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Maths at Bishop Wood

Mrs McGhee and I enjoyed visiting maths lessons across the school this week. We were really impressed with how confidently the children were using a range of methods, including practical resources and pictures and diagrams, to help them tackle reasoning questions. It was also great to see so much discussion, shared learning and partner work taking place. Next week, we will be chatting to some of the children about their maths lessons and hearing what they think about their learning.

Lockdown Procedure

On Monday, I will be talking to pupils and staff in assembly about our lockdown procedure and what we would need to do in the unlikely event that it was required. This is an important part of our safeguarding procedures and helps ensure that everyone knows how to respond and keep safe. I will introduce this calmly, sensitively and in an age-appropriate way; the intention is to prepare and reassure children, not to cause unnecessary worry. Staff will follow this up in class and give pupils an opportunity to ask any questions. At some point over the coming weeks, we will then hold a lockdown practice. Once this has taken place, we will let parents and carers know so that you are aware and can respond to any questions your child may have at home.

Farewell Mrs Spanswick

We will be saying a very fond farewell to Mrs Spanswick next week as she begins her well-deserved retirement. Having recently become a grandmother, she is looking forward to having more time to enjoy this exciting new chapter with her family. Mrs Spanswick has been a wonderful member of the Bishop Wood team and has contributed so much to our school community during her time with us. We will miss her greatly and wish her a very happy and fulfilling retirement.

Breakfast and Supper Club - wrong email address!

Apologies for issuing the wrong email address for our Breakfast and Supper Club last week. When emailing, you will need to use wraparound@bishopwood.herts.sch.uk

The easiest way to contact the club is by messaging on 07856 313420.

Sustainability

As part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability, we would really appreciate families considering the packaging used for children's snacks and packed lunches. Wherever possible, please use reusable containers and avoid single-use plastic packaging. We deliberately do not have general waste bins in our outdoor areas, helping us to reduce litter and the amount of waste we produce. Any wrappers or other single-use packaging will therefore need to be taken home in children's lunch boxes. Thank you for helping us to keep our school grounds clean and make more sustainable choices.

Art Display at Tring School

Last year, every pupil at Bishop Wood (and across all Tring schools) created a piece of artwork based on the theme of 'Spring'. A selection of these pieces was proudly displayed at Tring School during their Open Evening this week. Head over to our Bishop Wood Instagram page to see some of the fantastic artwork on display. A huge thank you to Mrs Sharman and Mrs Matthews for all their hard work in putting this together!

Governor Update

We are very fortunate to have a fantastic group of committed, knowledgeable and skilled governors at Bishop Wood. Our Full Governing Body met this week for a wide-ranging discussion about the future



He came so that we can 'be the best version of ourselves, enjoying life in all its fullness.'



direction of the school, looking ahead at our priorities and ambitions over the next one to five years. It was a really positive and productive meeting, with plenty of thoughtful discussion about how we can continue to develop and improve Bishop Wood for our pupils and families.

Fire Drill

We completed our first fire drill of the year yesterday morning. The children and staff were fantastic and the building was fully evacuated in just over two minutes. Well done to everyone!

Meet the Teacher – September

The sessions start after registration and will involve a short presentation by the class teacher followed by a question and answer session.

Year 3 – Friday 2nd October (Sorry I can't be there to welcome you. I am away for a conference!)

Celebration

Congratulations to the following pupils who were celebrated in school this week

Stars of the Week

3PS – Alba and Owen C

3C – Ollie J and Arlo Y

4A – Maximus B and Alfie B

4F – Isabella K and Orla G

5DR – Arthur S and Evie R

5M – Hal W and Ruby G

6T – Arlo H and Bethany C

6I – Seb NV and Ellie H

Other Honours

House Points – Jupiter

Pom Poms – 3C

Izzy K – Dance and Cheer

Luke E – Rugby

Ava T and Ektaa M – Netball

Freddie S, Theo T and Isaac M – West Herts Cricket Trial

George J - 'catch of the month' award for his local fishing group after catching a 13lb common carp.

Diary Dates

Please find below a detailed look at the dates for next academic year! **New and/or amended dates are highlighted in yellow.**

Autumn

Date	Event
Tuesday 29 th September	Nasal Flu 1
Wednesday 30 th September	Year 3 Chiltern Open Air Museum
Friday 2 nd October	Year 3 Meet the Teacher
Friday 2 nd October	Buddies Disco – DATE CHANGE!
Friday 9 th October	Harvest Festival
Sunday 11 th October	Worship for All – Harvest
Wednesday 14 th October	Come Dine with 3PS
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd October	Fun Fit and Fruity Week
Wednesday 21 st October	Come Dine with 3C
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October	Half Term
Friday 6 th November	Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Day
Sunday 8 th November	Remembrance
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 11 th November	Music Concert at 3.40pm – details to follow
Friday 13 th November	Buddies Disco

Monday 16 th November	Nasal Flu 2
Monday 16 th November	Parents' Eve
Wednesday 18 th November	Parents' Eve
Friday 20 th November	Year 4 Greek Day
Monday 30 th November	Reverse Advent Calendar
Wednesday 2 nd December	Year 6 Victorian Day
Friday 4 th December	Buddies Christmas Fayre
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Week
Monday 14 th December	Carol Service (2pm and 5.30pm)
Wednesday 16 th December	Pupil Christmas Lunch
Thursday 17 th December	End of Term Worship at 11.30 (St P and P)
Friday 18 th December	Christmas Golden Time
Friday 18 th December	End of Term at 1.30

Spring

Date	Event
Monday 4 th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 5 th January	School open to pupils
Thursday 28 th January	6I Class Collective Worship
Friday 29 th January	Buddies Disco
Thursday 4 th February	6T Class Collective Worship
Monday 8 th 1 Friday 12 th February	Science Week
Wednesday 10 th February	Ash Wednesday Worship at St P and P
Thursday 11 th February	5DR Class Collective Worship
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February	Half Term
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 10 th March	Year 5 – Hazard Alley
Thursday 11 th March	5M Class Collective Worship
Friday 12 th March	Year 4 to St Albans
Friday 12 th March	Year 6 to Bletchley Park
Sunday 14 th March	Worship for All - Lent
Monday 15 th March	Parents' Eve
Wednesday 17 th March	Parents' Eve
Friday 19 th March	Lenten Bazaar
Thursday 25 th March	Easter Service at St P and P
Friday 26 th March	End of Term at 1.30
Friday 26 th March – Sunday 11 th April	Easter Break

Summer

Date	Event
Thursday 22 nd April	4A Class Collective Worship
Friday 23 rd April	Buddies Disco
Thursday 29 th April	4F Class Collective Worship
Thursday 6 th May	3C Class Collective Worship
Sunday 9 th May	Worship for All
Monday 10 th May – Thursday 13 th May	SATs Week
Friday 14 th May	3PS Class Collective Worship
Thursday 27 th May	Year 5 to Lee Valley
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	Half Term
Saturday 5 th – Sunday 13 th June	Great Big Green Week
Monday 7 th June	INSET Day

Wednesday 9 th June	Class/Group Photo Day
Thursday 17 th June	Sports Day
Saturday 19 th June	Buddies Fayre
Sunday 27 th June – Weds 30 th June	Year 6 PGL
Monday 28 th – Weds 30 th June	Year 4 Green Park
Friday 9 th July	Moving On Up BBQ
Monday 12 th July	Year 6 Production
Monday 19 th July afternoon	Year 6 BOSCARs
Monday 19 th July evening	Year 6 Party
Tuesday 20 th July	End of Term Worship 11.30
Tuesday 20 th July	End of Term at 1.30

Thank you and best wishes
Mr Stanley