The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Looking back with gratitude

As we reach the end of what has been a full and busy eight-week half term, it is a good opportunity to pause and reflect on all that has been achieved and experienced since September.

The start of a new school year always brings excitement and anticipation, and our children have embraced the opportunities before them with enthusiasm. Over the past eight weeks, we have seen children settle into new classes, build new friendships, develop new skills and grow in confidence.

There have been many memorable moments along the way. We have reflected on our responsibility to care for God's creation, explored how each of us can make a positive difference in the lives of others, and celebrated the many adults who contribute to Bishops' through their service, support and dedication.

Our Year 6 residential visit to Thorpe Woodlands Activity Centre provided opportunities for adventure, teamwork and personal growth, whilst our Harvest Services at St Augustine's Church brought us together in worship and thanksgiving. The generosity shown through donations to the Community Pop-Up Food Store was a wonderful example of our school values in action.

Alongside these events, children have represented the school in sporting competitions, visited places of educational interest, celebrated achievements beyond school and continued to make progress in their learning every day.

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

None of this would be possible without the combined efforts of our pupils, staff, governors, volunteers, PTFA and families. Together, we create a community where children are encouraged to flourish and become the very best versions of themselves.

As we begin the half-term break, we give thanks for all that has been accomplished and look forward with excitement to the opportunities that next half term will bring.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
Galatians 6:9

This verse reminds us that growth takes time and that the efforts we make each day matter. Looking back over this half term, there is much for which we can be thankful and much of which we can be proud.

Mr R McIntosh

R. McIntosh

Headteacher



We wanted to pass on our massive thanks to the whole school for the incredible donations we received last week from the Harvest Festival.



It all makes such a difference, and we have had lots of fun looking through and counting all the items we received.

This year you gave us **over 850 items** which is worth so much to us. Our van was FULL! Please know that each item is gratefully received by us but also by all our customers.

Many thanks
Ruth Pierce
St Francis Community Projects Project Manager

KS2 Cross-Country



On Thursday last week, the cross-country season got underway with the Primary School Cross Country races at Hylands Park. We were incredibly proud of the 50 children from Years 3 to 6 who represented our school. All children showed fantastic determination, resilience and sportsmanship as they tackled the course. It was wonderful to see them challenging themselves, supporting one another and giving their best effort. Well done to everyone who took part! Congratulations to Oliver Hunt who came 3rd in his race.

~ Miss Rice

Year 5 Duxford Trip

Year 5 had a fantastic day at the Imperial War Museum at Duxford. We saw planes taking off, dressed up in pilot uniform and visited all the Battle of Britain exhibits to deepen our history learning.





All the staff were really impressed with the mature and respectful behaviour from all the children –
well done Year 5!

Please remember to <u>PRE-ORDER MEALS BY 1PM EACH FRIDAY 9 DAYS BEFORE MEALS ARE SERVED</u> and to input an 'S' code for 'Sandwiches' if your child is having a packed lunch.

Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 2nd November

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

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Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 9th November

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

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Looking Ahead



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



Monday 2nd November:
FS Road Safety Sessions - Hedgehog Class, 9 to 9.45am
Badger Class, 10 to 10.45am



Tuesday 3rd November:
Church for Grp2 led by Alder Class, 9.10am



Wednesday 4th November:
Year 2 Maths Meeting in the Hall, 2 to 3pm

Tuesday 10th November:
Church for Grp1 led by Aspen Class, 9.10am

Wednesday 11th November:
Remembrance Service on the playground, 10.45am



Thursday 12th November:
Year 6 Egyptian Day in school;
KS2 Cross-Country at Hylands Park, 11.15am to 2.45pm





Friday 13th November:
Photographers in to take individual photos



Please advise the office....thank you.



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

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