



BISHOP LOVEDAY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 8
Joining Together – Learning For Life

25th October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

A huge well done to all the children and staff as we finish Term 1. This has been a long eight-week term and everyone is ready for a well-earned rest.

Our School Nurse team vaccinated over 200 of our children on Monday. Please keep an eye on the newsletter, as they will be providing 'Catch up Clinics' for those not vaccinated, once they have completed their visits to schools in the area.

Thank you to those parents who came along to the Maths Information evening. Thank you to Mrs Ashe and Mrs Cullup for presenting this vital information to parents.

Year 3 enjoyed a trip to Church to visit Reverend Sarah on Thursday and Year 5 performed their 'Egyptian' assembly to their parents.

If you have not already signed up for a time slot for Parents' Evening, please see your child's class teacher during the first week back. Parents' Evenings are taking place on Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th November. Unfortunately, the school office is unable to assist with arranging appointments.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

Attached to this newsletter are two important letters from Mrs Ridley. The first is regarding our updated Attendance Policy. In line with Oxfordshire County Council, all schools are requested to send out the 'Policy' to all parents. Schools must inform the Local Authority when parents take their children on holiday during term time. The Local Authority will be issuing Penalty Notices (£60 per parent, per child) for each holiday taken. In the past, parents have received a letter the first time, informing them that if a further holiday is taken, then a Fixed Penalty Notice will be incurred. This is no longer the case. A Penalty Notice will now be issued after the first holiday is taken.

Please note, the Attendance Policy has been emailed to all parents today, the signature page has come home as a hard copy with the covering letter. It is expected that all parents will sign and return the signature page to confirm their understanding of the 'Policy'.

The second letter is regarding a change to our morning schedule. Please read this, as the changes will take effect from Monday 4th November.



Keep Calm it's all on our Website!

Thank you to Mrs Burch-Harwood, in our school office, who has spent many hours building and updating our school website.

There is a huge amount of information for parents on there. A rolling diary, important dates, newsletters, galleries and sports events and news can all be found with a simple click.

Please visit www.bishop-loveday.oxon.sch.uk

As there is so much information to be found on our website, we are encouraging all parents to utilise this tool as much as possible. We do not want you to miss anything, especially with Christmas performances approaching fast!

What's on after



On Monday 4th November, Year 1 will be holding a 'Superhero' day. The children can come dressed in their favourite superhero costume for the day.

On Tuesday 5th, Year 5 will be visiting the mobile Planetarium to have a panoramic 'look' at our Solar System.

Also on Tuesday and Wednesday, at 1.30pm, we will be showing prospective parents around our school, as their children will be starting in September 2020.

On Thursday 7th, class 4SJ will begin their swimming lessons at Spiceball. Please remember your kit. Swimming hats are available to purchase for a £1 from the school office.

On Friday 8th, Years 1 and 2 will visit Reverend Sarah at church for afternoon worship.

Thank you from the Church, to everyone who has purchased raffle tickets for the 'Festive Fair' draw. This will take place on Saturday 2nd November at the Fair, in Church House.



We are raising money for Children in Need

Our School Council will, once again, be raising money for this hugely important charity.

On Friday 15th November we will be holding a non-uniform 'Dress up as a Teddy' day. This can be anything from a decorated badge to full on 'Teddy Bear' outfits.

This year, we are trialing a new way to donate through Parent Pay. You will see a payment item appear on your home page towards the end of next week. Please do let us have your feedback, if this works out easier for you. The donation goes straight to the BBC Children in Need bank account. So your donation will safely reach the charity. Thank you.

Sports News

A group of Year 3 and 4 children enjoyed a rather wet orienteering event this week at Wykham Park Academy. Using photographs as clues to questions dotted around the fields, they were ably led by the Young Leaders from Wykham Park. Our group showed great team effort, commitment and honesty. Well done to Billy L, Lexi K, Olivia W, Sophia M, Ryan F, Callum B, Hayden B, Oliver-James O'N and Javish S.

Update – Year 4 Residential

We have managed to finalise our booking for the Year 4 overnight residential. The children will be visiting Green Park in Aston Clinton, part of the Adventure Learning Charity. Please do have a look at their website. The letter detailing the trip will be sent home after half term. However, the payment item has been added to Parent Pay in case you wish to start making payments sooner.

Children born between 1st September 2015 and 31 August 2016 are ready to start school in September 2020.

We are offering open events on the dates below. This is an excellent opportunity to come and have a look around Bishop Loveday and find out what we can offer your child.

Tuesday 5th November

Wednesday 6th November

Monday 18th November

Wednesday 20th November

All sessions will run from 1.30pm, lasting approximately an hour.



We have been notified by Oxfordshire County Council that there are still a few Year 6 parents yet to make a secondary school application. The deadline for secondary school applications is **Thursday 31st October 2019**. If your application is late, **it will not be processed until May 2020**. Therefore, you are less likely to get a place at your preferred school. Follow the link below.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/secondary-school>



As Halloween and Bonfire Night are fast approaching, please bear in mind that anyone displaying a poster similar to this one, respectfully does not take part in the event. All our children have been shown this poster.

There will be also be lots of firework displays in the local area. Please take the necessary precautions to protect children from the dangers, whilst having lots of fun too!

Awards and Achievements:



Our Superhero's this week are:

Lexie M, Max H, Jack A, Gabriella C, Sophie M, Niamh H, Garbiella C-B, Harvey N, Alice V, Amelie L, Eli W, Christy S and Laurence F.

Congratulations to Olivia W for passing stage 4 in swimming, Dominic M for completing 100 metres in swimming, Evie Bennett achieved her red award in gymnastics and last weekend, Riley H competed in an international roller hockey tournament. He and his teammates won their age group competition, with Riley being the youngest player.

Katharine House Hospice are fundraising to keep their unit running as normal over the Christmas period. Their 'Santa Fun Run' will take place on Sunday 1st December. They are also promoting their new lottery. Check out their website for more information www.Khh.org.uk/



FoBLS News

A huge thank you to FoBLS for supporting us with 'Courtyard Refurbishment' project. Our School Council have come up with a cunning plan to create a superb new space in school! It will incorporate a stage, a story-telling circle and a range of seating and tables. Thank you FoBLS!

Please have a very safe and enjoyable half term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jane Ridley
Headteacher

Aldi Stickers

Keep collecting your Aldi 'Kit for Schools' stickers.

The stickers will be added to our 'Poster'. We've completed one already!

Completed posters gives us a chance of winning sports kit and a £20,000 cash prize!

House Points tally

w/e: 25th Oct	Sun	Ice	Fire	Forests	Oceans	Waterfalls
Term Total:	201	197	189	212	296	208

Well done everyone!



Schedule of Christmas dates

Mon 25th – Fri 29th November	Advent Candle week
Saturday 30th November	FoBLS Christmas Wreath Workshop 10.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm (Bodicote Church House)
Friday 6th December	Decorating afternoon (parents welcome, but please let the know teacher first)
Sunday 8th December	FoBLS Winter Fayre 12pm – 2pm (School Hall)
Tuesday 10th December	Year 3/4 Christmas Performance 2pm Parents of children in classes 3LM and 4SV invited
Wednesday 11th December	Year 3/4 Christmas Performance 2pm Parents of children in classes 3JM and 4SJ invited Early Years trip to Lemington Spa Panto Xmas school dinner served – please book in good time
Thursday 12th December	Year 1/2 Christmas Performance 2pm Parents of children in classes 1SW and 2JO invited
Friday 13th December	Year 1/2 Christmas Performance 2pm Parents of children in classes 1KW and 2SC invited Non-uniform day in exchange for 'Secret Santa'
Monday 16th December	FoBLS Grotto (please make your payment through Parent Pay) Year 5 Stargazers performance 5pm (School Hall)
Tuesday 17th December	Early Years Christmas Performance 2.15pm (School Hall)

Please make a note of these dates. All performances will start promptly. The children spend lots of time rehearsing their parts, please do not be late! All entrances through the Community Door please.

Thank you.