



## Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Collective Worship

This week we have been looking at courage in Collective Worship. Father Huw spoke to the children about the story of David and Goliath. The story is a lesson of courage, faith, and overcoming what seems impossible. On a daily basis we see children in school overcoming their Goliaths. This could be in a Maths lesson, on the playground or by trying something new which takes them out of their comfort zone.

### Year 5/6 Cross-Country

14 children from Years 5 and 6 attended the Dacorum School Sports Partnership cross-country event at Ashlyns School on Thursday. They all had to run 2km, which was no mean feat - I realised when I ran just half that distance in the non-competitive event! I was really proud of all the children. They behaved brilliantly, and all put in a massive effort. They did Bishop Wood proud. The Year 5s even ran an extra km, before the year 6 races, just to keep me company! Thank you Mrs Sanders for accompanying us and cheering us on.

Mrs Reeve

### Dennis

For those who did not see the email from earlier in the week, Dennis has decided to resign from his position on Christchurch Road. We are starting a leaving collection. If you would like to contribute, please pop in and give your donation to Debs, Sarah or Sonia.

### Black History Month

October is Black History Month. We will be celebrating this in school by looking at the following icons:

Year 3 – Rosa Parks

Year 4 – A range of historical figures including Rosa Parks, Barack Obama and Nelson Mandela

Year 5 – Martin Luther King and Ruby Bridges

Year 6 – Nelson Mandela

### Apple Parade

The Apple Fayre Parade is travelling down the High Street tomorrow morning. If you would like to join the parade, help us push our scarecrow, and follow our King and Queen in the carriage, please meet at the bottom of the school field at 10.15am. We will walk up to the roundabout by 10.30am. Thank you to those that have already signed up. Thank you to Mrs Spriggs, Mrs Hart and Mrs Finch for helping with the scarecrow and for all the parents who helped to decorate the carriage.

### Mushrooms!

It is the time of year when mushrooms start appearing around the school site. We have reminded the children that they should not pick or eat the wild mushrooms. Please could you reinforce this message at home, particularly with younger siblings. Thanks!

### Class Story

This year we have returned to class story time. This takes place each day between 3.10 and 3.30. Mrs Clark and Pippa Chappell (vice chair of governors) spoke to a selection of children about the class reader and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. They are really enjoying it and see great value in it. Ask your child what they are listening to in their class.

### Science Workshops in Year 5

Sarah Sissons from Sphere Science ran workshops in Year 5. Sarah has been working on a research project with Leicester University. The research is looking into the Earth's magnetic field and how it protects our atmosphere from solar winds. The children investigated how magnets work, how to show a magnetic field, the use of models to show difficult concepts as well as exploring the limitations of models. They also used special diffraction glasses which



allowed them to see white light split into its component colours. The children loved every minute and impressed with the thoughtful questions they asked. They showed enormous curiosity about some very challenging concepts. They did us proud!

Mrs Day

### **New Goals**

We have just purchased some new goals for the school field. They were fairly expensive and we hope that they will last a long time. Please could you help us make them last by ensuring that your child/children do not play on them after school.

### **Mode Shift Stars and Parking Pledge**

Through Mrs Reeve's hard work, Bishop Wood has once again achieved a **GOLD MODESHIFT TRAVEL AWARD**. Thank you to all who make a real effort to encourage their children to travel to school sustainably, and for taking part in the many initiatives organised by the Junior Travel Ambassadors. We are passionate about keeping the roads around our school clear and safe, in order that children can travel sustainably and parents can feel confident that their children will not be at risk from other road users. Please keep an eye out for information relating to our Parking Pledge.

### **Around School**

Year 3 visited the Natural History Museum to investigate skeletons and thoroughly enjoyed the trip. Year 4 have been writing their own poems using mythical beasts as inspiration. As mentioned above, Year 5 had some superb sphere science sessions with Sarah Sissons. Year 6 have completed their designs for this years Design a Light competition.

### **Celebration - Tolerance**

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3R – Charlie S and Austin R

3B – Ellis S and Edie K

4H – Olivia O and Alice F

4F – Daisy and Gene M

5DR – Rose L and Bea G

5C – Jake T and Josh W

6M – Amira P and Evie M

6I – Max B and Lola G

### *Pen Licenses*

Luca H, Oscar E, Aisha S, Arthur L and Layla B

### *Tag Rugby Festival*

Tom O'N, Edee L, Isabella D, Arthur A, Megan S, Amber E, Jake T, Sam B, James H and Amelie M

### **Fantasy Football**

It was a very low scoring week. Congratulations to Jonathan Beck who has stayed at the top of the league! Rich Abslom top scored this weekend with a score of 50 points.

### **Diary Dates**

Please find below a list of key dates.

### **Autumn Term**

Week Beginning 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Fun, Fit and Fruity Week
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Buddies AGM
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	NHS Nasal Flu Vaccinations (all children)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Finish for Half Term at 3:30
Week Beginning 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Pupil Premium and SEN Review Meetings
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Trip to Waterside Theatre
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Buddies Pop-Up Event
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 4:00-7:00pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 4:00-7:00pm	Parents' Evening

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November at 2:30pm	Music Celebration
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 5 Egyptian Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Buddies Disco
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 9:30 – 10:30am	Open Morning
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	School Closed (Occasional Day)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Buddies Wreath Making
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Buddies Christmas Fair
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm	School Christmas Service at St Peter and St Paul
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto!
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December at 12:30pm	School Collective Worship at St Peter and St Paul
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm	School Closes for Christmas

### **Spring Term**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School Closed - INSET
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	School Opens to Children
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January at 9:15	6M Class Collective Worship
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Buddies Disco
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Fossil Workshops – Y6 and Y3
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January at 9:15	6I Class Collective Worship
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January at 9:15	5DR Class Collective Worship
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February at 9:15	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 9:15	4H Class Collective Worship
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Buddies Quiz
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 9:30 – 10:30	Open Morning
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March at 9:15	4F Class Collective Worship
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Trip to Hazard Alley
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	3R Class Collective Worship
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Buddies Disco
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	3B Class Collective Worship
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 4:00 – 7:00pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 25 <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 2:30	Music Celebration
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April at 9:30	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**

Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April at 9:15	Year 3 Collective Worship
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	No longer a Bank Holiday
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May at 9:15	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
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May at 3:30	Finish for Half Term
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May at 9:15	Year 5 Collective Worship
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May at 3:30	Finish for Half Term
Week Beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Swanage Trip
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June at 9:30	Sports Day
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June at 9:30	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 1:30	Finish for Summer

For more information and to view letters about upcoming events please visit the school website  
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