



## Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Next Week!

A reminder that next week we are having our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday. Children are welcome to come in wearing festive non-uniform. We will be collecting donations for Save the Children.

Tuesday is 'Be Bright Be Seen Day' which is being organised by our Junior Travel Ambassadors. Children can come to school wearing bright colours.

### Dogs

I mentioned this in the newsletter a few weeks ago but could dog owners please ensure that their dogs do not come onto the school site at the beginning and end of the day. This makes life easier for all of us and reduces the risk of any dog related incidents.

### Christmas Concert – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Our Christmas Concert is taking place on Monday in St Peter and St Paul. The service is led by Year 5 but all year groups play a part and it will be lovely to see as many of our families there as possible. The Buddies will be serving mulled wine and mince pies and there will also be a raffle. All classes have put a lot of effort in so please come along and enjoy the evening.

### Toys

We have noticed that a lot of children seem to be bringing toys in to school. Please can the children not bring toys in from home. They are causing a distraction in lessons and are leading to upset on the playground when they get lost or damaged. Thank you in advance for your support.

### Collective Worship

Collective Worship this week has looked at the value of 'thankfulness'. I took the opportunity to explore with the children what we should be thankful for and how we should show that we are thankful. I am pleased with how the shoebox collection and reverse advent calendars are going. It is a way for us to show how thankful we all are.

### Panto

Today, we all went to see the Panto in Aylesbury. It was a very enjoyable day for everyone. The children had a great time and were really well behaved. Thank you to all those mums and dads who came along to help and a huge thank you to Mrs Colston for organising it for everyone.

### Polling Station

The arrangements during election day worked incredibly well yesterday. It was definitely the right decision to remain open during polling. Thank you to all the parents who got in contact in support of our decision. I am continuing my dialogue with Jim Doyle at Dacorum Borough Council to have us removed from the list.

### Around School

Year 3 have been studying the nativity story in RE, particularly the reaction of the shepherds to the message sent by the Angels. Year 4 have been busy with their computing. They have been using the sounds program on Purple Mash. Year 5 have been making Christmas Cards in Art. Year 6 ran their own election this week. They had to come up with their own policies, party logo and slogans.

### Fantasy Football Update!

Rich A remains top of the league despite having a relatively low scoring week. Amber E still leads the pupil charge in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. The high score of the week went to Tim G and Tilly who scored 91 points.



### **Celebration – Respect**

3R – Erin W and Matthew P

3B – Callum C and Charlie H

4H – Ameera A-O and Annie C

4F – Jacob F and Zoe V

5DR – Fraser S, Sophie H, Esin S, Joseph T-S and Emilia S

5C – Ava I, Isla L, James H and Thea G

6M – William B and Lola S

6I – Alfie I, Olivia B, William G, Willow S, Chloe E, Jess L, Hannah T and Estella M

### *Outside Honours*

Lola B, Emma R and Poppy D – Swimming

Edie K – Blue Peter Badge

Fraser S – Football

Olivia R - Netball

Golden Broom – 6I

### **Diary Dates**

Please find below a list of key dates. **Updated dates are highlighted**

#### **Autumn Term**

|   |  |
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| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm  | School Christmas Service at St Peter and St Paul   |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December            | Buddies Refreshments and Raffle at Christmas Service                                     |
| <b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>     | <b>Be Bright Be Seen Day – wear bright colours</b>                                       |
| <b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>   | <b>School Christmas Lunch – Festive non-uniform &amp; donation for Save the Children</b> |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December at 12:30pm | School Collective Worship at St Peter and St Paul  |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm     | School Closes for Christmas  |

#### **Spring Term**

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| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January                 | School Closed - INSET                       |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January                | School Opens to Children                    |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January                | Year 4 trip to Neasden Temple               |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January at 9:15am      | 6M Class Collective Worship                 |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January                | Buddies Disco                               |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January             | Fossil Workshops – Y6 and Y3                |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January at 9:15am      | 6I Class Collective Worship                 |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January at 9:15am    | 5DR Class Collective Worship                |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February at 9:15am      | 5C Class Collective Worship                 |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February              | Safer Internet Day                          |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February at 3:30pm     | Finish for Half Term                        |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February at 9:15am   | 4H Class Collective Worship                 |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February               | Buddies Quiz                                |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 9:30 – 10:30am | Open Morning                                |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March                 | World Book Day                              |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March at 9:15am         | 4F Class Collective Worship                 |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March               | Year 5 Trip to Hazard Alley                 |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am         | 3R Class Collective Worship                 |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March                  | Buddies Disco                               |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am         | 3B Class Collective Worship                 |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 4:00 – 7:00pm    | Parents' Evening                            |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 4:00 – 7:00pm  | Parents' Evening                            |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2:00 – 3:00pm    | Lenten Bazaar                               |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April at 2:30pm      | Music Celebration                           |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April at 9:30am         | End of Term Worship at St Peter and St Paul |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April at 1:30pm         | School Closes for Easter                    |

#### **Summer Term**

|   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April                                 | Term Starts                  |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April at 9:15am                     | Year 3 Collective Worship    |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May                                    | INSET Day                    |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May                                    | NO LONGER A BANK HOLIDAY     |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May at 9:15am                        | Year 4 Collective Worship    |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May                                    | VE Day Bank Holiday          |
| Week Beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> May                           | SATs Week                    |
| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May                                 | Buddies Summer Fair          |
| Week Beginning 18 <sup>th</sup> May                           | Science Week                 |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May at 9:15am                       | Year 5 Collective Worship    |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May at 3:30pm                         | Finish for Half Term         |
| Week Beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> June                           | Year 6 Swanage Trip          |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am                     | Sports Day                   |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am                     | Reserve Date for Sports Day  |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July | 4H at Woodrow High House     |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July       | 4F at Woodrow High House     |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July at 2:00pm                        | Year 6 Matinee Performance   |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July at 7:00pm                      | Year 6 Evening Performance   |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July                                 | Year 5 at College Lake       |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July                                  | Buddies – Moving On Up Event |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July at 2:30pm                      | Year 6 Leavers' Assembly     |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July at 1:30pm                        | Finish for Summer            |

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