



Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

Frogmore Street
Tring
HP23 5AU

Tel: 01442 822024

admin@bishopwood.herts.sch.uk

www.bishopwood.herts.sch.uk

Twitter: @bishopwoodtring

Mr G Stanley, Headteacher

Friday 7th March 2025

Drone!

Yesterday morning we had some disruption to a PE lesson due to someone in the locality flying a drone over the school site. Coach Lee brought the children inside to complete their lesson. Many drone operators are responsible and fly them sensibly but it is clearly not wise to fly drones near schools and above children having a PE lesson. As such, we made contact with Herts Constabulary for advice, and they are looking into the matter for us. We are glad that the children were promptly and effectively safeguarded by school staff.

Litter Free School

On Monday, the eco-warriors did an excellent assembly on littering and its dangers. Children found out how long litter of different types last in the environment and all about the environmental cost of littering.

A recent survey across the school suggested that **25% of children brought their snack into school in single use plastic**. We will do a survey in a couple of weeks and would like this to be 0%.

The Eco-warriors launched a campaign to make our grounds litter free. Here are their ideas:

- Posters will be put around the school grounds, reminding us to have snacks that have no single use plastic, and to avoid littering at the end of the day.
- A banner will be put around the gazebo with letters spelling NO SINGLE USE PLASTIC.
- **Please collect any colourful single use plastic and send it in so that we can decorate the letters with it putting the plastic to use!**
- Stickers will be given out on a Friday to some children who are following the snack policy rules.

Eco-warriors will continue to litter pick every Friday playtime - last Friday the Year 4s picked up 115 pieces of litter. We hope to see the number of pieces massively reduce.

Thank you to all those that support our snack policy and our aim to have a litter free school grounds.

Mrs Reeve and the Eco-warriors

World Book Day

What a fantastic World Book Day we had! The children looked amazing in their costumes, bringing their favourite book characters to life with creativity and enthusiasm. Throughout the day, they took part in exciting reading activities, sharing their love of books with their classmates. Year 6 read to Year 4— they were wonderful role models, and it was lovely to see everyone so engaged. The teachers joined in the fun, dressing up and celebrating the joy of reading. Thank you for your support in making the day so special!

Mrs Clark

Parents' Consultations

Parents' Consultations will be taking place week beginning Monday 24th March. As usual, Debs will be sending out a very detailed letter to explain how to book your slot. Please keep a look out for this letter and ask for support if needed.

Miss Williamson – Our New SENCo

We are pleased to announce that our new SENCo, Miss Williamson, will be starting on Monday 17th March. I am sure that many of you will want to come in and meet with her fairly promptly. However, she will need some time to get to know the children over her first few weeks.

Church Visit – Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, we held our Collective Worship in the church to mark Ash Wednesday, the beginning of lent. Father Huw led the service, explained Church of England traditions of Ash Wednesday. He then burnt the children's lent promises and brought the ash in to school so we had the opportunity to mark our hands with a cross of ash to symbolise the easter story.



MUSIC MARK SCHOOL



3S Class Assembly

It was 3S's turn to lead a class assembly this week and they all looked absolutely amazing in their World Book Day outfits. They spoke with great clarity and confidence on a range of topics. Staff and parents were crying in a good way! Well done 3S.

School Crossing Patrol

Please be aware that Mrs Dancer will not be at the Frogmore Street Crossing on Tuesday next week in the morning. She will be back for the afternoon crossing duty. Cross carefully!

Learn to Ride/Balance

Herts Balance and Ride will be running more **Learn to Balance and Ride** (L2BR) and **Developing Better Bike Control** (DBBC) courses in **Hemel Hempstead** during Easter, on **Monday April 7th and Tuesday April 8th**. The courses will be run at Tudor Primary School.

Suitable for children from three and a half up to early teens the Learn to Balance and Ride sessions are a quick and easy way to help children learn to ride a bike, one of the best skills children can learn, opening up opportunities for fun, independence, activity and health for a lifetime.

The price for the recommended two L2BR sessions is **£36** and for one session it's **£23**. This includes provision of a balance bike, quality lightweight pedal bike and a helmet for each child. Sessions are one hour in duration with a maximum of 5 children per session.

The full schedule, registration and online payment are at [Public Schedule & Booking – Hertsbalance](#).

Lenten Bazaar

Our Lenten Bazaar will take place on the afternoon of Friday 21st March. All of the children in the school will be running activities in the hall to raise money. The money raised will go to a charity chosen by the school council which this year is The Hospice of St Francis. As in previous years, pupils should prepare their games in small groups outside school time. Year 3 will be given more detailed information in a separate email. Parents are invited to join in the fun between 2pm and 3pm.

Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Evie R and Kevin P
3S – Rose G and Theo Z
4A – Hazel W and Samuel S
4PS – Freya S and Jay H
5DR – Anthony W and Magnus M
5H – Euan O-B and Gabriella R-B
6C – Millie G and Harry M
6M – Alex Y and Ronnie B

Well done – keep up the excellent work!

Other Honours

Lunchtime Leader Awards – James A, Freya T, Ada W

Ava A and Alice C – Distinction in Grade 1 LAMDA Exams

Around School

This week

Year 3 have enjoyed learning netball skills in PE. Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their Roman Day today! Year 5 have enjoyed their work on ballads in English. Year 6 enjoyed reflecting on their Lenten promises.

Next week

Year 3 are looking forward to using the new chromebooks to create spreadsheets in our computing lessons. Year 4 Year 5 are looking forward to continuing to investigate the properties of materials in Science. Year 6 will be creating their own Spiderwick Chronicle.

Diary Dates

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

Date	Event
Thursday 13th March	4A Class Assembly 9am

Tuesday 18 th March	Year 5 Hazard Alley
Thursday 20 th March	5H Class Assembly 9am
Friday 21 st March	World Downs Syndrome Day
Friday 21 st March	Lenten Bazaar Time TBC
Saturday 22 nd March	Cross Country at Bridgewater
Monday 24 th March	Parents' Evening 4 – 7pm
Wednesday 26 th March	Parents' Evening 4 – 7pm
Thursday 3 rd April	6M Class Assembly 9am
Friday 4 th April	End of Term Service at St Peter and St Paul – 11.15am
Friday 4 th April	End of Term – School Closes at 1.30pm

Thank you and best wishes
Mr Stanley