



BISHOP LOVEDAY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER 4

Joining Together – Learning For Life

Friday 2nd October 2020

**For up-to-date advice on Coronavirus, please visit:  
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>**

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another busy week in school. Year 4 children have commenced their djembe drumming sessions now and are really enjoying them.

**Staff Vacancy:**

Mrs Ghai, who recently returned from maternity, will be leaving the Bishop Loveday teaching assistant team at half term. We are therefore, advertising for a Teaching Assistant to work with our amazing year 6 team. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please visit the school website for more details or contact the school office.

**Procedure for late arrival to school:**

Please try your hardest to arrive at school before the gates close. I'm sure you can appreciate the disruption caused by late arrivals. With the weather turning, if you do arrive after the gates have closed, please go to the community entrance, where there is shelter. Please phone the school office when you are at the community door and they will arrange for someone to let your child in. Please understand that there is not always someone available immediately as all staff are involved in teaching after 8:55am.

**Harvest Festival:**

The children will be taking part in a Harvest Festival, on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Rev. Sarah will be leading the services and children will attend in their bubbles. Please can the children bring non-perishable goods to donate. All donations will be going to the food bank. Please note that due to COVID restriction, unfortunately we are unable to invite parents to the services.

**Governor News:**

"The School Governors (Rob, Revd Sarah, Ali, Toby, Hayley, Tracy, Lucy and new member, Sue) met virtually on Monday for the first governing body meeting of the new school year. We received an update from Dr Kay, CEO of the Warriner MAT, on the MAT's response and approach to the current Covid situation, and wider plans for the coming year. We discussed with Mrs Ridley how the new term had started here, the plans for the children to catch up following last year, as well as contingency plans for remote learning in the event of a further lockdown. We were very pleased to hear how positive and enthusiastic our young people are to be back in school; delighted to hear how supportive parents are being and wish to record a huge thank you to all staff for the excellent start. We approved the latest school policies for Behaviour, Attendance, supporting pupils with medical conditions and safeguarding and child protection, which are all now available on the school website. We also agreed lead Governor roles for the coming year and noted the schools successful passing with flying colours of a health and safety audit undertaken by OCC (well done to all of the Premises team!).

Following their departure from the Governing body in recent months we also gave a big virtual vote of thanks to Louise, Nicola, Terry and James for their services to the school.

"The Governing Body is currently carrying a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. Foundation Governors are specific to Church schools (like Bishop Loveday) and along with the Parent and Teacher Governors make up the Governing body. If you are interested please get in touch with the Catherine, the Clerk to the Governors, via the School Office. To be considered your priest/minister must be able to affirm you are a regular worshipper in a Christian church."

**COVID 19:** Please see updated advice from Public Health England.

**School Meals:** As promised, our school meal provision will include hot options three times a week, starting after half term. Please find the new menu attached.

**FaceBook:** Our school FB page has not been active since the start of term, due to lack of access to FB caused by a change in internet provider. Please visit the school FB page to see a few photos of EYFS enjoying the farm and year 5 enjoying their Egyptian day.

**Second-hand uniform sale:**

There will be a second hand uniform sale on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, from 2:15pm to 3:15pm on the school playground. Please bring change as we will not be changing notes and giving change.

**INSET Day:**

Just a reminder, that Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> is an INSET day. We have disaggregated the INSET day this term and teachers have attended CPD twilight sessions instead, therefore school will be completely shut on this day.

# Congratulations



**Superheroes:**

EYFS: Noah B, Summer J, Luca H, Belle P

KS1: Amelie W, George B, Anabelle B, TJ M, Stanley R, Freddie T

KS2: Gurbaaj, Poppy M, Eva-May, Eliza S, Emme, Joseph LM, Holly E, Crutis B, Sophie M, Salome, Aaron and David S

**House Points:**

Sun: 111; Ice: 117; Oceans: 109; Forest:100; Fire: 109; Waterfalls: 90

Enjoy the weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jane Ridley  
Headteacher