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Dear Parents and Carers

### Fun Fit and Fruity Week

Mrs Reeve would like to thank everyone - staff, children and parents, for throwing themselves enthusiastically into FFF Week. Every corner that you turned in school this week, there was something different and exciting going on! Special thanks go to the parents who helped with pizza making, and the terrific team who taught Road Safety to year 4 - such an essential life skill. Also, thanks to Magnus for their training. These activities could not go ahead without you. The visit of Electric Umbrella was truly wonderful - an unforgettable afternoon - thanks to Max's dad, Tom, and his wonderful team. Between them, the children have done at least 10 hours of skipping this week, so don't forget to give what you can to the British Heart Foundation on our Just Giving page. As a result of their practice, and the Year 6 Sports Leader training sessions at playtimes, skipping has become a favourite activity, even before school! Well done to Bibi and Merryn for transforming our Merman scarecrow into Sporty Guy for the festival of fire competition - no one will recognise him!

You can still sponsor our skippers by clicking [here](#)!

Well done to all those who entered the cookery competition. The winners are:

Year 3 – Pearl S and Gabriella B

Year 4 – Marco P and Ollie S

Year 5 – Olivia G and Lola G

Year 6 – Alice S and Raqiyya A-O

### Football vs Long Marston

Bishop Wood's season got off to a winning start on Tuesday evening with a 4-2 home victory for the 'B' Team against Long Marston. Having conceded an early goal, we led 3-1 at half time through goals from Zachary F, Owen A and Tom H. The last of these was a great long shot that caught the visitors' goalie off his line. Long Marston started the second half strongly and pulled the score back to 3-2, but another goal from Man of the Match Zachary F secured the points for Bishop Wood. Final score: Bishop Wood 4 – 2 Long Marston.

### Farewell Mr Bye

This week we say goodbye to Mr Bye, who has worked at the school since 2011. He has worked hard to manage what is a very large school site. We wish him well as he takes up his new post in Tesco.

### House Points

Congratulations to Jupiter for winning the House Point Cup this week. Current scores and running totals are shown below.

<u>House</u>	<u>Week Total</u>	<u>Running Total</u>
Jupiter	94	420
Mars	77	387
Saturn	37	397
Venus	77	412

### Junior Travel Ambassadors

The outgoing JTAs have looked through the Year 5 applications and have chosen Lily P, Chloe E, Nicolina H and Oliver F to be the new JTAs. Well done to you 4!



## Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Olivia O, Lillie M-P and Hettie J

5F – Phoebe G and Amira P

3B – Lily G and Beau W

5R – Olivia B and Chloe E

4H – Daniel W, Joseph T-S, Grace F and Rosa C

6C – Ella W and Barnaby H

4DR – Amber E and Finn B

6M –

## Outside Honours

Annabelle G and Nicolina H – Irish Dancing

Elsie H – Modern and Tap Dancing

*Golden Broom* - Well done to 4H!

## Getting to know...Mrs Clark

- What made you want to work with children?  
*"I was helping out in my son's class and I offered to read a story at the end of the day. At 3 o'clock the class next door came and joined us and I was left to read a story to both classes (different times then). They enjoyed the story and I realised then that I loved working with children. I've never looked back since!"*
- What was your greatest achievement at school?  
*"You may not believe this, but every year I used to win all the running races on sports' day!"*
- Where is your ultimate holiday destination?  
*"It is Mauritius. I have been twice now. It is a beautiful place and the people are so friendly."*
- Which three of your possessions would you save from a burning building?  
*"I have a box of letters and cards from parents and children over the 23 years I have been teaching – so they are irreplaceable, real photographs of my sons – no digital cameras in those days and a memory box of my mum's things."*
- What is your typical Nando's order?  
*"I don't go to Nando's but I do love Subway. I always order the same thing: spicy Italian on Italian bread."*
- What are your hobbies?  
*"I have taken up Nordic walking and chilling with a good book."*
- What wouldn't you do for 1 million pounds?  
*"I would never want to cause someone pain or embarrassment – I used to hate programmes like 'Beadle's About'. They make me cringe."*
- What is your main ambition?  
*"To go into business with Mrs Day and have our own café. We plan to employ Mr Hall and Mrs Reeve too. It won't be for a while yet though."*
- Tell us an interesting fact about yourself?  
*"I have a house in Costa Blanca, Spain and I know a little Spanish."*

## Tring School's Cross-Country Festival

38 children from across the school walked up to Tring School for a cross-country festival on Thursday. They were all fantastically behaved and represented the school well. We had some excellent individual results:

Alice F came 3<sup>rd</sup> in Y3/4 race

Jake T came 1<sup>st</sup> in Y3/4 race

Rhys F-L came 3<sup>rd</sup> in Y5/6 race

Owen A came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Y5/6 race

Overall, Bishop Wood came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Y3/4 team event and 1<sup>st</sup> in the Y5/6 team event.

Thanks to Miss Cooper, Mrs Reeve and all the parents who came to support the children. The magic miles have contributed to this victory.

## Around School

Fun Fit and Fruity Week has dominated the school this week. The highlight for Year 3 was making pumpkin and apple muffins and their 'Taste the Rainbow' session. Year 4 got a huge amount out of their Tae Kwon-do lesson - It really brought some pupil's confidence out. Year 5 had an amazing afternoon working with Electric Umbrella, and

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed learning about how mobile phones can cause distractions when crossing roads etc. Mrs Reeve has worked incredibly hard on all these activities this week. We are really grateful to her for all the effort she puts in to enrich the experience for our children. We are sending her home with flowers and a bottle of prosecco today!

### Football vs Thomas Coram

The 'A' team got their season underway yesterday with a hard fought victory over Thomas Coram. In a game which rapidly saw play moving from end to end, Bishop Wood went 1-0 down to a quick counter-attack by the visitors. Unaffected by the deficit, Bishop Wood pushed forward and Danny S immediately pulled the scores level. The game became incredibly open with attacks being mounted at both ends but Thomas Coram broke free and went 2-1 ahead. Once again Bishop Wood rallied and our midfield general, Barney A, scored an absolute screamer from outside the box. Both teams headed to the half time team talks with the score at 2-2. The second half started well with Danny S stroking one home after some delicate footwork from Barney A. Bishop Wood took the lead. Suddenly, Thomas Coram found their rhythm and threw everything they had at Bishop Wood. Barnaby H made some fine saves to keep Bishop Wood in the lead but could do nothing to stop a curling and dipping long range effort which levelled the scores once again. At 3-3 it could have gone either way. Merryn D made some incredible defensive plays and released the ball to the midfield. Barney A got hold of the ball and, after beating a number of Thomas Coram defenders, opened his body up to score a wonderful goal from distance. 4-3! Bishop Wood held on to seal the victory.

Man of the Match – Barney A

### Tree Works

Advanced warning that Tree Monkey are going to be completing important work to the large Willow tree on Frogmore St on Thursday 8th November from 8am. They will not be cutting at peak arrival/departure times but they have asked us to advise parents to use the Christchurch Rd entrance, if at all possible, that day. This will help everybody to stay as safe as possible while the work is being completed.

### Caretaker Position

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed a new caretaker this week. The successful candidate, Mrs Sally Spriggs, currently works in school on website and communications so she knows the school very well. She will be starting her caretaking role on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### Teaching Assistant Position

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Jessica Malcolm to our teaching assistant team after half term. We are certain that she will be a fantastic addition to the school.

### Children in Need

Children in Need is fast approaching and Miss Record is busy coming up with fund raising events. She has decided to organise a charity car wash on the school site this year. The school drive will be turned into a car wash on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Come along and get your car washed whilst doing your bit for charity. Tea and cakes will be on offer to tempt you in. Spread the word! **Sign up for slots via the gateway!**

### Important Dates

Mon 29th October 2018 - Fri 2nd November 2018	Half Term Holiday
Wed 31st October 2018	Year 6 – Secondary school application deadline
Mon 5th November 2018	Back to School
Tue 6th November 2018, 9:00am - 12:00pm	Dacorum Family Services surgery – Sam Lindars (School Family Worker)
Fri 9th November 2018, 6:30pm	Buddies Family Snail Race Night
Fri 16th November 2018	Non-Uniform Day – £1 or cakes please
Sat 17th November 2018, 12:00pm - 2:00pm	Children in Need – Car Washing Event
Mon 19th November 2018, 4:00pm - 7:00pm	Parent Consultation Evening
Wed 21st November 2018, 4:00pm - 7:00pm	Parent Consultation Evening
Thu 22nd November 2018	Year 5 – Egyptian Day
Wed 28th November 2018, 2:00pm - 3:00pm	Music Celebration
Fri 30th November 2018	Occasional Day
Tue 4th December 2018, 9:00am - 12:00pm	Dacorum Family Services surgery – Sam Lindars (School Family Worker)
Wed 5th December 2018, 8:00pm - 10:00pm	Buddies Wreath Making evening
Fri 7th December 2018, 9:00am - 10:00am	Coffee Morning
Fri 7th December 2018, 1:00pm - 3:00pm	Buddies Christmas Market

Tue 11th December 2018	Yrs 3, 4 & 5 – Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Wed 12th December 2018	Year 6 – Victorian Day
Fri 14th December 2018	Pantomime Trip – Robin Hood
Mon 17th December 2018, 7:00pm - 8:00pm	Christmas Concert
Fri 21st December 2018	End of Term – School closes at 1.30pm

For more information and to view letters about upcoming events please visit the school website [www.bishopwood.herts.sch.uk](http://www.bishopwood.herts.sch.uk)

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