

*If you have faith.....nothing will be impossible. Matthew 17:20*



The Bishops' C of E  
Learning Academy

*Faith to Belong, Believe, Aspire and Achieve*

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of the autumn term, I would like to take the opportunity to remind you that we finish at **3.15pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. We start the spring term on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.

I'd like to thank you for the overwhelming support the school has received this term in all that we have strived to achieve, but particularly the last few weeks in the run up to Christmas. I was immensely proud of the children for their performances in the various nativities over the last ten days and how wonderfully they filled the spaces with their voices. These events form 'emotional foundations' for the children and are memories they will treasure forever. Thank you for the effort with their costumes, learning their lines and picking up from St Michael's church when the weather needed it most!

I know you share with me the strong belief that our excellent school is more than just about test results and league tables. It is important that we continue to improve our outcomes, but we never lose sight of allowing our children to flourish academically, emotionally and spiritually to be able to face whatever challenges come their way. Our atmosphere, ethos and above all, strong relationships between staff, parents and children are what we are known for and borne out by testimonials from visitors and external educational consultants. With this in mind please ensure your children are ready for learning on the 6<sup>th</sup> January with their uniform and PE kit.

Our key priority this term has been to create an outstanding reading school. I can now report to you that the children from Year 1 to Year 6 have read and understood 11.5 million words and taken 1,859 quizzes on books they have read. In the last 14 weeks 168 children have celebrated reading every night at one of my Reading Tea and Cake parties. The library has been reorganised to link with Accelerated Reader and new books have been purchased. Friends of Bishops' kindly donated over £4000 to improve our IT provision by the purchase of new class ipads so more children can quiz on their book straight after they have finished it. To keep this momentum, can I ask that you continue to read with the children as much as possible over the holidays and encourage, praise and discuss their book at every opportunity. 20 minutes of reading out loud a day has a massive impact on their comprehension and vocabulary.

Finally, as always, the highlights of this term have been the pupils, whether they are representing the school at sporting events, in the community such as the choir at Newquay hospital, mentoring the younger children, raising money for charity or quite simply, the pride they have for their school.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very happy new year. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Adam Richards  
Head teacher

