKE BARS

OTHER

CEREALS
OATS
SUGAR
UHT MILK

Our Harvest Service is next **Tuesday 15th October**– please remember you are all invited to be thankful with us for all things food and seasonal. Children from every class will be presenting different aspects of harvest for us. The Pop-Up Shop run by Ruth Pierce and her team are looking forward to receiving our gifts which will be distributed over the winter to those in need.

Please see the list on the left for ideas of what's needed. Thank you!

Film Fundraiser for Barnardo's!

We are hosting a couple of film viewings after school in the hall to help raise funds towards Barnardo's leading up to the choirs' trip to The Royal Albert Hall.

All school children are invited and there will be a **suggested donation of £3** towards your child's attendance.



Payments will be available on Scopay from next week onwards.

Dates are as follows:

Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1: Friday 8th November, 3.15pm to 4.30pm

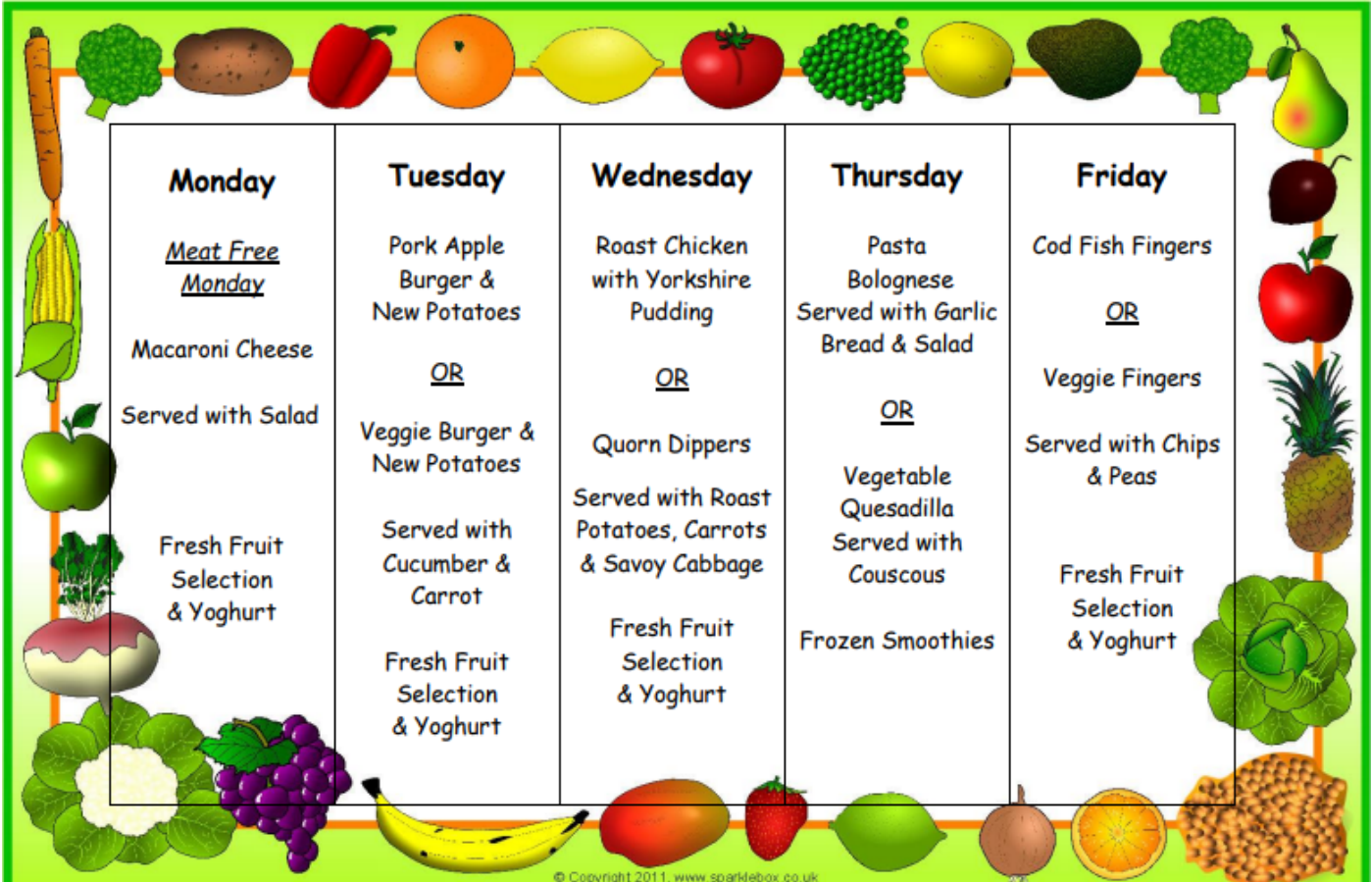
Key Stage 2: Friday 22nd November, 3.25pm to 5pm

Films to be announced soon! Drinks and popcorn provided!

You will be able to accompany your child if they usually receive 1:1 support in school.

If your child usually attends Little Fingers then please look out for a separate email soon about arrangements for them if they wish to watch the film.

Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 14th October



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.

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**
 - * **Performing arts opportunities**





Looking Ahead



Monday 14th October—

PTFA 2025 Calendar Shoot in school (am) —chn to wear uniform or school PE kit;
KS2 Archery Competition (selected chn) at Beaulieu Park Sch, 1.30 to 2.45pm

Tuesday 15th October— Harvest Service for whole school in Church, 9.15am;
KS1 Football Comp (slctd chn) at Moulsham High, 9.30am to 11.30am (transport provided)

Thursday 17th October—Parent Consultation Mtgs for all classes, 3.30pm to 6.30pm*

Monday 21st October—Parent Consultation Mtgs (not Aspen and Robins), 3.30 to 6.30pm*

Tuesday 22nd October—

Church service for Grp2 led by Hornbeam, 9.10am;
Parent Consultation Meetings for Aspen and Robins only, 3.30 to 6.30pm*

Wednesday 23rd October—Year 1 Local Walk, 9am to 10.30am

Thursday 24th October—PTFA Make The Rules Day;
FS height, weight & vision measurements in school (am)

Friday 25th October—Non-pupil day

Monday 28th October to Friday 31st October 2024—Half Term Break

Monday 4th November 2024—Back to school

** Online bookings for Parent Consultation Meetings will open on Scopay.com at 6pm on Monday 7th October 2024 and close at 12pm the day before each date **



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 / Tel: 01245 460107

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

