



## Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Beatrice G and Joseph S  
3B – Rupert M and Niamh C  
4H – Arthur M and Josh H  
4DR – Zac F and Paolo C

5F – Emily W and Milo O  
5R – Ruby G and Tom R  
6C – Charlie I and Sam C  
6M – Jack L and Theodore L

#### *Gold Reading Awards:*

Grace F (3I)  
Phoebe G (4H)  
Alfie I and Wilf I (4DR)

#### *Outside Honours:*

Alice S – Musical Theatre

#### *Special Mention:*

William C (6C) for 100% attendance at  
football training (20 Sessions)

### Football v Grove Road

Bishop Wood travelled to Grove for a hotly contested 'A' team fixture yesterday. In cold, blustery conditions the teams served up a great game for the watching teachers and parents. Grove were marginally the better side in the first half and led 1-0 at the break. However, Bishop Wood came on strong in the second half and scored a richly deserved equaliser through man of the match Barney A five minutes from time. Both sides had chances to win but a combination of the woodwork and fine saves from both keepers (Barnaby H starring for Bishop Wood) kept the scores level.

*Mr Hall*

### Sport Relief

Well done to everyone who took part in our Sport Relief continuous run last week. We had some incredible feedback from parents. Please send in any sponsor money to the school office. Alternatively, you can donate to this wonderful cause by texting BWJS84 followed by £1/2/5/10 to 70070.

### Around School

Father Huw came in on Wednesday to lead worship in the run up to Easter. He focused on Palm Sunday and brought palm crosses in for all the children and staff. I had a lovely start to my day on Thursday as I managed to sit down and have breakfast with the children at the Breakfast Club. Luckily, most people around the table were not fans of the marmite so I had plenty for my toast. Year 3 have been roaming around the school looking at sources of light in science this week. Ava M in 3B came to see me with some fantastic Maths work where she had learnt a skill and then applied it to a problem. Year 6 have been busy preparing designs for their Easter Gardens before making them next week. RE has also been high on the agenda in Year 4 where they have been creating comic strips of the Easter story. Year 5 have completed a unit of dance based around cheerleading. Year 6 have also been doing some fantastic creative writing. I was fortunate enough to read Nathan T's excellent story.

### General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

School is gearing up for the new data protection regulations which come into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May. Mrs Bourke and myself have been on some training this week to look at how we can ensure that processes in school are compliant. Much of the regulation comes down to tightening up on parental consent. The office will be in contact with further details after Easter.



### Science Question of the Week!

This week's question is a great opportunity for your child/children to bring you breakfast in bed:

Most substances melt when heated, so why does my scrambled egg turn from liquid to solid as I cook it?

### Extreme Weather

Mr Bye has been excellent over the past few weeks at clearing snow and gritting key areas of the school to make it safe for everybody. I would like to thank him for all his efforts. The school has started to use the Hertfordshire CC 'Everbridge' system to announce any closures or changes to timings. This is a really useful tool and it is worth signing up to the alerts. We will continue to send text messages and emails to make sure that messages find their way through.

If you would like to sign up for alerts via the Everbridge system click [here](#).

I hear that yet more cold weather is on its way next week. This time from Scandinavia. Let's hope the daffodils still have some fight left in them!

### Junior Travel Ambassadors

The JTAs have been busy organising an Easter Egg hunt for next week. It will involve answering questions about pollution. The winning class will receive an Easter themed prize!

### Reporting Pupil Absence

Could all parents please make sure that any absences are reported to the school office via email (if you know in advance) or by phone if notifying on the day of the absence. Please do not inform teachers without letting the office know as well.

### School Vision

A reminder that school is currently reviewing the vision. Pupils, staff and governors have all been consulted and we would like to give parents the opportunity to contribute. I am going to host a session at 9.00 on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April for any parents who would like to help shape the vision. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided!

### Important Dates

Event	Date/Time
Year 4 Cycle Training	Monday 26th March
Music Celebration	Wednesday 28th March - 2pm
Church Service at St Peter & St Paul's	Thursday 29th March - 12.45pm - all welcome
End of Term	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March - School closes at 13.30
Back to school	Monday 16th April
Year 5 Cycle Training	week of 23rd April
Vision Consultation for Parents	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April at 09.00
Buddies Disco for children	Friday 27th April
Cross Country Run at Bridgewater School	Saturday 28th April
School Closed - Bank Holiday	Monday 7th May
FOTCH Family Fun Day	Saturday 12th May
St Peter & St Paul's Church - Bishop Wood taking part in the service	Sunday 13th May
End of Half Term	Friday 25th May
Back to school	Monday 4th June
School Fair	Saturday 16th June

For more information and to view letters about upcoming events please visit the school website

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