

BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

1st December 2023

"December: A month of lights, snow, cosiness, and feasts; time to make amends and tie up loose ends; finish what you started and make your wishes come true." — Unknown

SCARF workshop

This week, children in Years 1-6 have each had a health and wellbeing workshop led by a specialist educator from Coram Life Education. The workshops took place in a portable pop-up classroom offering an exciting, stimulating and memorable environment for the children.



We follow Coram's SCARF scheme of work for PSHE in school. SCARF's whole-school approach supports us in promoting positive behaviour, mental health, wellbeing, resilience and achievement. SCARF represents the following values for children: Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship.

This week's workshops were personalised for the children in our school. The children enjoyed the sessions and were fully engaged throughout.

New Boiler

We are currently replacing the school boiler to ensure we have an efficient heating system in place. During the initial stages of the work, asbestos was found in the paint on the pipework in the boiler room which is locked and inaccessible from inside the school. This has now been safely removed.

The Nursery entrance to the school will be open again from Monday so please revert to normal drop off and collection and arrangements. Thank you very much for your patience with this.



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A Message from Tunbridge
Wells Libraries

Winter Reading Challenge

The Winter Mini Challenge is returning again for 2023, encouraging children to keep up their reading habits over the winter holidays. Following the success of the summer challenge, we are delighted to continue the Ready, Set, Read! theme into the Winter Mini Challenge, brought to life once more by the amazing illustrator, Loretta Schauer.

Taking part in the Winter Mini Challenge is easy. Simply encourage children to read at least three books of their choice between 1 December 2023 and 19 February 2024 and add them to their online profile at wintermini.org.uk. Reaching their reading goal will unlock a limited-edition virtual badge and a special Winter Mini Challenge certificate to print off and keep.

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Christmas Celebrations

Christmas is nearly upon us and the children are already hard at work learning lines and rehearsing songs for this year's **Christmas shows!**

Please find below the dates for the celebrations and performances.

Key Stage 2 are working together on their Christmas



Nursery—A Christmas Celebration	Monday 11 th December at 9.15am
Reception - A Christmas Celebration	Tuesday 12 th December at 9.15am
Year 1 and 2 - A Christmas Performance	Friday 8 th December at 9.15am
KS2 - A Christmas Performance (For parents of Year 3 and 4 children)	Monday 11 th December at 2pm
KS2- A Christmas Performance (For parents of Year 5 and 6 children)	Tuesday 12 th December at 2pm

performance. If you have a child in Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2, you only need to come to one performance as these will be the same. We ask that only 2 people per family attend to ensure that the hall is not overcrowded.

Thank you Rotary Club

We would like to say a big thank you to the very kind Grandad, of a child at our school, who donated 300 purple crocus bulbs to us from the Rotary Club of which he is a member. The Rotary Club helps to plant millions of purple crocuses every year to raise awareness for efforts to end polio. This initiative is called "Purple4Polio" and you can learn more from their website: [Purple4Polio – Our Projects – Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland \(rotarygbi.org\)](https://www.rotarygbi.org)



The site team have planted the crocus bulbs at the front of the school and we all look forward, hopefully, to seeing them pop up next Spring.

School Meals – Nourish

We have been informed that from January 2024 a cooked school meal will increase by 10p to £2.60.



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ASPIRE CERTIFICATES

This term we will be focusing on our school values—ASPIRE. Each Friday a child will be chosen to receive a certificate because they have demonstrated one of our school values.

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Avery

Quin

Oliver J

Matilda

Josh B

Buddy



Christmas Lunch:

Wednesday 13th December

Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform on this day.

