

# **Bishop Wood C of E Junior School**

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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

#### Junior Travel Ambassadors - Be Bright Be Seen!

You may remember that the JTAs recently ran a competition for pupils to design a scarf which would be bright and be seen. The winner of the competition was Lola G. In worship this week, she was presented with her scarf which Mrs Spriggs knitted for her. A picture can be found on our school twitter feed on the school website.

### **Collective Worship**

The school governors are coming in over the few weeks to look at how we do collective worship in school. They will watch the worship and then get some feedback from children.

### House Captains - Spring Term

Congratulations to the following children who are House Captains for the Spring Term:

Saturn – Ilsa C and Caris W Mars – Emily W and Rose T Venus – Bibi H and Danny S Jupiter – Raqiyya A-O and Keira M

# Cross Country Race at Wendover Junior School – 19<sup>th</sup> January

If you would like your child to enter, please sign them up using the parent gateway. We are looking to put a strong team out and to come back with some medals!

# **New Team Kits**

We have recently been donated a new netball and football kit by Tring Tornadoes. The kits look really great and will strike fear into the opposition. Look out for them at any upcoming fixtures. Huge thank you to Tring Tornadoes for their donation.

#### **Christchurch Road Gate**

Some parents have commented on the small and muddy waiting area by the Christchurch Rd gate. We will look at options to improve this space. In the meantime, please feel free to wait for your children on the playground once it has been cleared of any afternoon PE lessons.

#### **School Council**

Our new school council has been chosen and have had their first meeting. At the meeting, the pupils have used a £200 budget to order new playground equipment for lunchtimes.

The new School Council is:

3B – Dom H and Zoe V
3I – Matilda H and Louie W
4H – Bea G and Adam F
4DR – Thea G and Freddie K
5R – Lily P and Noah W
5F – Harry H and Eden J
6M – Raqiyya A-O and Darcey G
6C – Bibi H and Ella W

#### **Around School**

Year 3 have had a fun morning making plasticine models of the Earth which show all the different layers. Year 4 have had a computing focus this week with 4H writing blogs about an alien invasion and 4DR working hard on their touch typing. Several children from Year 5 visited me today to show me their amazing work on the King Arthur legend. Year 6 have been getting to grips with geometry – looking at properties and area of shapes.









### Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Hettie J nad Joel W 5F – Josh H and David B

3B – Greta H, Evie N and Joshua F 5R – Paolo C, Rosie H and Oliver B

4H – Oliver S and Edee L 6C – Elsie H and Rhys F-L

4DR – Freya B, James H and Amber E 6M – Caitlin B, Poppy C and Barney A

Golden Broom – 6C Outside Honours Estella M - Drama

## **Online Safety Evening**

Final reminder that we are hosting an online safety evening on 21<sup>st</sup> January at 6.30pm. This will be an invaluable evening for all our parents so please add it to your diary. Richard Maskrey (previously the Herts eSafety Adviser) will be leading the session and will cover:

- Getting to know about the latest online threats and how to manage them.
- Understand how to keep your children as safe as possible
- How to help children to make the right decisions.
- Find out about the best ways to monitor and control the Internet in your home.

Online safety is becoming an increasingly important issue and we would like to hope that at least one representative from each of our families would attend this information evening. You will find it invaluable.

### **A Polite Request**

There seem to be more and more pupils are wearing long hair down at school. If hair is covering the face it distracts children from their learning. There are also the obvious health and safety concerns and the risk of sharing 'little friends'! We strongly advise that hair of shoulder length or more should be tied back and long fringes secured away from the face with a clip or hairband. This applies to both boys and girls.

### **Request for Hama Beads**

If you have a stock of Hama Beads that you no longer want at home we would be delighted to use them during Golden Time. Just drop them into the office.

### **Important Dates**

Fri 18th January 2019, 7:00pm - 8:30pm	Buddies Disco for children
Sat 19th January 2019, 9:00am - 12:00pm	Cross Country – Wendover Junior School
Mon 21st January 2019, 6:30pm - 7:30pm	Online Safety Evening
Fri 25th January 2019, 9:15am - 9:45am	6M – Class Worship
Fri 1st February 2019, 9:15am - 9:45am	6C – Class Worship
Fri 8th February 2019	Buddies Quiz Night (adults only)
Fri 8th February 2019, 9:15am - 9:45am	5R – Class Worship
Fri 15th February 2019	End of Half Term – School closes at 3.30pm
Fri 15th February 2019, 9:15am - 9:45am	5F – Class Worship
Mon 18th February 2019 - Fri 22nd February 2019	Half Term Holiday
Mon 25th February 2019	INSET Day
Tue 26th February 2019	Back to School
Fri 1st March 2019, 9:15am - 9:45am	4DR – Class Worship
Fri 8th March 2019, 9:15am - 9:45am	4H – Class Worship
Fri 8th March 2019, 7:00pm - 8:30pm	Buddies Disco for children
Fri 15th March 2019, 9:15am - 9:45am	3B – Class Worship
Fri 22nd March 2019, 9:15am - 9:45am	3I – Class Worship
Fri 5th April 2019	End of Term – School closes at 1.30pm

For more information and to view letters about upcoming events please visit the school website www.bishopwood.herts.sch.uk

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