



## Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

### **Coats**

I know it seems obvious but please could you send your child to school with a coat. The weather is predictably unpredictable at the moment and we want to get the children outside for break and lunch as much as possible. We will take them outside in light rain but they will need a waterproof coat. If you do not have a coat for your child and need support is getting one please come and see us as we will be able to help. Thank you.

### **Dog Free Site**

This is the annual reminder that Bishop Wood is a dog free site (with the exception of assistance dogs). This includes any area of the school within the perimeter fence. Thank you for ongoing your support in this

### **Harvest Festival – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

The whole school will be heading over to St Peter and St Paul on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October for our Harvest celebration. The service will start at 2pm and family members are welcome to come along to watch and join in with the songs – some of which you may remember from your own school days!

In line with our values of Hope and Community, we will be having a harvest collection for DENS who run the local foodbank. I will write to you separately with details of what to send in but it can also be found [here](#). We know that the cost of living is high at the moment and only ask people to donate if they feel they are able to.

### **Parent Power!**

Thank you so much Ms Marriott and Mrs Owtrim who came in on Wednesday morning to carry out some urgent gardening on our bee café. It is looking so much better and we are really grateful to them for giving up their time.

### **Reading Books**

Every child has been issued a reading book from our book scheme. These books are age appropriate and should be 90-95% decodable for the children. This book can be brought home but must come to school every day. Each class has a bank of books for the children to choose from so that they can change their book weekly. We also encourage children to read other books alongside these. These books can be from the library or from home.

### **Spare Paint**

Mrs Reeve is looking to do some touching up of the mural on our top playground. If anyone has any colourful outdoor paint gathering dust in a cupboard or shed, we will gladly put it to use! Please bring it to the office and we will get it to Mrs Reeve – thank you!

### **Behaviour for Learning Champions!**

Congratulations to the following children who were the Behaviour for Learning Champions last week!

6C - William J  
6M - Bradley W and Archie G  
5H - 5H Lola J and Edie M  
5DR - Luke W and Ava A  
4H - Sophie M and Zack R  
4A - Cami C and Amelia L  
3I - Esther H and Seb B  
3S – Leo KW and Esme P

### **Celebration**

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Eli B and Dylan P  
3S – Freya S and Tom L  
4A – Nate CF and Elle B  
4H – Indy R and Omari AO  
5DR – Arthur T and Eve C  
5H – Scarlett D and Oliver R



6C – Sam M and Sophie C  
6M – Noah KW and Melody B

*Outside Honours*

Esmé P – Gymnastics silver medal  
Freya S – Karate  
Quinn P – Acoustic Guitar (Grade 1 with Merit)  
Thomas L – Battersea Muddy Dog Run  
Jack S – Player of the match TTFC

**Around School**

Year 3 have been planning gymnastic sequences which they will be putting into action next week. Year 4 have been busy completing their newspaper reports on Zeraffa Giraffa. Year 5 have been learning all about planetary orbits and Year 6 have enjoyed some work on coding in computing. Next week, Year 3 are looking forward to making their own human skeletons. Year 4 will be looking at Egyptian artefacts in History. Year 5 will be coding and Year 6 will be writing poems with personification!

**Diary Dates**

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

Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	9am – Year 5 Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 3 Trip – Chiltern Open Air Museum (Letter sent 8 <sup>th</sup> September)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	9am – Year 3 Meet the Teacher
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	2pm – Harvest Festival in St Peter & St Paul Church (details above)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Fun, Fit & Fruity Week (details to follow)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	SEN/PPG Parent Meetings during the week (details to follow)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 - Weighing & Measuring (Letter sent 8 <sup>th</sup> September)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 – Anglo Saxon Day (details to follow)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	2pm – Music Celebration (details to follow)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Occasional Day (school closed)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity – Evening Performance in St Peter & St Paul Church (Details to follow)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am – Christmas Service in St Peter & St Paul Church (Details to follow)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm – School closes for Christmas

Thank you and best wishes

Mr Stanley