



## Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

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Mr G Stanley, Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Christingle at St Peter and St Paul

Father Huw has asked me to invite you all to the Christingle service which is taking place at St Peter and St Paul (3.00pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December). The Christingle Service, in its modern form, is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. It is a wonderful way to welcome in the start of Advent and the Christmas period. There will be a collection for The Children's Society.

### Young Engineers Club

Mrs Day has organised a new after school club with a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) focus. The new club, Young Engineers, will start in January and run for a period of 6 weeks. Children will be constructing a range of projects including Balloon Powered Cars, Vibrating Bugs, Electronic Pocket Torches, Helicopters and Slime. If you are interested in this club please follow the link below and search for Bishop Wood School. Places are limited so book on early! <https://stemkids.co.uk/>

### Music Celebration

Music celebration took place this week with a focus on wind and piano pieces. All of the children performed excellently. It was a great afternoon. Thanks to Mrs Glover, Mrs Townsend, Miss Malcolm and Mrs Reeve for organising such a fab event.

### Tag Rugby Tournament – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>, Miss Cooper and Mrs Reeve took a group of Year 3 and Year 4 children to Tring School for a Tag Rugby event. Both teams played really well and improved as the games progressed. After the group stage, we went into the playoffs with the two Bishop Wood teams playing each other for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> positions. After an early try for the Year 3 team, the Year 4 team equalised. With the ref poised to blow his whistle, the Year 4 team snatched a late try to win the game. All the children really enjoyed their afternoon and represented the school brilliantly. Thanks to all the parents who helped walk the children to Tring School and back again.

### Design a Light

Year 6 entered the Tring Together 'Design a Light' competition this year. Charlotte F's design was chosen as the winner and she was presented with a certificate in worship this week. We also got to see her light in action before it graces the High Street for the big switch on tomorrow. Well done to Charlotte!

### Year 6 Netball v Bovingdon

The Year 6 Netball team started off the season extremely well in their first match against Bovingdon on Friday. The girls looked very smart in their new kit which has been kindly donated by Tring Tornados. We had a good lead in the first quarter scoring 6 goals. Our strong defence stopped Bovingdon scoring any. In the second quarter we scored 3 more increasing our lead to 9. At half time we decided to slow down the pace but still scored 3 more in the third quarter and Bovingdon scored 2. For the last quarter our team enjoyed playing out of position and the final score was 12-2 to Bishop Wood. Well done girls!

### Junior Travel Ambassadors

A huge well done to our amazing JTAs for organising all the 'Be Bright Be Seen' events this week. Thank you to everyone who took part in the Happy Hat Day. The winner of the scarf competition was Lola G in 5R. Well done, Lola!

### Wellington Boots and trousers

The recent parent survey consulted on Wellington Boots and waterproof trousers. Of the 129 responses, 98% of parents said they are prepared to supply wellies and 93% are prepared to supply waterproof over-trousers.



Mrs Birley has been busy researching Wellington Boot racks and we are going for a January launch. You are not obliged to supply wellies or over-trousers, however only those children with these items of clothing will be able to use the field and nature areas during the wet winter months. We have amazing grounds here at Bishop Wood and want our children to enjoy them all year round. If you are keen for your child to access all that our grounds have to offer, then please send them in with (named) wellies and over trousers in January.

### **Tring Park School Visit**

Tring Park came in on Tuesday afternoon to perform their brilliant 'Jack and the Catalysts' to the whole school. They have been coming in every year for at least ten years. They took us on a whistle stop tour of the physics part of the KS2 curriculum. The children and staff absolutely LOVED it!

### **Christmas Concert**

Early notice that the school Christmas Concert is taking place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December (7.00pm) at St Peter and St Paul. This year the nativity story is being led by Year 5 but all classes are contributing a performance of their own. It would be amazing if every child in the school was there on the night for this celebration. Buddies will be offering mulled wine, mince pies and a raffle. Come and enjoy this special occasion with us.

### **Celebration**

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Ethan H and Olivia O	5F – Oliver F and Ted M
3B – Thomas M, Albert P and Pearl S	5R – Alfie I and Lily P
4H – Rosa C and Joseph T-S	6C – Rowan H and Elin D
4DR – Evie H and George A	6M – Josh L and Poppy C

*Golden Broom* - Well done to Mrs Spriggs for all her hard work around school recently!

### **Getting to know...Mrs McGhee**

- What made you want to work with children?  
*"In my family, you are either a policeman or a librarian, so I thought I'd combine the two!"*
- What was your greatest achievement at school?  
*"Winning an inter-county diving competition."*
- Where is your ultimate holiday destination?  
*"Peru. Hello Paddington!"*
- Which three of your possessions would you save from a burning building?  
*"Dressing gown (if it is night), passport, Prada handbag."*
- What is your typical Nando's order?  
*"Not into cheeky Nando's these days but love a Beetnik Byron."*
- What are your hobbies?  
*"Shopping, city breaks, running, sailing and watching murder mysteries."*
- What wouldn't you do for 1 million pounds?  
*"Be an undertaker."*
- What is your main ambition?  
*"To live on a yacht in the South of France."*
- Tell us an interesting fact about yourself?  
*"I have recently taken up running and love it. A big thank you to my friends who made me do it!"*

### **Around School**

Year 3 have been working hard on writing play scripts based on an alien landing here at Bishop Wood. Year 4 have had a busy week learning and applying mental maths strategies. Short division has been the maths focus for Year 5. Their teachers report that they have shown good resilience in dealing with a tricky new method. Year 6 have been linking maths and history by looking at a census taken in Victorian times and have used it to generate graphs.

**Important Dates**

Fri 30th November 2018	Occasional Day – School closed
Sun 2nd December 2018, 3:00pm - 4:00pm	Christingle Servies – St Peter & St Paul's Church
Mon 3rd December 2018, 3:30pm - 4:30pm	Scholastic Book Fair
Tue 4th December 2018, 9:00am - 12:00pm	Dacorum Family Services surgery – Sam Lindars (School Family Worker)
Tue 4th December 2018, 3:30pm - 4:30pm	Scholastic Book Fair
Wed 5th December 2018, 3:30pm - 4:30pm	Scholastic Book Fair
Wed 5th December 2018, 7:30pm - 10:00pm	Buddies Wreath Making evening
Fri 7th December 2018, 2:00pm - 3:30pm	Buddies Christmas Market
Tue 11th December 2018	Yrs 3, 4 & 5 – Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Wed 12th December 2018	Year 6 – Victorian Day
Wed 12th December 2018, 9:00am - 10:00am	Coffee Morning
Fri 14th December 2018	Pantomime Trip – Robin Hood
Mon 17th December 2018, 7:00pm - 8:00pm	Christmas Concert – St Peter & St Paul's Church
Wed 19th December 2018	Christmas Lunch
Fri 21st December 2018	End of Term – School closes at 1.30pm
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Start of Spring Term

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

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