

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome to the Summer Term!

Welcome back to the Summer Term. We hope you have enjoyed a great break and a very happy Easter. This is always a great term and we are looking forward to sunshine, Sports Day, a special Exhibition Evening when all your children will have a framed piece of art on display, a travelling theatre production of Oliver Twist, the amazing PTFA Inflatables



Day as well as concerts and productions and school trips.....

We hope your children have a really fabulous term, and that you do, too.



Well done to all these children for their fantastic work.

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

Parent Governor Vacancy

In our school we have a vacancy for one parent governor.

The governing body, with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing bodies have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Whereas no particular qualifications are necessary and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school curriculum and management and be prepared to play an active part in governing body's work.

Training is available for all governors and this board of governors has an expectation that those new to governance attend induction training as a minimum. The enclosed sheet summarises the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a governor. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close.

If you would like to stand for election, please arrange for the nomination form (attached to this week's newsletter email) to be completed and returned to the school not later than **Tuesday 5th May**. If you are unable to print a nomination form, a copy can be collected from the school office. You may also include a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 250 words.

Self-nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another parent, please seek their prior consent.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, the election will be by a secret ballot.

Mini Wimbledon Tournament

Two teams of four Year 4 pupils enjoyed a mostly sunny afternoon at Hamptons Leisure Centre on Wednesday, participating in the Mini Wimbledon Tennis Competition.



Each child played five singles

matches accruing points for their team with Bishops' B Team finishing 3rd in their pool, while Bishops' A Team secured 4th place. ~ Mr Evans

COMMUNITY CHOIR

Starts today from 3.15pm!

This is open to any parents/carers/grandparents and members of the school community.

Further Friday rehearsal dates are as follows:

1st May
8th May
15th May
12th June
19th June

26th June at Christ Church (rehearsal time tbc)

If you are attending a rehearsal and have requested Little Fingers childcare for your child (by email to c.foale@bishops.essex.sch.uk), please report to the green outside hall door to collect them. Thank you.



PIA PIA PIANO

Here is a lovely photo of Lisa Ramsey and her amazing group of hard-working pianists taken after their wonderful concert last term!



Important

Please be reminded that children should **only** be wearing **stud earrings** in school. There are lots of hoop earrings sneaking in and they pose a real health and safety risk when the children are engaging in physical activity.

We have been contacted by Springfield Parish Council to ask that all parents/carers ensure that they are **only parking in a designated parking bay when using the Parish Centre car park**. They will be erecting some signs too and this is to ensure that all users are kept safe.

Thank you.

A VERY WELL DONE TO...



Oscar spent some time in Lisbon over the Easter holidays.



He was invited to train at the Benfica Academy and play several local teams from the area.

Brilliant work Oscar.

Anae made her debut for Colchester United against Norwich at their Nest Training ground. She also scored twice for Chelmsford City U12 Girls last weekend to help the team beat their nearest rivals 5-0. Great job Anae.



Mollie has made her Brownie Promise.

The Brownie Promise is a core pledge, committing to do your best, be true to yourself, develop personal beliefs, serve your community, and follow the Brownie Guide Law.

It is a promise of service, friendship, and personal development.

Wishing you well on this journey Mollie.



Here is Roxanne taking part in a Church litter pick event.

She started from Augustine church following the pathway round Beardsley Drive and back down the path behind the school.



During her walk, Roxanne spoke excitedly about areas of her school to a group of volunteers.

Thank you, Roxanne, for caring so well for our local environment.

Jack was awarded his Yellow belt in MMA over the school holidays.

Fantastic achievement Jack, keep it up.



Arlo, Blake, Oscar, and Thomas, along with honorary team member, Alex, and supported from home by missed teammate Elliot, won the Under 9s Witham Town Tournament over the Easter Weekend.

Congratulations to you all.

PTFA NEWSLETTER



Thank You

It has been a fantastic month for fundraising - thank you to everyone who has supported and taken part in our events!

Our Wonka Bar sale was a huge success. We sold over 430 bars and raised an amazing £450 profit.

The Bishops' Easter Trail was another highlight, bringing in over £1000 profit - an incredible achievement and a brilliant event enjoyed by all.

A special thank you to Olivia and Imogen for organising the Dog Cafe, which raised £50. Well done girls and thank you.

We truly appreciate all the support from our school community. Every contribution makes a real difference.

Thank you again
The PTFA Team



OUR NEXT MEETING

We would love to invite everyone to our next PTFA meeting, taking place on Tuesday 21st April at 8pm in the staff room.

Everyone is very welcome to attend - whether you'd like to put forward new ideas, offer help, volunteer or simply come along and enjoy a break from the bedtime routine.

We hope to see you there.

Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 20th April

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

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Community News

The [Community News Page](#) of our website has lots of information about activities, events and support available locally including:

- * **Support for parents/carers**
- * **Local church events**
- * **Holiday camps/activities**
- * **Music workshops/shows**
- * **Sports clubs and activities**
- * **Performing arts**
- * **Competitions**
- * **Swimming Lessons**





Looking Ahead



Monday 20th April:

Bee Netball Tournament (sel chn) at GBHS, 3pm pickup for 4pm to 5.45pm

Tuesday 21st April:

Church for Grp1 led by Hawthorn Class, 9.10am;
PTFA Meeting in School, 8pm

Thursday 23rd April:

Yr5/6 Football Match v Beaulieu Primary School (sel chn),
on the parish field, 3.30pm to 4.15pm



Friday 24th April:

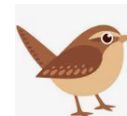
Aspen Class Assembly in the hall, doors close 9am for 9.10am start;
Chestnut Class Cake & Treat Sale for Yrs 5&6 in aid of the Rainbow Trust

Tuesday 28th April:

Church for Grp2 led by Wrens Class, 9.10am;
3 Tees Cricket Event (sel chn) at New Hall School, 12.45pm to 2.45pm

Friday 1st May :

Badger Class Assembly in the School Hall, doors close 9am for 9.10am start;
Year 1 trip to Thorndon Country Park, 9.15am to 3pm:
Community Choir Practice, 3.15pm to 4.15pm



Please advise the office....thank you.



Illness & medical absences & aptmts / lates:

By email to absence@bishops.essex.sch.uk in advance *or* by 9am

Leave of absences: By LOA pink form in advance, or email to absence@bishops.essex.sch.uk

All lates: advise lunch choice by 9am

Collection Changes: By email by noon, after this urgent messages only by phone by 2.30pm

Notification forms: Available on our website: bishops.essex.sch.uk, Parents and Notify Us

All other general enquiries: Email: admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk / Tel: 01245 460107

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