

BISHOP LOVEDAY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 10

Joining Together – Learning For Life

Friday 27th November 2020

For up-to-date advice on Coronavirus, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
If you or your child develops any symptoms, you must get tested.
Please call 119 or visit the website

Dear Parents/Carers

The children have enjoyed a very busy week of learning. It has been lovely to hear our Foundation cohort singing in the school hall. Thank you to Ali Bridge and the FoBLS Team for organising for the children to make their Advent Candles this week.

A few mid-term reminders –

- Please remember that the Reception door is still locked. If your child is late for school, please take them to the community door and telephone the office (01295 263157). A member of staff will come and open the community door for you. If you need to contact the school office, please email mham2957@bishop-loveday.oxon.sch.uk
- Please try to remember what your child needs for school each day. We are unable to pass on PE kits, trainers, bags etc.
- Please maintain social distancing outside the school gates.
- A few parents have an outstanding account for Breakfast Club, Homework Club and WAC. We have sent reminders to those who have an outstanding balance. Please have a look at your Parent Pay account. If you have any queries, please email Mrs Hammond (mham2957@bishop-loveday.oxon.sch.uk)
- The Council car park is open at the beginning and the end of the day, for parents to use. Please do not park in the Kingsfield car park. Similarly to us, their staff are experiencing difficulty getting in to work each morning.
- Please be mindful of the increase in the amount of traffic outside the school whilst development works take place on White Post Road. There are two crossings in place, please be careful and watch out for heavy lifting vehicles. We have spoken to the management team overseeing the works to discuss the road safety. If you would like to discuss the same with them at any point, please contact the school office for their details.
- A reminder that our laptop offer has been extended to the 29th November. Please see the leaflet attached to this newsletter. This is an amazing offer to buy a top range laptop with all children's needs already loaded. At the end of the payment period, it's yours to keep!

Important - TikTok

Another TikTok video is being circulated entitled 'Megan is Missing'. This is based on a 2011 film of the same name, which has been banned in many countries. The video is apparently exceedingly violent. It has been reported that it is causing significant trauma to those who have seen it. Please do be vigilant and remind your children not to click on anything that they do not know what it is.



Christmas cards in school

This year, we will be doing things slightly differently. Children are welcome to exchange Christmas cards within their 'bubble' (own year group). Parents can also give cards to teachers if they wish. Christmas cards **MUST** be brought in to school before **Friday 11th December**. The cards will be quarantined over that weekend and will be distributed the following week. Unfortunately, you will be unable to hand in Christmas cards across year groups this year.

Information for parent whose children will be starting school in September 2021

Parents of children starting school in September 2021 will be able to apply for their chosen school from Tuesday 3rd November. All applications are made online at:

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

On Saturday 28th November, we will be holding an Open Day for prospective parents. There is also have a virtual tour available to view on our website. Please note the deadline for on-time applications for starting school, is **Friday 15th January 2021**. Any application made after this date, will be considered late and will not be dealt with until later in the year. You are less likely to secure a place at your chosen school if your application is late.



We are really pleased to be able to offer Christmas dinner at school this year. This will be served on Wednesday 9th December, to coincide with Crazy Christmas Jumper Day! We are unable to change the menu set on Parent Pay, therefore please choose option 1 for roast turkey, with all the trimmings and option 2 for roast Quorn with all the trimmings. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Hammond

Starting in January 2021, we will be returning to hot school meals every day. Our kitchen have sourced insulated boxes with compartments and lids to be able to keep the meals warm whilst they are transported. Three year groups will eat in the school hall, with cleaning taking place in between. The rest of the hot meals will be delivered to the classrooms. The new menu is now available on Parent Pay for you to pre-book.

Our School Nursing team will be in school on Tuesday 8th December to administer the Flu vaccination. This is a nasal vaccination, not an injection. If you would like your child to have a Flu vaccination, please visit <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/forms/flu> You will need to use a unique school code: OX144525. Please submit your applications by 5pm on **Thursday 3rd December**. The link will close on this date and late applications will not be accepted. You will need your child's NHS number to hand.

If you are thinking about Christmas shopping online, consider ordering through the 'easyfundraising' website <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsobishoploveday/> The school benefits greatly from additional funds raised through this website.

FoBLS have a programme of activities planned for December, please see below for timings and costs.

As we approach the festive season, our fabulous FoBLS team have put together a programme of activities for the children to take part in. Please pop the dates on your calendar.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Crazy Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 9 th December	There will be an opportunity for parents to purchase photos, more details to follow
Secret Santa (bringing in gift)	Friday 11 th December	
Secret Santa (visit to the Grotto)	Monday 14 th December	£2.00

Mental Health Awareness

We are aware that there are many parents who are concerned and worried about their child's mental health, whilst we are in the midst of the Covid 19 pandemic. Evidence is mounting that there has been a 35% increase in child mental health concerns. Sam Game, the Clinical Director of Standing in the Gap, is supporting families through these unprecedented times. There is a specific 'anxiety' workshop online at [Managing the Wobbles and Wobbles of Anxiety Workshop — Standing in the Gap \(sitgap.org\)](https://www.sitgap.org)

If you would like more information about helping children manage big emotions, especially for example if children have to take time out of school because of Covid, you can contact Sam directly at sam@sitgap.org or visit the website www.sitgap.org

House Points tally

W/E: 27.11.2020	Sun	Ice	Fire	Forests	Oceans	Waterfalls
Total:	93	84	82	86	112	96

Congratulations



Superheroes:

Orlaith M, Theo S-M, Parker H, Filip R, Betty D, Rowan L, Orlah M,
Raheema R, Evan M, Ronnie A, Eva-May A, Jessica B, Oliver B, Josh R,
Lexie I and Anshika K

Enjoy the weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jane Ridley
Headteacher