



## Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### WhatsApp!

We are still experiencing issues in school due to WhatsApp group conversations taking place outside of school. Since May 2018, the minimum age for using WhatsApp is **16 years old**. If your child has a mobile phone and is using WhatsApp (despite the age limit of 16) can I urge you to do the following:

1. Get hold of your child's phone
2. Ask them to unlock it if necessary
3. Review the conversations happening on WhatsApp
4. Discuss any problems/inappropriate content with your child
5. Take the proactive step of deleting the app (optional but strongly advised)
6. Continue to monitor your child's use of their phone

Please be advised that other messaging platforms are available and should be treated in the same way.

### Collective Worship

Collective Worship on Monday focused on Holocaust Memorial Day. We talked about the importance of focusing on the things which we share in common rather than our differences and how those differences should never be a driver for hate. Sarah from the church led worship on Wednesday and focused on the story of St Paul and his conversion on the road to Damascus.

### Netball vs Bridgewater

On Tuesday, the Netball team played their first match at Bridgewater school in Berkhamsted. The team played really well and won 6-3. Lily P was awarded the player of the match. We are looking forward to our up-coming matches over the next few weeks.

Hannah T and Rosie H

### SDR Class Worship

SDR took Class Collective Worship this week on the theme of Faith. They did a fantastic job and received positive reviews from all who watched it. The highlight was a powerful song and accompanying video. Well done to Mrs Reeve, Mrs Day and Mrs Farrer for putting the worship together.

### Cross Country Club

There was a great turn out for our first ever Bishop Wood School Cross Country Club. Lots of running, fun and games were had by the 23 energetic children. There's room for plenty more - you are welcome to sign your children up on Gateway, or if you forget, they can just turn up at 8am on Wednesday!

### Year 6 Dodgeball Tournament

Yesterday, 14 Year 6 pupils represented the school at a Dacorum wide Dodgeball Tournament. The children were split into two teams and played 5 matches in their pool. All the children played well and had a great time. They represented the school incredibly positively. Our teams finished 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in their pools. Well done to the following pupils for taking part:

Owen A, Louis S, Eden J, Tiegan W, Gabi H, Amira P, Sophia P, Oscar W, Josh M, Charlie B, Willow S, Oliver B, Frankie H and Isla O.

### Young Voices

It's never too late to practice - we have encouraged the choir to learn the words of the songs that they are still not sure of - it will make the performance on Wednesday so much more enjoyable. Here is a link to the website <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/> You need to open an account and use the passcode YV2020.

**Erratum - Cross Country Race at Wendover Junior School – 18<sup>th</sup> January**



Apologies to Alice F whose name was not published in the newsletter last week. She ran at the Wendover Cross Country and was fantastic!

### **Celebration – Faith**

3R – Isla C and Poppie L  
 3B – Aisha S and Edie K  
 4H – Reggie M and Alistair W  
 4F – Rohini P and Joel W  
 5DR – Rosa C and Joseph TS  
 5C – Josh W and Ava I  
 6M – Olivia G and Megan P  
 6I – Oliver B and Noah W

### *Outside Honours*

Nell-Rose C – Sports Fever Award  
 Isaac J – TTFC Player of the Week  
 Amira P – Music and Dance

### *Pen Licences*

Josh S 4H

### *Reading Gold Awards*

Alistair W, Estella M, Poppy D, Annabel G, Maya K, Freya B, Amelie M

### **Around School**

Year 3 have completed a really excellent PSHE lesson on the positive impact of kind words and compliments. Year 4 are reaching the end of their unit of work on playscripts and the children have been busy using their new skills to write their own scripts. Year 5 have been preparing for their upcoming Q+A with Rabbi Charlie. They have written some great questions for her. Year 6 have been visited by some Year 12 students from Tring School this week. The Year 12s are taking part in a citizenship project and are teaching computing to the Year 6 children.

### **Diary Dates**

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

### **Spring Term**

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
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross Country Breakfast
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March at 9:15am	4F Class Collective Worship
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross Country Event at Bridgewater School
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Trip to Hazard Alley
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Non-Uniform Day</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am	3R Class Collective Worship
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Sports Relief Mini Olympics (Info to follow)</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am	3B Class Collective Worship
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Sports Relief Mini Olympics (Reserve Date)</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Buddies Disco
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
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Bugsy Malone – Drama Club performance
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April at 9:15am	Year 3 Collective Worship
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
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET Day
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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