

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

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### Welcome to Week 5

This week has been an exciting one, filled with inspiring talks and new learning opportunities for our children. We were thrilled to welcome Victoria Collins, MP, who visited us to lead an engaging assembly. She shared her experiences as a politician, giving the children a wonderful insight into the world of government and public service.

Our Year Six pupils also had a special visit from Mrs Riemer, a local GP, who opened their eyes to the fascinating world of medicine. Her talk sparked great discussions and curiosity about what it means to work in healthcare.

#### **End of Day Dismissal**

Thank you for all of your positive comments about our recent changes to the end of day dismissal. While waiting for your children, please ensure that younger ones are closely supervised, and not on bicycles or scooters, to avoid injury. Please also ensure that the front entrance is not used for parking.

### **First Holy Communion**

There will be a meeting for First Holy Communion on Sunday 6 October, after the 10.30am Mass at Corpus Christi Church, Langdon St.

All parents are welcome, who have children Year 3 upwards, who would like to receive First Holy Communion. Please bring your child's Baptismal Certificate. Any queries, please contact Tricia Apps on 079 27313165.

### Visit from our MP

We were delighted to welcome Victoria Collins, our local MP, to Bishop Wood School on Thursday morning. She was greeted by Ralph and Francesca, who had written to her last term about our rainbow crossing campaign. Year 6 had prepared some very thoughtful questions about her role and her journey to becoming an MP. After that, Francesca, Ralph and the Year 6 eco warriors gave her a tour our lovely grounds. I was proud to hear their enthusiasm as they shared our many eco projects with her. Victoria was impressed with all that we do. She fully supports our campaign for the rainbow crossing and she said that she would do what she could to help.

## **Apple Fayre Parade**

The annual Apple Fayre Parade will be winding its way down the High Street on Saturday 12th October. Please sign your child up on the Gateway if they are free to come - we will be making our scarecrow next week. We meet at the High Street end of Christchurch Road at 10am. It will take no more than half an hour.

## **Pond Area Working Party**

Thank you to those that have signed up to help Mrs Spriggs and Mrs Reeve start to clear the pond area. If you can spare half an hour or more on Monday afternoon, 7th October, please add your name to the Gateway, or just turn up!

### **Music Performance for next week**

Our music performer for the celebration assembly next week will be Ellis M (5H)!

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

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

3I - Finn M

3S - George P

4A - Mabel A

4PS - Ava T

5DR - Sophie M

5H - Euan OB

6C - Tia-Rose S

6M - Ava A

### **Celebration**











This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

31 Lucy W, Nancy C 3S Francesca L, Arthur S 4A Mabel A, Seb B 4PS Esme P, Leo C 5DR Charlie A, Gwen R 5H Max S, Ella H 6C Acacia T, Emily B 6M Arthur T, Bunny BB

Well done – keep up the excellent work!

#### **Other Honours**

Pom-Poms - 5H

### **Lunchtime Leader Awards**

Well done to the following children, who were identified by our lunchtime leaders for demonstrating our school values:

Lucy C, Bunny BB, Siabelle H, Seb NV, Rosa S, Veja M

## **Active Travel Ambassadors (ATAs)**

Well done to our ATAs, Alice, Enja, Astrid and Poppy for promoting active travel this week!

## **Around School**

#### This week

Year 3 have really enjoyed learning about Floella Benjamin in our English lessons this week. In Year 4, the children enjoyed learning about Howard Carter in English and his discovery of the royal tomb in the Valley of the Kings. Year 5 enjoyed investigating Anglo-Saxon place names in Hertfordshire. Year 6 really enjoyed meeting the MP, Victoria Collins - they asked interesting questions and told her about their idea for a rainbow road crossing in Tring

#### Next week

Year 3 are looking forward to creating fun shaped sun dials out of their shadows on the playground (weather permitting!). Year four cannot wait to tuck into their next maths unit: addition and subtraction. Year five are looking forward to starting a new maths topic on addition and subtraction. Year 6 are looking forward to designing their nature-inspired calendars.

### **Monday Gate Task**

On Monday, you must walk through the gate to Mrs Adams and Mr Patten, turn a full turn and then touch your nose with your elbow. Good luck.

# **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.

Date	Event
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	'Pollinator Assembly' – whole school
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Come Dine with 3S
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Celebration at St & St Paul Church – (Details sent Friday
	27 <sup>th</sup> September)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	SATs Practice Week
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Buddies AGM – 7pm
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Fun, Fit & Fruity Week (details to follow)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half Term
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 – Anglo Saxon Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	4PS – Trip to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Temple (Details to
	follow)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	4A – Trip to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Temple (Details to
	follow)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Occasional Day – School Closed
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Event – Afternoon in School
	(Details to follow)

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 & 6 Nativity – Evening Performance in St Peter & St Paul
	Church (Details to follow)
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch for Pupils (Details to Follow)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm – School closes for Christmas

Thank you and best wishes Mr Patten