# The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

# A Time to Remember

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school after the half-term break. They have quickly settled back into their routines, reconnected with friends and approached their learning with enthusiasm and positivity.

As we begin this new half term, our focus has turned towards **remembrance**. November is traditionally a month of remembrance within the Catholic Church, and we started the week with an assembly marking All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day**.**

Together, we reflected on the people who have shaped our lives through their kindness, courage, faith and service, whether they are famous saints, loved family members or those who have quietly made a difference to us each day.

As we mark these days, Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day next week, and the closing weeks of the Church year, we are reminded of the stories, people and experiences that have shaped us and our communities.

We give thanks for those whose faith, courage and service continue to inspire us, and we take time to remember those who are no longer with us but remain cherished in our hearts.

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

The assembly encouraged children to think about someone who has made/makes a difference in their own life and to consider how they might carry forward that person's example of kindness, generosity or courage. Christianity and other faiths teach us that love leaves a lasting mark on the world and that one of the best ways to remember others is to continue the good they shared with us.

***"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."***
**1 John 3:18**

As we remember those who have inspired us, may we also seek to follow their example, showing kindness, hope and love in all that we do.

Mr R McIntosh

R. McIntosh

Headteacher

# Remembrance Service

Our Remembrance Service is due to take place next **Wednesday 11th November**. Family members are more than welcome to join us for the service, which will be held on the playground at **10.45am.**

We will assess the weather conditions on the morning and, if necessary, make the decision to cancel the service outside. We will still observe the occasion and the two-minute silence inside but unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate family members in that scenario. If you intend to come next Wednesday, please be alert to any message we send out that morning.



## PE kit on club days

If a pupil is attending a club that requires them to wear PE kit, this can be worn all day – there is no need for them to bring uniform to change into.

However, it must be our own school PE kit and not any other items of personal sportswear. Thank you.

Hornbeam class would like to say a **'BIG THANK YOU'** to Mrs Janse Van Rensburg for her generous donation of table tennis bats and balls; two games of UNO and pencils to the class. Your support means a great deal to our class. We truly appreciate your kindness and your partnership in our classroom.







Diwali - the festival of lights – is celebrated by people of many traditions and religions, including Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and some Buddhists.

The main day of the Diwali festival this year falls on Sunday 8th November and will be observed around the world and also in our own local community.

We wish 'Happy Diwali' to everyone who is observing this festival.

# A VERY WELL DONE TO...

Well done to Alaria for her most recent ice skating gala performance.

We wish her all the very best for her upcoming competition too.



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# Pre-ordering School Meals

The Scopay system for pre-ordering meals has been in place now since May this year and we send out regular reminders about ensuring that meals are ordered in advance. However, we are still finding that many children do not have meals pre-ordered and are arriving to school without a packed lunch either. Not only does this cause a lot of confusion, but it also means that the office are having to contact parents and carers during the busy school day to chase this up.

**A reminder of the reasons for why we introduced this system are as follows:**

- To free up time at the beginning of the day in class
- So that catering orders can be more precise and we can avoid over ordering
- To reduce food wastage

**Whether your child is having a main meal, vegetarian meal or bringing in a packed lunch, this needs to be logged on Scopay 9 days in advance of meals being served. Menu options will be listed for the day you are ordering.**
**It will not be possible to make on the day changes.**

Thank you for your understanding and support going forward.

## Being on time for school is very important!

Sometimes late arrivals are unavoidable and we appreciate the odd, unforeseen circumstance.

When your child arrives late for school, they miss the teacher's instructions and the introduction to the lesson. They might feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late. They miss out on interacting with their peers.

If they continue to be late for school, their academic achievement will suffer.

Please be aware of the table to the right showing minutes lost per day & what this equals in days of teaching per year.

| Minutes lost per day | Equals days of teaching |
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| 5 minutes | 3.4 days |
| 10 minutes | 6.9 days |
| 15 minutes | 10.3 days |
| 20 minutes | 13.8 days |
| 25 minutes | 20.7 days |

**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 9th November

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

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## Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 16th November

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

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# Looking Ahead



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

**Wednesday 11th November:**
Remembrance Service on the playground, 10.45am (weather permitting)

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



**Friday 13th November:**
Individual and sibling photos
Please refer to email for sibling photo timings



**Tuesday 17th November:**
Church for Grp2 led by Kestrel Class, 9.10am;
Year 1 Teddy Lympics (sel chn) at CSAC, 9.45 to 11am

**Wednesday 18th November:**
Year 4 Lego Workshop
Kirsty's Rocksteady Concert in the Hall, 10am to 11am.



**Friday 20th November:**
Non-uniform Day, donations please for PTFA Christmas Fayre

**Tuesday 24th November:**
Church for Grp1 led by Owl Class, 9.10am
Choir to the Royal Albert Hall, 8am to 11pm



**Wednesday 25th November:**
No Choir Club today

**Thursday 26th November:**
Year 3 Victorian School Day



**Friday 27th November:**
PTFA Christmas Market, 3.30pm to 5.30pm

