



## Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

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Mr G Stanley, Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers

### End of Year

The end of the school year is always a time of mixed feelings. This week we say farewell to our Year 6 children as they move on to their secondary schools. We wish them the best of luck and know that they are all full of rich potential to go on and do great things. They are always welcome back here at Bishop Wood – we will enjoy hearing from you all. Happily, we are welcoming 60 wonderful new children into Year 3 who will be excited and eager. It will be a busy first few weeks for them in September. I would like to thank all of you for making me feel so welcome since January. It has been a pleasure meeting you and getting to know your children. I really appreciate the open and honest dialogue I have had with many of you – it will help to shape the school as we move forward together. I wish you all a happy and fun filled summer break.

### Governors

Also leaving us is Beth Townsend (Chair of Governors) as her term of office ends during the summer break. Beth has worked incredibly hard in her role and has overseen the school through some of the most challenging time, including OFSTED, SIAMS and the appointment of a new headteacher. Beth has always conducted herself with integrity and with a passion to make Bishop Wood a fantastic place for children to come and learn. She will be missed and I hope that she will return to the governing body in the future. Mary Haywood and Hayley Abel are also coming to the end of their time as school governors. They have been valuable assets to the school and we thank them for all their hard work.

We are on the hunt for a new parent governor. Information will be sent out as soon as we are back in September.

### Celebration

This week we handed out Governor Awards to the following children:

3B	Lilly J	For her positive and determined attitude in all subjects
3I	Emilia S	For outstanding attainment and a positive attitude towards every part of school life
4DR	Noah W	For being endlessly polite, kind and considerate to everyone
4H	Nicolina H	For outstanding effort and commitment across the curriculum
5F	Ben H	For always working hard, persevering and being an enthusiastic learner
5R	Ellie J	For having a fantastic work ethic, beautiful presentation and for being a great role model to others
6C	Alfie B	For always being helpful and kind
6M	Georgia B	For having a really successful Year 6

Gold Reading Awards:

Ruby P and Harry W in 3I

### Getting to know...Mr Ashton

This week, Mr Ashton answers the important questions:

- What made you want to work with children?  
*"When I was at school I had really good role models and I want to do the same for the children here."*
- What was your greatest achievement at school?  
*"We won the County football cup final at under 11s."*



- Where is your ultimate holiday destination?  
*"Australia to watch The Ashes at the MCG"*
- Which three of your possessions would you save from a burning building?  
*"Sunglasses, running shoes and my 1998 Arsenal shirt"*
- What is your typical Nando's order?  
*"Butterfly chicken (medium spice) chips and spicy rice."*
- What are your hobbies?  
*"Cricket and running."*
- What wouldn't you do for 1 million pounds?  
*"Eat anything strange – the sort of thing people eat in bush tucker trials!"*
- What is your main ambition?  
*"Run a sub 3 hour marathon."*
- Tell us an interesting fact about yourself?  
*"I once designed a show garden which appeared at the Ideal Home Show."*

Next newsletter...Mrs Reeve is in the hot seat!

### **Spelling Bee**

Well done to all those pupils who took part in the Spelling Bee this year. The winners were:

Year 6 – Rochana J

Year 5 – Livia V

Year 4 – Sophia G and Amelia T

Year 3 – Freya B

### **Cycling Club Breakfast**

16 children met at Goldfield Rec on Thursday morning for some fun activities and a breakfast. Mrs Birley and Mrs Reeve have been really impressed with cycling club this year, particularly their ability and behaviour. They want you all back next summer term!

### **Around School**

Year 3 have painted beautiful sunflowers this week and have then written haikus about summer on the petals. Class parties were happening across the school this week with DJ Jazzy Hart residing in 4H on the wheels of steel. Year 5 have also been getting arty by painting landscapes from photographs. Year 6 put together a leavers' assembly in record time. It was really good fun and full of their memories from Bishop Wood. They also handed out the Boscars (Bishop Wood Oscars).

### **Transition**

We held our transition morning on Tuesday this week. It was lovely to walk through the school and see all the great activities that were taking place. I hope that your child/children came out of school excited for the new academic year in September. The staff are definitely excited!

### **Gates**

It looks like our new automated gates are finally finished and ready to use. Mrs Bourke is busy ordering some signage and we will issue instructions on how they work as soon as possible.

### **Summer and Autumn Term Clubs**

For information about Summer holiday activities from local providers please see the Home page of the school [website](#). Booking forms for some of the Autumn term clubs can also be found on the Clubs page.

## Important Dates

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>
Autumn Term starts	Tuesday 4th September
Half Term	29th October to 2nd November
Occasional Day	Friday 30th November
End of Autumn Term	Friday 21st December - 1.30pm
Spring Term starts	Monday 7th January 2019

For more information and to view letters about upcoming events please visit the school website  
[www.bishopwood.herts.sch.uk](http://www.bishopwood.herts.sch.uk)

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