



## Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

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### Tring Park School Performance

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, we were treated to our annual visit from Tring Park School. They performed 'Jack and the Catalysts' and took us on a whistlestop tour of a large portion of the Key Stage 2 science curriculum. As usual, the performance was entertaining and highly engaging. Bishop Wood pupils and staff loved it.

### This Week in Staff Meeting

The teaching team continued the series of training sessions about making teaching memorable. This week's key principle was ***working memory is limited***. Too much new information at once can overload our memory and make it hard to learn. We considered the need to make explanations concise and provide scaffolds if there is a lot to learn in one go. We have also continued to refine our learning environments to further support our learning.

### Governors Update

This term we said goodbye to Dr Pippa Chappell who has been a governor at Bishop Wood since October 2018. Pippa has been an incredibly effective school governor and for the last year has been in the role of Chair. We thank Pippa for all her hard work and for the impact she made. The Full Governing Body are currently reviewing all roles and responsibilities across all committees. The Chair of Governors can be contacted in the normal way by letter drop to the office or via [chair@bishopwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:chair@bishopwood.herts.sch.uk)

We currently have several vacancies on the body. If you are interested or you know anyone who might be interested in this role, we would encourage contact to be made via the school office.

### Shared Care

Please find some information [on our website](#) from Hertfordshire regarding the 'Shared Care Scheme'. As a parent of a disabled child (now adult!), this is something that is close to my heart. When Joe was 5, we were offered this scheme. Joe would go to tea with a lovely family for a couple of hours after school. This allowed us to spend time with our other son doing things we couldn't normally do, or just to relax and have a cup of tea! We built a lovely relationship with the couple and Joe enjoyed spending some time with them. If you feel this is something you could offer, I know the team would love to hear from you.

Mrs Guest

### Netball v Bovingdon

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Bishop Wood's Netball team played an exciting away match against Bovingdon Primary Academy. Throughout the whole game, the girls all tried their best, were respectful to each other, the umpires and the other team and were all excellent in defence. At the final whistle, the score was 11-3 to Bishop Wood. Bovingdon's chosen player of the match was Catherine R-B. Well done girls!

Miss Stevens

### Year 3 to Goldfield!

On Tuesday, a very excited Year 3 went to Goldfield School to watch the dress rehearsal of Year 2's Christmas Performance. We were entertained with a wonderful acting, singing and dancing and were made very welcome as always.

### Buddies Christmas Fair

Huge thank you to the Buddies for putting on a wonderful Christmas Fair for pupils and parents today!

### Music Performance for next week

Our music performer for the celebration assembly next week will be Genevieve B (3I)!

### Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Vejas G and Mabel T

3S – Leo S and Theo T



4A – Billy M and Ellis R  
4PS – Leo KW and Jay H  
5DR – Arthur J and Daniel W  
5H – Harvey R and George T  
6C – Amelia W and Eden P  
6M – Arthur T and Ava A

Well done – keep up the excellent work!

### **Behaviour for Learning Champions**

Congratulations to the following pupils who were the school Behaviour Champions last week!

3I – Evie R  
3S – Grace C  
4A – Felicity M  
4PS – Ada W  
5DR – Felix M  
5H – Luca MC  
6C – Will H  
6M – Gabe B

### **Other Honours**

Arthur T, Riley E, Christopher G and Jonathan G – 101 Dalmatians Production at Dembe Theatre

### **Around School**

#### ***This week***

This week, Year 3 have enjoyed games and a range of activities to learn the 3 times table. In Year 4, the children have enjoyed publishing their own legend in English. Year 5 enjoyed their first full rehearsal in church for the Christmas concert. Year 6 have enjoyed learning about the story of Medusa and Athena in History.

#### ***Next week***

Next week they are looking forward to learning about advent in RE. Year 4 are looking forward to learning about how Advent is celebrated around the world in RE. Year 5 are looking forward to finishing off their science topic by learning about the northern lights. Year 6 are looking forward to starting their sewing project in DT.

### **Emails to Office**

If you email the office and need information or a message to be delivered to one or multiple children, please could you do your best to include surnames and their class. This will speed the process up for everyone involved and will help to ensure that the right people receive the right info. You will appreciate that we may have lots of children called Tom, for example!

### **Dogs on Site**

A gentle reminder that, with the exception of assistance dogs, Bishop Wood is a dog free site. Thank you all for supporting us with this. This includes times outside of the school day such as collecting from Breakfast and Supper Club.

### **Monday Gate Task**

On Monday, you must walk through the gate to Mrs Adams and Mr Patten and let them know which stage of Advent we are focusing on next week. Good luck!

### **Diary Dates**

Please find below a list of key dates for the Autumn Term. We will add to this as we progress through the school year. New dates will be highlighted.

Date	Event
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Week
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production at St Peter and St Paul
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Golden Time
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch for Pupils
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December at 11.15	End of term service at St Peter and St Paul
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm – School closes for Christmas

Thank you and best wishes

Mr Stanley