

Friday 18th December 2020



We have made it to the end of term with the majority of pupils and staff fit and well, what a relief! Christmas has been very different for us this year; Christmas dinner in classrooms created and delivered by a skeleton staff, an online Christmas assembly for the whole school instead of the usual nativities and concerts, no Christmas Fayre but we did retain the traditional class hampers, which were wonderful!

We wanted to do our very best for the children, despite the restrictions, so we hope they have all had fun this year. I have included pictures of the classroom Christmas dinners (on the second page) and Oliver providing festive entertainment in year 5 during lunch (below).

The staff have asked that I pass on their thanks for their Christmas gifts and for the lovely positive comments from you all - they really have lifted our spirits.

Year 4 have been busy writing to Greg Clark, MP and have received a reply! See the final page of this newsletter.

Thank you to the PSA for all their hard work this term and that the new committee is doing an excellent job.

We are hopeful that we will see you all in person the first week back after the holidays, however if your child has to isolate due to contact with a positive case, they must use their Teams login to access their online lessons.

Notes for January 2021

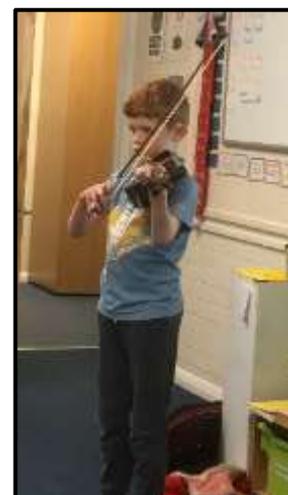
Lunch menu the first week back in January will be week 4 of the Nourish menu.

PE times for January will be:

- Yr 1 Wednesday and Friday
- Yr 2 Monday and Wednesday
- Yr 3 Monday and Thursday
- Yr 4 Tuesday and Thursday
- Yr 5 Monday and Wednesday
- Yr 6 Tuesday and Friday

Forest School- Year 3- Thursdays

Woodland Explorers- Reception- Wednesdays



Please keep up to date with the latest information from Gov.uk over the holiday period and a reminder to **email the office if you child receives a positive Covid 19 test, as we will need to inform close contacts.**

On return to school, please take additional care around scaffolding, as we will be having the roof fixed throughout the first part of the spring term.



From all the staff at Bishops Down, may we wish you a joyful and healthy Christmas and a happy new year!

Many congratulations to Lucy Frost, parent of George and Evie. She set up an isolation support group in Tunbridge Wells and they have won an award. Fiona Higgott was also part of this. It has been running for 5 months and they have had over a 1000 calls and made 150 referrals to the council, so has really helped and great that they have been recognised.





It's very festive over in Beehive with our lovely tree and beautiful Christmas angel. The children have also been hard at work creating a safari complete with Jeep! A very special thanks to Terri for designing and creating this with them.

From the Rt Hon Greg Clark MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

10 December 2020

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Dear Year 4

I am incredibly impressed by the folder of letters that you sent me – you have clearly been working very hard on understanding the impact of pollution on our planet.

As many of you rightly identified, there are many sources of pollution including our homes, industry and transport.

You might have heard of the phrase “Reduce – Reuse – Recycle”. I think this is a good rule to follow. By reducing the overall amount of resources we use, we minimise the potential for pollutants to enter our environment. Reusing is the next best option, followed by recycling as this uses energy which in turn can create pollution.

It would be great to come and have a chat with you in person about this. Perhaps you could ask your teacher to get in touch to arrange a date for me to come and visit?

With best wishes