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Newsletter: Tuesday 4th December 2018

Dear Parents and carers,

We are now in the period of Advent, which marks the beginning of the Christian year. The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin 'adventus' which means 'arrival' or 'coming'. Advent is the name of the season in which Christians prepare for the celebration that commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ, Christmas. We are now in 'full swing' here at The Bishops' and it was lovely to see so many of you last Friday at the Newquay Lantern Parade. Thank you for your support.

We are all looking forward to the remaining weeks in the build-up to Christmas with Decorating day, school productions, pantomimes, school trips and of course our Christmas lunch!

You will have received a letter from our CEO, Robin Cowen last Friday confirming that sadly this will be my last term at Bishops' as Head of School. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support during my time here at The Bishops'. It has been a privilege to work with such fantastic children, dedicated and enthusiastic staff and supportive parents to provide the best school for your children. I would also like to say thank you to Jo Roberts, Claire Smith and the Local Advisory Board for their continued support. My decision to leave The Bishops' is based firmly around my family and I am looking forward to a different set of challenges in this next step in my career. Finally, I would like to wish Kaye Pitcher all the best in this next exciting chapter for the school.

The school has come such a long way in a very short time and will continue to go from strength to strength.

We will be keeping you updated on events in the run-up to the end of term via the usual channels on Class Dojo, Twitter and Facebook, but as always please ask your class teacher or pop in to the office with any queries.

Kind regards,

Mr M Bowen
(Head of School)



Our new School Vision



We recently created a new vision for our school with the purpose of letting people know who we are and what we do in a short, snappy easy to remember way. We felt that it was important that our vision reflected the Christian distinctiveness of the school whilst also encompassing our desire for the children do their best and reach their potential as well as having a feeling of being important members of our community. Our new school vision is:

'Faith to Aspire, Achieve, Belong, Believe'

World War II Evacuees



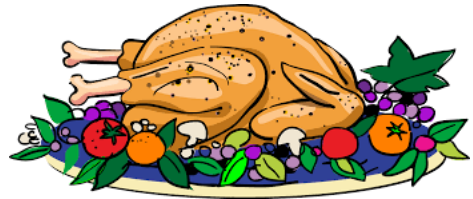
Year 2 at The Bishops' have been very fortunate this half term to gain a sense of what life would have been like for a WWII evacuee through various, real-life experiences. Firstly, they were immersed in a topic themed day. They were transported back to September 1939, listened to the declaration of war and role played different activities including packing their suitcase, farming the land and even hiding under tables at the sound of the air raid siren! Later in the term, one of our pupils' grandparents came in to talk to the children about his own experiences as a child who was evacuated from London to Liverpool during the war years. The children were fascinated by his stories and asked lots of questions to develop a further understanding of what life was really like for children all that time ago. Most recently, Year 2 enjoyed a trip to the Britain in the Blitz museum at Flambards. They thoroughly enjoyed looking at the war memorabilia and artefacts and again, asked lots of questions about what life would have been like in WWII. For the culmination of their topic, the children will perform a dance that they have been rehearsing with Miss Katie from Bell Dance Academy on Thursday 13th December. All members of the community are welcome to join us at The Bishops' at 1.15pm so please spread the word!

Christmas Jumper Day!



Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children will be on Friday 14th December, Non school jumper on this day, please come dressed in festive Christmas knits and wear your school trousers or skirt. It could be your favourite Christmas Jumper or an item of clothing that you have decorated in a festive theme. We are raising money for Save the Children and would kindly ask you to make a small donation if you are able to for your child to come dressed in their festive attire. The money we raise will be used to provide relief and help to support children in developing countries. Thank you so much!

Christmas Lunch



Our School Christmas Lunch for children will be on Wednesday 5th December.

Please remember to book your child's lunch on Parentpay in the usual way.

Thank you.

Decorating Morning and Chocolate Donation Day Wednesday 5th December.



Wednesday 5th December will be our annual Decorating Morning and Chocolate Donation Day. Parents are invited to come in and help their child make decorations. Please sign up for a slot with your child's class teacher. Little Fistral, Fistral and Towan Decorating will be all day, the rest of the school from Year 1 to Year 6 will be making their decorations in the morning.

We will also be having our 'Chocolate Treat and Donation Day'. Please bring in 2 items of chocolate, one small item for your child to enjoy at break time as a special treat, and one chocolate item large or small to donate to school. We will then be selling raffle tickets at 50p each for a chance to win one of our fabulous hampers made from your kind donations. Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 10th December.

Thank you for your support!

Academy Attendance

The Academy is continuing to focus on the attendance of all our pupils, and we are pleased to say that our whole school attendance currently stands at **96.9%**. Thank you so much to those families who have been working hard to ensure children's punctuality and attendance is high.

There is a link between attendance and achievement and therefore it is very important that your child attends school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Parents/carers should not remove their child from school during term time without having first requested a leave of absence in writing from the office. All requests for authorised absence will be responded to in writing and will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. If permission is not granted, but the child is still absent, the absence is classed as unauthorised and there is a possibility that parents/carers may be issued with a penalty notice.

Healthy Snacks

The School Councillors have been meeting to discuss break times and the snacks that are consumed. They were concerned that some children have been eating snacks such as chocolate and crisps. The councillors have discussed healthy options and are currently designing a leaflet with their suggestions. It will be sent home as soon as it is complete.

Chocolate Hamper Raffle

We will be selling raffle tickets from Monday 10th December for our Grand Chocolate Hamper Draw. Tickets are 50p and are available from the school office and will be on sale at our Christmas Productions. The raffle will be drawn at our KS2 Christmas Concert on Monday 17th December.

Good luck everyone!

Christmas Store



Our annual Christmas Store will be held for all classes from Little Fistral to Lusty Glaze in school on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th December. On these days your child will have the chance to visit our Christmas Store held in school with their class to purchase gifts for their family. The gifts are then wrapped and stored in school and given to your child during the last week of term for them to take home. Gifts range from £1 to £4 each. Could your child please bring their Christmas Store money in as soon as possible ready for their visit to the store in a named envelope or purse (their visit will be either on Thursday or Friday). They will also need a carrier bag with their name and class on.

Many thanks for your support.

Diary Dates

- 5th Dec—Christmas Decorating Event.
- 5th Dec—Christmas Lunch for pupils.
- 6th and 7th Dec—Christmas Stalls for children.
- 7th Dec—Churches Together Christian Aid Concert 7pm at St Michael's . Choir will sing.
- 9th Dec—Messy Church in School 3pm to 6pm.
- 11th Dec—EYFS to Eden for Infants on Ice.
- 11th Dec—Little Fistral Christmas Production.
- 12th Dec—EYFS Christmas Production at 2.15pm.
- 13th Dec—Learning Café and WWII performance for Yr 2 Harbour and Watergate, at 1.15pm.
- 13th Dec—EYFS Christmas Production at 2.15pm.
- 13th/14th Dec—Panto at Lane Theatre .
- 14th Dec—Learning Cafes for each class from 2.45pm (except Year 2)
- 14th Dec— Christmas Jumper Day.
- 16th Dec—Newquay Methodists Carol Service 10.30am in the school hall.
- 17th Dec—KS2 Christmas Concert at St Michael's Church. 6.30pm.
- 18th Dec— KS1 Nativity at 9.30am, 2.15pm and 6pm.
- 18th Dec—Little Fistral Christmas Party.
- 19th Dec—Last Day of term school finishes at 3.15pm. Merry Christmas everyone!
- 7th Jan—School reopens for 1st day of Spring Term.
- 9th Jan—Swimming Lessons start for Watergate and Crantock Classes.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN OUR INSET DAY TO 20TH DECEMBER.

Term Dates for 2018-2019

Autumn Term

29.10.2018 to 20.12.2018

Spring Term

07.01.2019 to 15.02.2019

25.02.2019 to 05.04.2019

Summer Term

23.04.2019 to 24.05.2019

03.06.2019 to 25.07.2019

BANK HOLIDAYS and INSET Days for 2018-19

20.12.2018

25.02.2019

06.05.2019 **May Bank Holiday**

24.07.2019

25.07.2019

Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently 96.9%

