BISHOP RIDLEY NEWS



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Messages from Mr Keep

This week, the Trussell Trust kindly came to collect all of your generous Harvest donations. They completely filled their car with roughly thirty bags of goods and this will go a long way to supporting families in need in our local area. We would also like to thank those of you who donated money towards the Salvation Army as part of our pyjama day today. We are still taking donations for this but have currently raised over £350. Thank you to Miss Taylor and the School Council for organising this worthwhile event.

It was fantastic to see so many families in attendance at our Parents' Evenings this week. We hope you found these meetings useful in understanding your child's progress and next steps. We recognise that a successful education is supported by good collaboration between home and school and thank you for your ongoing support with your children's learning. If you were unable to attend Parents' Evening but would still like to discuss your child with their teacher, please contact the school office after half term. Finally, we would appreciate it if you could complete our short parent/carer survey, which we launched at Parents' Evening. This can be found here.

Have a lovely half term,

Stuart Keep

Headteacher



After School Club

We would like to ask if anyone has any spare toys or games that they could kindly donate to After School Club. We are particularly looking for board games that are easy to learn and short in duration, such as Connect 4, Guess Who and Pop-Up Pirate. We would also be extremely grateful for any dolls, superhero action figures, role play toys and dressing up costumes from 5-years upwards. Please note that the club already has a number of cuddly toys, puzzles and books so these donations are not necessary at this time.

If you have any items to donate, please drop them into the school office. Many thanks for your support.



Upcoming Events

2nd November - Term 2 starts
3rd November - Year 5 Solar System webinar
3rd November - Year 5 Cedar swimming begins
4th November - 'Xmas4Schools' deadline
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
18th November - Year 2 and 5 Mobile Planetarium
20th November - Non-uniform day (Fair donations)
24th November - Flu immunisation catch-ups
25th November - Reception Tour (1:30pm)
30th November - Rocksteady Concert
1st December - Year 5 Cedar last swimming lesson
3rd December - Reception Tour (9am)
4th December - Christmas Fair (3:30-5pm)
7th December - EYFS Christmas Crafternoon
7th December - EYFS Nativity dress rehearsal

Christmas Dates

Although Christmas is still a couple of months away, we appreciate that some parents/carers may need to give their employers notice to get time off from work. Here are the dates and times o all of our Christmas performances this year.

***Tuesday 8th December** - Nursery and Reception Nativity (9:15am)*
***Wednesday 9th December** - Year 2 Christmas Performance (9:15am)*
***Thursday 10th December** - Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at Bishop Ridley Church (9:15am)*
***Thursday 10th December** - Year 2 Christmas Performance (1:45pm)*
***Monday 14th December** - Year 1 Christingle (2:30pm)*



Christmas Cards

This year, we are continuing to work alongside 'Xmas 4 Schools' and pupils have been designing their own Christmas cards in school this week.

Children should have brought their designs home with them today, along with an order form. If you would like to purchase cards that feature your child's design, please complete the order form, ensuring that your details (particularly your email address), your child's name and class name are all written clearly. You will then receive a link from 'Xmas 4 Schools' to make your payment.

All completed order forms need to be returned to school, along with your child's design, by ***Wednesday 4th November****. Please ensure the design is glued to the back of the order form, otherwise it may not be processed correctly.*

Our thanks to Mrs Mo for her hard work in organising this event.

Year 2 National Gallery

Year 2 had a very exciting visit up to London yesterday to explore the National Gallery.

The children saw a range of paintings by Monet and Van Gogh and enjoyed sketching their own version of Monet's Waterlillies. They were also very fortunate with the weather and had a lovely picnic lunch in a sunny Trafalgar Square. The staff who took part in the trip would like to say how amazing the children were; they behaved impeccably and were a credit to our school. Our thanks go to Miss Carr for organising the trip and to Mrs Pathak and all of the other staff and volunteers who made the visit so successful.

Poppy Appeal

From Monday 2nd November, we will be selling poppies to raise money for the Royal British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal. This is a very worthwhile cause and all money donated will support the Armed Forces community. After half term, children are welcome to bring in small donations to purchase a poppy. Although there is no set price, we recommend a minimum donation of 50p per poppy. Other items, such as wristbands, will be available to buy for £1 each. Thank you in advance for your support.

Bishop Ridley Church

Would you know what to do if you saw some having a heart attack and you needed to use the Defibrillator? Come along to a hands-on session on Saturday 14th November from 2pm to 4:30pm at the Church, which will cover these essential skills recognising a cardiac arrest, basic life support and how to safely use the defibrillator plus much more. Book your place today by emailing info@brchurch.org.uk

Bishop Ridley CHURCH

100% Attendance

Attendance will continue to be one of our top priorities this year as we aim to meet our end of year target of 96%. For a child to meet this target, 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

Our whole school attendance this week was 93.9%

Our whole school attendance for the year so far is 96.1%

Here's the attendance for each class since September:

Hazel (Rec) - 93.5%
Olive (Y1) - 97.5%
Cherry (Y2) - 98.6%
Willow (Y2) - 97.5%
Ash (Y3/4) - 98.5%
Pine (Y3/4) - 95.5%
Maple (Y3/4) - 97.2%
Cedar (Y5) - 94.1%
Elm (Y5) - 95.5%
Redwood (Y6) - 96.9%
Oak (Y6) - 96.5%



Congratulations to Ash class for winning the Attendance League this term! The League will be reset and will restart after half term.

Let's celebrate!

Kindness

Congratulations to Kassie in Year 2 for winning the Kindness Award this week for the kindness and empathy she shows to others within the community. Miss Sears also received the award for the love and kindness she shows to others. Thank you both!

Pupils of the Term

Hazel – Lina
Olive – Aren
Cherry – Ada
Willow – Priam
Ash – Olivia
Pine – Micah
Maple – Nicoleta
Cedar – Honor
Elm – Isabelle
Redwood – Oliver
Oak – Jonny
Blossom – Alara



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 – Priam and Anaya
Year 3/4 – Freya, Arib, Malachi, Penelope and James C
Year 5 – Akshaya and Iris
Year 6 – Tayla-Mae

House Points

Normans 9	**Romans 10**
Saxons 8	**Vikings 9**

Have a lovely half term!

