

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

A Very Warm Welcome

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of the Bishops' and to become part of this wonderful community.

Having lived and worked in Chelmsford for many years, I already know something of the excellent reputation that the Bishops' enjoys. Most recently, I served as Headteacher of Baddow Hall Junior School, following a number of years in senior leadership roles in local schools. What drew me to the Bishops' was its strong values, welcoming atmosphere and clear commitment to nurturing every child as an individual.



As both a parent and an educator, I understand how important it is for children to feel happy, safe and valued at school. My vision is to build upon the many strengths that already exist here, ensuring that every child is supported to flourish academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. The Christian foundation of our school is central to its identity, and I am committed to preserving and strengthening the caring, inclusive ethos that makes the Bishops' such a special place. I believe every child should feel that they belong, that they are known and valued, and that they are encouraged to achieve their very best.

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

In my first few days at the Bishops', I have already been struck by so much that makes this school special. I have seen committed, skilled and caring staff who are dedicated to giving every child the very best opportunities to succeed. Classrooms have been full of engaging and purposeful learning, with pupils producing work of which they can be rightly proud. I have also enjoyed joining together in assemblies and acts of worship that have been thoughtful, meaningful and firmly rooted in the values that underpin our school community. Above all, I have been impressed by the enthusiasm of the children, who have welcomed me warmly and demonstrated a genuine eagerness to learn, participate and contribute to school life. These early experiences have only strengthened my excitement about becoming part of the Bishops' community.

During these first few months, my priority will be to listen, learn and get to know our children, families and staff. I am excited about the future and look forward to working in partnership with you as we continue to help every child thrive.

Mr R McIntosh



Headteacher

As in previous years we will hold meetings for parents in each year group to meet the teacher and be given more information about the year ahead.

Dates and times for these are listed below:

Tuesday 15th September – Year 6 - 5.30-6.30pm. This will include information about the Thorpe Woodlands trip.

Please note that we are waiting on confirmation from Boswells as to whether they will attend to give a brief introduction to their school. If so the session will extend until 7.15pm. We will advise you once we have more information.

Monday 21st September – Foundation Stage - 2.15-3.00pm

Tuesday 22nd September – Year 1 - 2.30-3.00pm

Wednesday 23rd September – Year 2 - 2.30-3.00pm

Thursday 24th September – Year 4 - 2.30-3.00pm

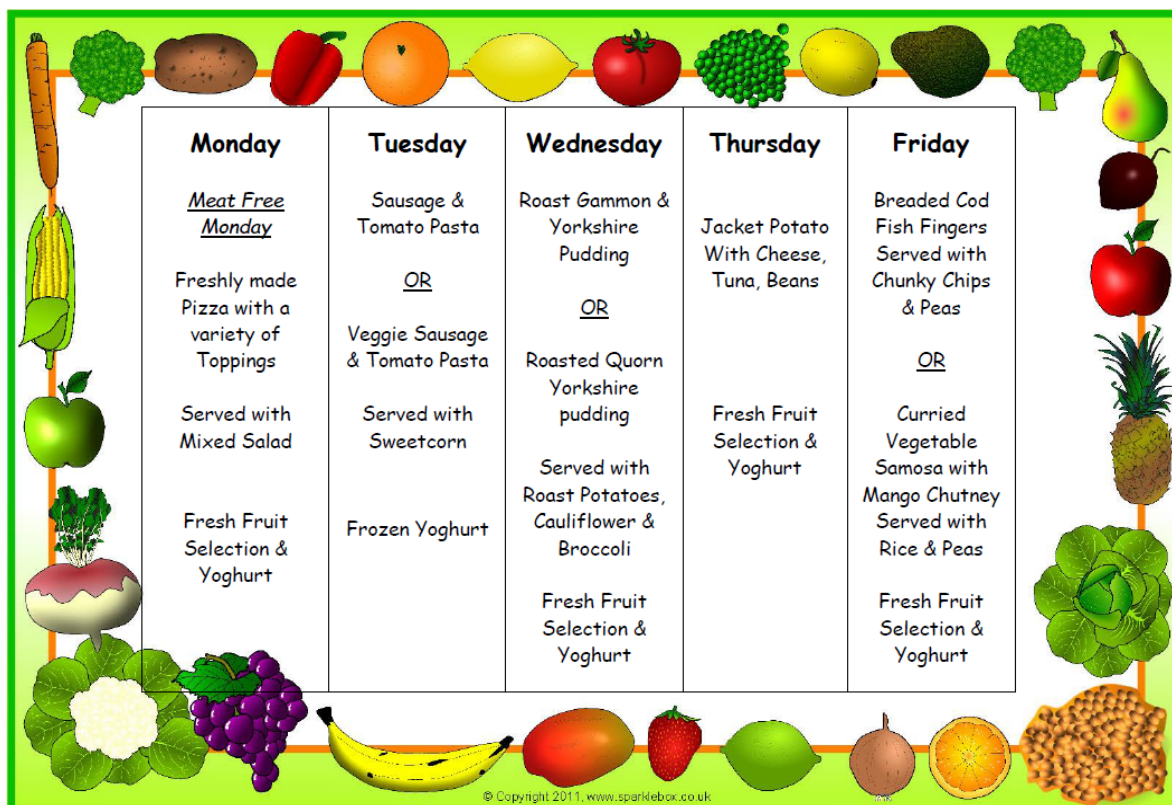
Friday 25th September – Year 3 - 2.30-3.00pm

Monday 28th September – Year 5 - 2.30-3.00pm

These meetings will be held in the classrooms. Please arrive at Chicken gate 5 minutes before the start time.

Please find below dinner menus for the following two weeks for your reference.
Please remember to pre-order meals by 1pm each Friday 9 days before meals are served and to input an 'S' code for 'Sandwiches' if your child is having a packed lunch.

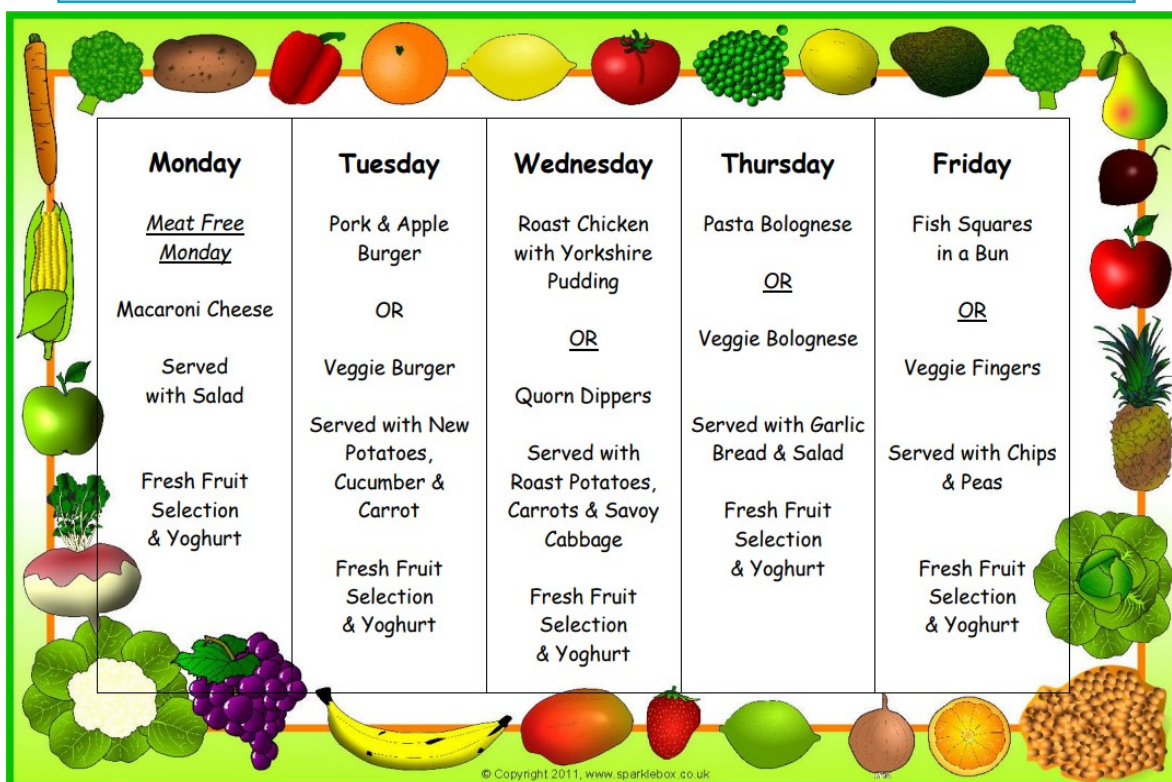
Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 7th September



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Sausage & Tomato Pasta	Roast Gammon & Yorkshire Pudding	Jacket Potato With Cheese, Tuna, Beans	Breaded Cod Fish Fingers Served with Chunky Chips & Peas
Freshly made Pizza with a variety of Toppings	<u>OR</u> Veggie Sausage & Tomato Pasta	<u>OR</u> Roasted Quorn Yorkshire pudding	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	<u>OR</u> Curried Vegetable Samosa with Mango Chutney Served with Rice & Peas
Served with Mixed Salad	Served with Sweetcorn	Served with Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower & Broccoli		Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt
Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Frozen Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt		

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Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 14th September



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Pork & Apple Burger	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding	Pasta Bolognese	Fish Squares in a Bun
Macaroni Cheese	<u>OR</u> Veggie Burger	<u>OR</u> Quorn Dippers	<u>OR</u> Veggie Bolognese	<u>OR</u> Veggie Fingers
Served with Salad	Served with New Potatoes, Cucumber & Carrot	Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Savoy Cabbage	Served with Garlic Bread & Salad	Served with Chips & Peas
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Looking Ahead

Tuesday 8th September:

Church for Grp2 led by Hornbeam Class, 9.10am



Friday 11th September:

Year 5 World War II Day in school

Tuesday 15th September:

Church for Grp1 led by Hawthorn Class, 9.10am

Thursday 17th September:

11+ Examination Information Meeting for Yr5 parents, 5.30 to 6.30pm

Thursday 24th September:

PTFA AGM Meeting in school, 8am



Thursday 8th October:

Flu Immunisations

Friday 23rd October: Non-Pupil Day

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October: Half-Term

Collection Changes

Please let us know by noon of any collection changes for your child. Teaching staff are not always able to check their emails as they are teaching and the office is also very busy and do their best to run messages round to classes.

New Term Clubs

Please be aware that we will email our new Autumn Term Club Letter and Timetable early next week with details of how and when to register your children.



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***

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.