



## Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

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### **Black History Month**

October is Black History Month and we will be celebrating this in school. We have decided that this year we will move away from the usual areas covered (Martin Luther King etc.) and will be focusing much more on British figures. This could be anything from Walter Tull to Stormzy! The children will be covering lots of aspects but here are some of them to give you an idea:

Year 3 – Baroness Floella Benjamin and footballer Marcus Rashford.

Year 4 – F1 racing driver Lewis Hamilton, paralympian Kadeena Cox and the composer Joseph Bologne

Year 5 – space scientist Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock & footballer Marcus Rashford.

Year 6 – author Malorie Blackman, Windrush & the history of the Empire.

### **Collective Worship**

Father Huw led a fantastic collective worship this week where he focused on community and the need for everyone to treat each other with equal importance, equal dignity and equal respect. The worship included a healthy debate about favourite crisp flavours!

### **Covid-19 Update**

All quiet on the Covid front at the moment! As mentioned before, we will let parents know when there is a 'live' case in a class as we know that some families have vulnerabilities that they will need to take into account.

### **Harvest Festival**

Harvest Festival this year will be delivered online via a YouTube video. We will send a link out this side of half term so that you can enjoy watching it at your leisure. The Harvest Festival is being delivered by children in Year 3 and 4.

### **Harvest Appeal**

We would normally do a harvest collection of food and other items for DENS. They are in the process of relocating so this is not possible this year. Instead, we will be supporting the [Bishop of St Alban's Annual Appeal](#). The Bishop's appeal this year is entitled 'Water is Life' and is focused on bringing clean, safe water to communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo. If you would like to support the Bishop's appeal, please send in cash in a labelled envelope or make your donation electronically via:

Account Name: St Alban's Diocesan Board of Finance

Bank Account Number: 20776041

Sort Code Number: 20-05-03

Payment Ref: 4100101HARVEST

### **Dogs**

Many of us are dog lovers (myself included!) but we have to accept that not everyone feels the same way. As such, the easiest approach for the school to take is to make the whole site a dog free zone (with the clear exception of assistance dogs). This approach just ensures that accidents don't happen and everyone feels safe. Please do not bring dogs on to the school site. Thank you.

### **Nasal Flu Vaccination**

A reminder that the nasal flu vaccinations are taking place in school on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Parents wanting their child to receive the vaccination must opt in by completing a form and returning it to school. If you want your child to have the vaccination and have not filled in a form, please contact the school office.

### **Celebration**

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3R – Annabel H for excellent partner work when creating and performing a gymnastics routine in PE and Holly B for working really hard on her weekly spellings.

3F – Aubree T for showing more independence in her writing and Wilf A for a super stone age adventure story.



4H – Lucas K and Bradley W for great posters about reversible and irreversible changes.  
 4T - Isla T for her enthusiasm and hard work in Maths and Sam M for his amazing painting of Tutankhamun.  
 5DR – Austin R for a fast-paced exciting story and Mati G-L for a beautiful descriptive story that left the reader wanting to know what happened next.  
 5C – Isla R and Edie K for fantastic improvement in times table knowledge.  
 6M – David G and Lora D for super personification poems.  
 6I – Isaac J for focused learning in Maths and Seb B for showing appreciation and politeness towards adults around school.

### **Fun Fit and Fruity Week**

A reminder of the before school activities for your child(ren) during Fun Fit and Fruity Week:

Monday – Year 6 fun run starting at Tring Park  
 Tuesday – Year 5 Bikers’ Breakfast at school  
 Wednesday – Year 3 Scooter Scramble at school  
 Thursday – Year 4 Bikers’ Breakfast at school

More details can be found in the letter sent out on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September!

### **Around School**

Year 3 have been using sources to create a fact file on Windrush, and Year 4 have had fun recording their video for Harvest Festival. Year 5 have been investigating Anglo Saxon place names during English, whilst Year 6 discovered perseverance and resilience during their Wise Up Day!

### **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. (updates are highlighted in yellow)

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Week Beginning 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Fun Fit and Fruity Week
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Wear Red Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Finish for Half Term at 3.30
Week Beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents’ Consultation Meetings (TBC)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November at 2pm	Music Celebration
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	School closed – Occasional Day
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	School closed – INSET Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School trip to the Panto!
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Pupil Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December at 9.30	Whole school Collective Worship at St Peter and St Paul
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	School closes at 1.30pm

Thank you and best wishes

Mr Stanley