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Welcome Back

We all hope you had a restful Christmas break. Although we are now in the Spring term, it has turned cold and we are still seeing a lot of children in school without coats, hats and gloves. Please could you make sure they are leaving the house fully equipped for the weather. We always do our best to keep school open during extreme weather and will give parents as much notice as possible should we have to close for any reason.

Fidget Toys, Toys and Smart Watches!

Lots of children are bringing in toys from home and these are causing a distraction during learning time. Please could this stop. Where pupils have a particular educational or health need for a fidget toy, these will be issued by school and added to that child's provision map. Any toys outside of this agreement will be removed by class teachers. Additionally, watches which connect to a network by wifi or a sim card are not permitted in school. Once again, they are causing an unnecessary distraction in lessons. Thank you in advance for your support on this.

Online Safety Session for Parents

As mentioned previously, we have commissioned an online safety session for parents which is taking place on 14th January at 7pm. This will be held via Teams (access details to follow). The session will cover: current online trends and risks; how to keep your child safe online; where to find support and help. The session will be led by Richard Maskrey, ex-eSafety Lead for Hertfordshire.

The session will be held via MS Teams and can be accessed via the link [here](#).

A Message from Father Huw

One of the joys of Bishop Wood is the singing at collective worship. However, singing isn't just for children. Adults can get great joy from singing. Sadly, Tring Church choir has been gradually getting smaller. This has been happening for all sorts of different reasons as people's personal circumstances change and evolve. If we are to continue to have a viable choir in Tring Church then we need to increase the size of the group. That means new members are needed – might you be one of them? The choir sings at the Sunday morning services each week (with the exception of the second Sunday of each month), and a handful of other "special" occasions throughout the year when a choir is good to have. You do not have to be an "expert" singer to join this group. You do not necessarily have to be able to read music – although it certainly helps if you can. Enthusiasm and regular attendance are probably the most important attributes. We do not have weekly choir rehearsals although we do have a handful, on Friday evenings, prior to major festivals (Easter and Christmas mainly) and may have an occasional one here and there if there is something important to rehearse. So, if you would like to join or find out more, then please get in touch with Cliff Brown at cliff.brown@tringchurchmusic.org.uk.

Bishop Wood is Recruiting!

We are currently recruiting three positions in school. The details for each individual post can be found on the Teach in Herts website by clicking the following links:

[Special Educational needs and Disabilities Coordinator](#)

[Teaching/Classroom Assistant](#)

[After School Club Play Leader](#)

Please share the details with anyone who may be interested or make contact if one of the roles appeals to you. The Bishop Wood team is a fantastic community to be part of!

Meal Bookings

We have had a lot of issues recently where children do not have a meal booked. This puts a huge amount of pressure on the kitchen and can also lead to some quite upset children when they are not able to have the meal they would have preferred. Please could we ask that you check online and make sure that meals are booked in advance. The office team are here to help and would much rather support parents to assist in the booking of meals than have to deal with last minute issues. Thank you!



Spring Term Class Assemblies

A reminder that Class Assemblies will be taking place across the Spring term. These are open to parents and other family members. They take place in the school hall immediately after registration. If you want to come and see your child's class assembly, please make your way to the front door of the school immediately after dropping off and you will be shown in so that you can be sat in the hall for 9.00. Here are the dates for the Spring assemblies:

16th January – 3I
30th January – 4PS
6th February – 5DR
13th February – 6C
6th March – 3S
13th March – 4A
20th March – 5H
3rd April – 6M

Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Genie B and Freddie S
3S – Elsie R and Oscar N
4A – Robbie C, Darcey E, Alice G and Lyle G
4PS – Thomas L and Evie W
5DR – Jonathan G and Christopher G
5H – Theo C and Dolcie HP
6C – Mariia T, Tia-Rose S, Mila H and Will H
6M – Cass W and Layla-Mai K

Well done – keep up the excellent work!

Other Honours

Pom Poms – 3S
Ruby G – Gymnast of the week

House Points

This week's house points:

1st Jupiter 265, 2nd Venus 248, 3rd Mars 222, 4th Saturn 214

Running total for this academic year:

1st Venus 3265, 2nd Jupiter 3049, 3rd Mars 3028, 4th Saturn 3004

The results are very close this year and all houses have recently passed the 3000 points threshold for their next reward. The house captains have decided that the next reward is a PJ day (or just non-uniform if you prefer). All children are therefore invited to attend school in their pyjamas or in non-uniform on Friday 17th January.

Thank you to our outgoing house captains: Hannah, Wills, Amelia, Annabel, Mille, Jasmine, Alex and Bunny for their hard work during the Autumn Term.

Congratulations to our new Spring Term house captains: Eden, Pearl, Eve, Poppy, Luke, Scarlett and Arthur.

Around School

This Week

Year 3 have enjoyed writing poems based on 'If I Had Wings' by Pie Corbett. Year 4 carried out a sound survey around school. Year 5 have really enjoyed working on our Science Fiction writing project. Year 6 have started a writing unit based on Spiderwick Chronicles.

Next Week

Year 3 are starting adventure stories. Year 4 will be enjoying a rivers workshop. Year 5 are looking forward to learning more about staying safe online and on social media. Year 6 will be tackling calculations involving decimals!

Thank you and best wishes
Mr Stanley