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Messages from Mr Keep

Today we mark Bishop Ridley Day, a special moment in the life of our school community as we remember our patron, Nicholas Ridley. Nicholas Ridley was a Bishop in the 1500s who dedicated his life to serving others and sharing his faith. Before his martyrdom in 1555, he was known for his courage, kindness and commitment to ensuring that people had access to education and to the Bible in their own language. Ridley worked tirelessly to support communities, speak up for what he believed to be right and encourage others to live out their faith through good works. His example inspires us to show courage, compassion and service in our own school community. As we commemorate Bishop Ridley Day, we give thanks for his lasting legacy and reflect on how we can each make a positive difference in the world around us.

Next Wednesday, we will be undertaking our first lockdown drill of the year and the children will be told about this in an age-appropriate manner during Collective Worship on Monday. If you have any questions about this, please speak to myself, Mr Catchpole or Mrs Coles.

Have a great weekend,
Stuart Keep
Headteacher



Pyjama Day

This term, the School Council has decided to raise money for The Salvation Army, a worldwide Christian Church whose mission, rooted in faith in Jesus Christ, is to help everyone experience life to the fullest. To raise money, we are holding a pyjama day on Friday 23rd October.

Any donation, no matter how big or small, can make a meaningful difference to someone in need. Together, we can show kindness, compassion and friendship and help bring warmth and hope to those who need it most.

Donations can be made via the Parentmail app.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Taylor and the School Council.

Upcoming Events

- 19th October – Year 3/4 at Bishop Ridley Church
- 20th October – Parents' Evening
- 21st October – Lockdown Drill
- 21st October – Book Fair ends
- 21st October – Parents' Evening
- 22nd October – Reception Tour (1:30pm)
- 22nd October – Year 1 Animal Day
- 22nd October – Year 2 National Gallery visit
- 23rd October – Pyjama Day – Salvation Army
- 23rd October – End of term
- 2nd November – Term 2 starts
- 3rd November – Year 5 Solar System webinar
- 3rd November – Year 5 Cedar swimming begins
- 6th November – Reception Hindu Temple visit
- 6th November – Class Newsletters on website
- 9th November – Reception Tour (9am)
- 11th November – Remembrance Day
- 12th November – Individual and sibling photos
- 16th November – Anti-Bullying Week

Aquinas Parent Council

Now that we are officially a part of the Aquinas Trust, we are looking for a parent or carer who would be interested in representing Bishop Ridley on the Aquinas Parent Council. This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to the wider Trust community, share parents' views and help strengthen the partnership between families and schools across Aquinas.

The role involves attending meetings, either virtually or in person in Bromley, which usually take place during the school day (typically in the mornings). It is therefore essential that interested parents have some daytime availability.

If you would like to express an interest in becoming our parent representative, please speak to Mr Keep.



Staffing News



Next Friday, we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Edgell, who is leaving Bishop Ridley after five years working as a Teaching Assistant. However, her connection with our school stretches back much further, having first joined our school community 12 years ago as a parent volunteer, supporting children with their reading when her daughter was in Nursery. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication, kindness and care Mrs Edgell has shown to our children and staff over the years. She has been a valued member of our school community and will be greatly missed. We wish her every happiness and success in the future.

EYFS Paramedic Visit

Our Nursery and Reception children were excited to welcome paramedics Holly and Dylan into school this week as part of their learning about people who help us in our local community. The children discovered more about the important work paramedics do and how they help people who are poorly or injured. There was lots of excitement as the children even had the opportunity to try on the paramedics' jackets and helmets! A huge thank you to Holly and Dylan for taking the time to visit us and for making the experience so memorable for our youngest learners.

Our thanks to the EYFS team and to Mrs Allsopp for organising the experience.



Bayeaux Tapestry

Our Year 3/4 children travelled back in time to 1066 this week as they joined schools from across the country for a fascinating live broadcast hosted by the British Museum. The children explored the famous Bayeux Tapestry, examining key scenes and discovering how it tells the story of the Battle of Hastings.

The children found the session both interesting and informative, gaining lots of valuable knowledge ahead of their Invasion topic in the spring term! Our thanks to Miss Carr and the Year 3/4 team for organising the experience for the pupils.

Bishop Ridley Church

The Church's annual service of thanksgiving to remember and celebrate the lives of those no longer with us takes place on Sunday 1st November at 4pm. During the service names of those who have died are read out and there is an opportunity to light a candle. Please email info@brchurch.org.uk if you would like us to remember your loved one.

We recognise that remembering loved ones can bring up a variety of emotions. If you would like someone to talk to or to pray for and with you, please let us know either on the day or before. You can also email info@brchurch.org.uk.



Attendance

100%

Attendance continues to be one of our top priorities as we continue through the year, and we are still aiming to meet our end of year target of 96%. For a child to have met this attendance percentage, they cannot afford to have more than 5 days off in the school year. Please support your child's education by ensuring that they only miss school if they are too unwell to attend.

For more information on this, visit the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Attendance League

Our whole school attendance this week was **95.8%**



Points

➡	1st - Ash	61
➡	2nd - Cherry	59
➡	3rd - Olive	52
⬆	4th = Willow	51
⬆	4th = Redwood	51
➡	6th - Maple	50
➡	7th - Pine	37
➡	8th - Oak	35
➡	9th - Elm	30
⬆	10th - Cedar	26
➡	11th - Hazel	21

Congratulations to Ash Class for being the first winners of the Attendance League this year! They will have a movie and popcorn afternoon next week!



Let's celebrate!

Kindness

The Kindness Award this week was given to Mrs Edgell and the Year 6 librarians, who have given up their lunchtimes to help set up our new library, which is now looking incredible. We also gave the award to Omoghene, Maddox and Henry for the support and kindness they show towards younger members of the community in Bible and gardening clubs.

Pupils of the Week

Hazel – Amalia

Olive – Joshua A

Cherry – Ethan

Willow – Henry

Ash – Agaran

Maple – Advith

Pine – Lottie

Cedar – Lena

Elm – Gabriela

Oak – Logan

Redwood – Zam Zam

Blossom – Yoga



Have a great weekend!



50 Reads

Each week, our amazing teaching assistants count up how many times a child has read at home and when a child has achieved 50 reads (this needs to be done on 50 different days!), they get to visit our Book Vending Machine to choose their very own book!

Congratulations to the following children who earned their 50 reads this week:

Year 2 – Tommy and Kanisga

Year 3/4 – Annie, Xander and Caiden

Year 5 – Olivia

House Points

Normans

8

Romans

10

Saxons

8

Vikings

9

