

BISHOP LOVEDAY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Be kind, be honest and have courage to live 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

Dear Parents/ Carers

We have had such a lovely start to the term - it has been so lovely to see the children back who have been so enthusiastic and ready to learn. Our choir had their Young Voices trip yesterday, they were so well behaved and were so inspired by the concert. A huge thank you to Miss Stott, Mrs Warner, Mrs Quinn and Miss Shirley for giving up their evening to support. Staff also had whole school training on the INSET to learn about how we can implement Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) into our school. Everybody is very excited to begin.

Friday 12/01/2023

THIS WEEK...
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PARKING PLEA

Please, please can we ask that you are mindful and considerate when parking at the beginning and end of the day. The parking situation is causing a lot of issues within our community. We are currently trying to speak to the Council to ask if they would help us by opening their car park for our school, as they did during COVID. Thank you to Mr Gaffan, who has been communicating with them on our behalf. As soon as we are able to speak to them we will update you. In the meantime, please **do not** park on the zig zags or yellow lines and use the car parks that are available - either opposite the school or at the Cricket Club - so that our children and adults can cross the road safely. Thank you for your patience and support with keeping our school community safe.

MISS JOHNSON

We have exciting news that Miss J had her baby over the Christmas holidays, a little girl called Ottilie. Both Ottilie and Miss J are doing really well and we hope she has a lovely maternity leave and enjoys this special time.

SIAMs REPORT

We are pleased to share that we have had our SIAMs report from our inspection at the end of last term. A huge thank you to everybody who spoke to her or sent us emails to support us. Thank you to all staff for always trying to live out our vision but special thanks has to go to Mrs Becker, Mrs Vidovic and Rev. Sarah for guiding us on this journey.

AUTHOR VISIT

On 22nd January we are welcoming Jess French to our school, who is an author and has released a new book (please see information below). There will be a chance to buy a signed copy of this book with a 10% discount as well as the children enjoying having a talk by Jess within the day. We would like to increase the number of author visits and have another author lined up in a couple of months time for KS2 as well as an author for KS1 and early years.

Have a lovely weekend

Dee Loader

Head of School

Important Dates:

January 2024	
Friday 19 th January	Year 2 Trip to the Living Rainforest
Wednesday 24 th January	Early Years & Year 6 National Childhood Measuring Program to visit school to weigh and measure children in Early Years and Year 6 – More information to follow
February 2024	
Monday 12 th February –	Half Term
Friday 16 th February	
March 2024	
Thursday 28 th March	End of Term 3 - 3.15pm
	(Homework Club and WAC will continue as normal)
Friday 29 th March	School Closed for Easter Break
April 2024	
Monday 15 th April	School Reopens for Term 4 – 8.55AM

Our Week of Learning:

Early Years this week we have been drawing a picture to show what our best part of Christmas was. We have been practising our cutting skills by dressing the teddy for winter. We have had lots of fun playing and exploring in both our indoor and outdoor areas. We finished the week off with Forest School where Rainbow Room enjoyed a camp fire.

Year 1 had an amazing time making spirals with chalk. They have also been finding out about the continents of the World.

Year 2 have had a brilliant first week back. In literacy, we will be writing an explanation text about what an explorer might need in their kit bag. We began by thinking about what an explorer is and remembered some famous ones we had learned about in Year 1. In computing we added data to cells in a spreadsheet and in PE we started our Dance unit. The children are really enjoying our new class text about rainforest explorers.

Year 3 have started their new learning about natural disasters. They have linked their Literacy and Geography by reading and writing about the book "Escape from Pompeii".

Year 4 have really enjoyed starting gymnastics in PE and learning about their new theme Ancient Egyptians. They are also really enjoying their new class text Indiana Bones.

Year 5 has started their new class read - The Kingdom Beyond the Sea. The children have settled back in well and we are looking forward to exploring our theme Earth and Space.

Year 6 6 have had a wonderful first week back beginning with an informative and enjoyable visit to Junior Citizen in Oxford. We were so proud of the attitudes and behaviour of all the Year 6 children. In science, we have begun our learning about electricity and investigated how to make a variety of circuits. What a fun week we have had!

Brilliant Learning Star of the Week:



House Points: This weeks winner is..... FOREST



This Week's Winner

Bronze Award:



Polly S Reuben S Asees D Matthew A Winny Z Jackson R Gurbaaj T Daisy D

Awards:

Tallulah (EY) passed Stage 1 Swimming at Kick and Splash

Cole P (EY) passed Stage 1 Swimming at Kick and Splash

Eden D (1TS) received a certificate with Kick and Splash



Benjamin (1TS) has passed his red belt at Shukokai Karate, and also passed his stage 2 at Kick and Splash



Jemima (3DC) was awarded Star of Day at Holiday Camp.

Sports:

Swimming Lessons Congratulations to the following for achieving your School Swimming Distance Awards this week...



50 Meter Distance Award: Immy M, Milo C, Fleur H-P, River P, Essa U

FOBLS:



WELCOME BACK FROM FOBLS

We are so excited to be back and have lots of fun filled events taking place for the rest of the Year. None of these events would be possible without our Parents and Friends of Bishop Loveday's support. So please do get in touch at fobls@outlook.com with any support you can offer.

Our next meeting will be at the Horse and Jockey on Thursday 25th January 2024.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Other

Raring2go! Banbury, Bicester & Burford- Free activities for your families this Winter please click on the link below

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