



Bishop Wood School

Newsletter December 2014

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Christmas is fast approaching and the children are busy rehearsing our whole school Christmas Production. There are some fabulous sounds emerging from the hall and the children are really looking forward to sharing their performance with you all.

We are also looking forward to our delicious Christmas Lunch, the Buddies Christmas Market, a special Christmas Golden Time and an afternoon with Mr McGrath from the Muscle Help Organisation. We are certainly going to be very busy.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given to the school this term and may we wish all the Bishop Wood families a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Staff

We welcome Mrs Theresa Hill to the Bishop Wood Team as our new Family Liaison Worker. She is available to see parents for a coffee and chat every Friday 2.30pm till 3.30pm and she looks forward to meeting you if you have any worries or concerns about your child either at school or at home.

End of Term arrangements

To bring us in line with other schools in Tring and Hertfordshire and to allow for additional staff training events, Bishop Wood and Goldfield will be closing slightly earlier at the end of each full term. The **new time for Bishop Wood will be 1.30pm** and for Goldfield 1.45pm.

Scholastic Half Price Book Fair

Thank you to all the parents and children who came to visit the Scholastic Book Fair last week.. There were some excellent half price bargains to be had. It was a huge success and Mrs Lloyd is looking forward to ordering some new books for the Library from the 10% commission earned. One definite purchase will be the popular Guinness Book of World Records 2014.



School Choir Community Concert

We wish our Christmas Choir good luck on December 6th when they will be performing at the Community Concert at Victoria Hall. A few tickets are still available from Beechwoods in Frogmore Street.

School Christmas Production

Our whole school Christmas Production has an international theme this year and children are being encouraged to dress in colours relating to the flag of their class.

We look forward to warmly welcoming you on Wednesday 17th December to our matinee performance at 2pm or evening performance at 7pm.

New Books



Lots of new library books being viewed with great excitement and interest by the whole school after an assembly this term.

Christmas Golden Time—help required

Miss Sharman is busy coordinating our special Christmas Golden Time which will be held on the afternoon of December 18th. There will be lots of fun Christmas activities for the children to enjoy such as party games, carolling and crafts. The Buddies have offered to pay for the craft activities which is fantastic.

We would like to be unable to offer the children as many varied activities as possible and hope they will be able to choose three different activities throughout the afternoon but in order for this to be a happen we will need parent volunteers. If you are able to spare some time to help on this afternoon it would be very much appreciated. Please contact the office to let Miss Sharman know if you are able to help.

Children in Need

Our Children in Need non uniform day raised £184.96. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.



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Year 3 Warrior Day

Our Year 3 children thoroughly enjoyed their Warrior Day this term despite the weather. Thank you to all the parents who came to help on the day. The children really came away with a sense of what it might have been like to live as a Celt.

Trying their hands at Archery





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Macmillan Coffee Morning

We raised a marvellous £190.70 at the Macmillan Coffee morning this term. Thank you again to all parents who came to the morning and to those who made cakes.



Fun Fit and Fruity Week

Week commencing 20th October was our Fun Fit and Fruity Week where we promoted healthy living. There were lots of fun activities organised with a Healthy Theme. Thank you to Mrs Reeve who worked very hard getting the week organised and a huge thank you to our parents who came in to school to help with the various activities during the week..



Year 4 had valuable road safety training. Thank you to all the parents who helped with the training, without you it would not have been possible to run this worthwhile activity and we are very grateful.



Year 6 being timed negotiating simulated traffic obstacles with and without the distraction of mobile phones which was an excellent road safety lesson learnt in a fun and engaging way.



Year 4 trying something new - Taekwondo





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Having Fun and keeping fit in Fun, Fit and Fruity Week



Remembrance Day

As part of our remembrance day activities we raised a wonderful £272.65 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Thank you to all who supported this worthwhile charity.

We also took inspiration from the Tower of London Ceramic Poppy Art installation and created our own clay poppies. Photos of these will be available for our next Newsletter. Tring School have very kindly offered to fire all the poppies our children made and they are in the process of doing this at the time of writing.

Tying our Remembrance ribbons from our Remembrance Assembly to our Gazebo.





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Diary Dates This Term



5th December	Non Uniform Day—chocolates for Buddies Christmas Market
6th December	Community Choir Concert
8th December	Year 3 attending Goldfield Year 2 Christmas Production
9th December	School Christmas Choir singing at St Josephs
10th December	School Christmas Lunch Afternoon visit from Mr McGrath from The Muscle Help Foundation
12th December	Buddies Christmas Market afternoon
15th December	School Christmas Choir singing at the Furlongs
17th December	Christmas Performance—matinee and evening
18th December	Christmas Golden Time
19h December	End of Term— 1.30pm finish
5th January	Inset Day
6th January	Start of Spring Term
16th January	6M Class Assembly
23rd January	6GR Class Assembly
30th January	5DR Class Assembly 3 & 4 House Games
6th February	5C Class Assembly 5&6 House Games
13th February	4H Class Assembly
16th February	HALF TERM
27th February	4S Class Assembly
5th March	World Book Day
6th March	3G Class Assembly
13th March	Red Nose Day 3R Class Assembly 3&4 House Games

Please note that the diary dates on the front page of the school website are being kept up-to-date

Term Dates 2014—2015

Autumn

End of Term 19th December

Spring 2015

Inset Day 5th January

Term Starts 6th January

Half Term 16th February—20th February

End of Term 2nd April

Summer 2015

Term Starts 20th April

Inset Day 7th May

Bank Holiday 4th May

Half Term 25th May—29th May

End of Term 21st July

