

# The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

## Choir Performs at the Royal Albert Hall!

49 of the choir sang their hearts out at The Royal Albert Hall on Monday, accompanied by The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and watched by thousands of admiring parents and friends. They were a joy to take to London and had a lot of fun in the park opposite when not rehearsing. They also got very excited when **Heather**

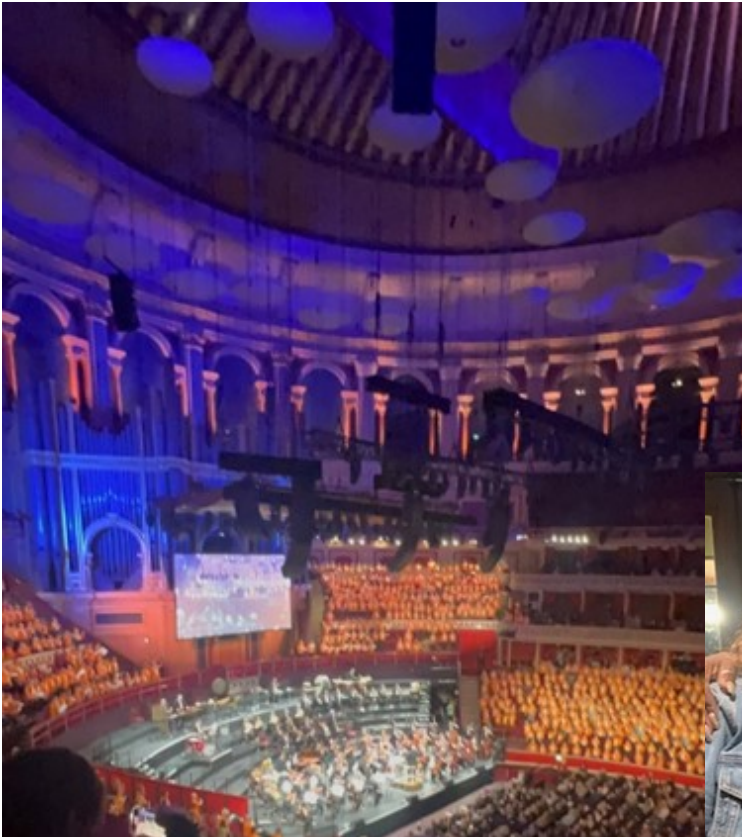
**Small** (pictured, somehow, with Mrs Spencer and Mrs Turner!) performed with them, and also when Barnardo's

President, TV Presenter and

Journalist **Natasha Kaplinsky OBE**, came close to our singers and spoke with Poppy, Amari (and gave her a gingerbread man crown!) and Harry during the raffle draw. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came to support us, the amazing children, and Mr Barlow and Mrs Parker who organise and rehearse everyone so well! It was also a real pleasure to have Harriet Wilson with us, an ex-pupil who is now at CCHS and is applying to universities to study music.



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



# Christmas Productions

**Christmas production ticket Sales seem to be causing some disquiet, which is never our intention. Your children are beginning to rehearse for them, the stage is up, Advent displays are being made for the hall, and the songs of Christmas are beginning to echo through the corridors! Here's a message from Mrs Boreham which I hope will make things as clear as possible regarding the tickets:**

*We would like to clarify the situation about the Christmas Performances as we are aware that there have been discussions amongst WhatsApp groups.*

*Firstly, we would like to say that if you have any queries or concerns regarding something that is happening within school then please always communicate with us directly. WhatsApp groups should be for sharing only useful information with other parents/carers.*

*Prior to COVID, Christmas Performance tickets were sold via Scopay and this year we are reverting back to this system. We have made this change to try to improve efficiency for all, around collecting money, distribution of audience spaces, as well as being aware that people are not carrying as much cash now. However, the £2 has remained the same since before COVID. If families cannot afford this then we encourage them to contact the school office in confidence.*

*Please note that no physical tickets will be issued and there are no further donations expected on the door at the performances.*

*The income from the tickets funds our music and performance licences as well as required props. Any remaining money will contribute towards PTFA-funded projects throughout the school that benefit all of the children.*

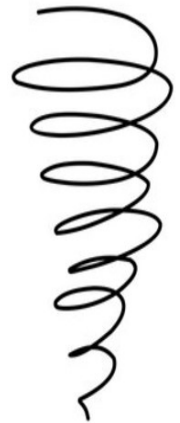
*The ticket allocation for the year group performances vary depending on how many year groups are performing as we have to meet strict fire safety limits.*

*For information, the year 6 concert service will vary as they will be collecting money to donate to a charity like they did last year as there are no costs involved for this concert.*

*Thank you for your understanding and we hope that you all enjoy the performances.*

# Education in Motion!

Education is (should be!) about the body as well as the mind, and it's amazing to see the Year 1s so confidently jumping, balancing, crawling and climbing!



## Football Final!

Our seven-a-side boys football team are through to the county final which is this Saturday!

If successful, they will go through to the Regional Finals.



Good luck boys!

# Superb Carol Singing



Thank you to our brilliant carol singers who sang at the St. Augustine Christmas Fair last weekend. They sang beautifully!



## CROSS COUNTRY



On Thursday this week, the second fixture of the Edmund Carr Cross Country League took place at Hylands Park.

Although the 45 KS2 children enjoyed the unexpected sunny, warm weather, the heavy rainfall earlier in the week meant that conditions were tough out on the course.

Congratulations to all for taking part. A special mention goes to Chisom and Toby who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in their races and are currently both 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the individual league standings.

# A Few Reminders



## **Please park safely before dropping off your children!**

Some children have been seen to be dropped off almost 'on the move' and then have run across the road unaccompanied and unsafely. Another car recently reversed into the staff car park entrance and nearly hit a child. Have we forgotten the 'slow down and appreciate' lessons of the pandemic?  
I worry that we might have....

## **Clubs finish next week – Animation Club will finish at 5pm**

**Name your child's property**.....As cooler weather comes this includes coats, scarves, gloves, hats etc...

**Enjoy reading with your children**.....take the time, relax if you can and give yourselves this daily tonic of calm time with your most precious gifts  
(your children!)

We are excited for the **PTFA Christmas Fayre** this afternoon!! Come if you can!! All funds raised go towards exciting improvements which make a direct and positive difference to your children's school experience!

# RockSteady Performance

Our RockSteady Bands are putting on a performance on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10am** to showcase their new skills!

This will take place in the school hall and is expected to last approximately 40 minutes.

Parents/carers are invited to watch, but we ask that guests are limited to 2 adults per child please.



The youngest children and the oldest children in the school join together  
each week for Buddy Time!

Here they were last Friday, in Badger Class.



## **SEND LSA vacancy at The Bishops'**



We currently have a role advertised online at Essex School Jobs for a 1:1 Learning Support Assistant to work with a pupil arriving next term in Year 1. The role is for the mornings and lunchtimes. **The deadline is midday on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.**

Applications can be made by clicking [HERE](#) .

**Foundation Stage would like to request any spare tights and socks.**

**Please pass any donations to the school office.**

**Thank you!**





# GREAT WORK!

Juliet had a great time last weekend taking part in her swimming team Gala and received this fantastic certificate as a result.

Here she is enjoying a well-deserved cookie!



Isla drew this beautiful picture of our school chickens!

Can you guess which one is which? ...See if your child can remember their names.

*Answers at the bottom of this page!*



Jessica has been busy gaining dancing medals in a recent competition!

Here she is proudly showing them to Mr Waters!



Pumpkin, Omelette, Star



# PTFA NEWSLETTER UPDATE

JUST TO SAY :	EVENTS TO COME	FINANCE UPDATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If you participated in My Child's Art you are now able to view your artworks online <a href="https://mychildsart.co.uk/find-artwork">https://mychildsart.co.uk/find-artwork</a> Username: <b>TheBishops</b> Access code: <b>q33prk22</b></li><li>The calendars were all delivered to the classes earlier in the week. The remaining calendars will be on display to sell at £8 next Monday morning on 2nd of December outside school.</li><li>The Chicken Gates will be closed today for pick up as an Inflatable sleigh will be set up.</li></ul>	<p>🕯️ <b>Wed 18th</b> <b>Dec</b> Sparkly Non-uniform Day</p>	<p>🏪 <b>Asda Cashpot</b> 🎯 <b>£215</b> 🎯 <b>Ends: 30th of Nov</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>FUNDRAISING TARGET</b> <b>FOR 2024/2025:</b> <b>£2353.50</b> <b>OUT OF £10 000</b></p>

## The Christmas Fair is today!



Entry: Adults £1 Children £2 (under 2's free)

On the left is the QR code for entry

Please have your receipt displayed on your phone for fast entry.

You can also purchase tickets by cash or card.

All activities on the stamper card are included in the entry price.

There will be a few pay-to-plays games to choose from:

- ★ Tombola
- ★ Raffle tickets
- ★ Spin the Wheel
- ★ 100 Squares Prize Draw

There will be 3 external stalls :

- ★ 3D Print Gal
- ★ Passions at The Bury
- ★ Usbourne Books

We look forward to seeing you there!

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



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## Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

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

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### Community News

The Community News section of our school website has lots of information about activities, events and opportunities available locally. These include:

- \* **Support information for parents/carers**
- \* **Local church events**
- \* **Holiday camps/activities**
  - \* **Local shows**
  - \* **Music workshops**
- \* **Sports clubs and activities**
  - \* **Performing Arts**

Check it out!



Support us at  
Stewardship

With your support, we can enhance the physical environment in which your children learn.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

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www.stewardship.org.uk/  
partners/20461994](https://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20461994)



# Looking Ahead



**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December—**  
Church Service for Grp1 led by Beech Class, 9.10am

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December—**FS Performance to parents of 'The Nativity' in the Hall, 1.45pm

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December—** FS Performance to parents of 'The Nativity' in the Hall, 9.20am;  
Yr5 Road Safety session for children only in school, am;  
FS Road Safety session for Hedgehog Class,  
parents invited into school, 2.15pm



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**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December—**  
Year 1/2 Performance to parents of 'A Bundle of Joy' in the Hall, 1.45pm

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December—**Church Service for Grp2 led by Birch Class, 9.10am;  
Year 1/2 Performance to parents of 'A Bundle of Joy' in the Hall, 1.45pm

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December—**Flu Immunisations in school, pls refer to emails;  
Rocksteady Band Concert in the Hall, 10 to 10.40am;

Badminton Masterclass & Tournament (selected Yr 5/6 chn) at Boswells, 12.30 to 2.30pm

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December—**  
Year 3/4 Performance to parents of  
'Children of the World' in the Hall, 9.20am



**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December—**  
Year 3/4 Performance to parents of  
'Children of the World' in the Hall, 9.20am



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.**

