



## Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a restful and/or fun packed half term holiday. The children have all returned energised and excited for the second half of the Spring Term. Don't put hats, scarves and coats away just yet as the weather is going to turn very cold next week.

### Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Rowan C and Beatrice G	5R – Evan F-J and Danny S
3B – Megan W, Esin S, Rosa C and Amelie M	5F – Caris W and Harvey F
4H – David B and Phoebe G	6C – Callum H and Rebekah P
4DR – Holly T and Wilf I	

#### *Outside Honours:*

Harry H – Man of the Match Tring Tornadoes  
Lorenza D'A – Football/Dancing  
Joshua R, Charlie P and Sam C – Futsal  
Isabel R – Swimming  
William C – Rugby

#### *Gold Reading Awards:*

Amira P (4H)  
Isla L and Izzie J (3I)

### James Carter Visit

The poet James Carter will be visiting the school on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. He will be working with groups of children as well as taking a whole school assembly. The children will have been doing some research on him beforehand via his website: <http://www.jamescarterpoet.co.uk/>

James will be selling and signing books in the school library from 3.30 for anybody who is interested!

### World Book Day – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018

World Book Day is taking place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Children are encouraged to come dressed as a character from a book. We will be raising money for [Book Aid](#) and welcome any voluntary contributions (suggested minimum contribution £1) from those who chose to wear non-uniform.

The day will be filled with fun book related activities including:

- Mrs Clark dressed as Robin Hood and all other staff will surprise us!
- Year 6 reading to Year 4
- Year 5 reading with Year 3
- World Book Day related activities in lessons
- Collective Worship led by Mrs Clark
- Fancy dress parade

We would love to hear from any parents who have spare time to come in on that day and share their favourite children's book with small groups. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

### Attendance

Before half term, we had a visit from our Attendance Improvement Officer to look at our attendance figures. Our whole school attendance is currently 96.3% for the year so far. Some families may receive a letter regarding attendance over the next week or so. Please do not panic if you receive a letter. There may well be valid reasons for



any absences and these letters are there as a gentle reminder or conversation starter. Please come and see us if you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance.

### Science Question of the Week!

This week's question could involve some practical:

Why is it that if you tickle yourself it doesn't tickle, but if someone else tickles you, you cannot stand it?

### Around School

Mr Hall has been busy this week preparing tactics for the crunch football match against Grove next Wednesday. Year 3 have been working hard in science and have made some excellent 3D models of the layers of the earth from crust to core. Science has been very prominent in school this week – Isla O (4DR) completed some extra science work at home to answer a friend's question about electric eels. Year 6 have been doing some excellent creative writing based on the Spiderwick Chronicles and have enjoyed a Street Dance session. Year 5 have completed blogs about the battle of Marathon in their ICT/Computing lessons.

### Parking

Please park considerately around school at the start and end of the day. We have experienced problems with cars blocking the entrance to the driveway preventing staff and delivery vehicles from accessing the site.

### Important Dates

Event	Date/Time
Poet Visit – James Carter	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 4 Theatre Trip	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
Football - v. Grove School (away)	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
World Book Day	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March
4H Class Collective Worship	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 09.15
Years 5 & 6 House Games	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Buddies Disco for children	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 19.00 – 20.30
Year 5 Trip to Hazard Alley	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
Wear Something Yellow day	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
3I Class Collective Worship	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 09.15
Year 3 - Bibles	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
Years 3 & 4 House Games	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
SEN Reviews	12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> March
3B Class Collective Worship	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 09.15
Sport Relief - 12 Hour Run!	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March
Parents' Consultation Evening	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 16.30 – 19.00
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Red Nose Day – Bishop Wood's Got Talent!	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Lenten Bazaar	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Music Celebration	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March - 2pm
End of Term	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March - School closes at 13.30
Back to school	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April

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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