

## Newsletter

### Celebrating learning together in faith, hope and love

Ephesians 2 v 8: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

28/11/2024

## Headteacher's Hello

Dear parents and carers,

It's been another busy week at Bishop Perrin School! As the countdown to Christmas begins, there is still a lot of learning to be done. We have an assessment week coming up the week after next, which is an important opportunity for the children to demonstrate how much they have learnt this term and how much progress they have made. It is important that the children are in school every day that they are well enough, so as not to miss any learning.

I met with the School Council last week. They are now busy working on a project to help enhance playtime provision and the playground environment. They have been tasked with gathering ideas for new playground equipment (to be funded by SA donations), looking at the quality of the signage in the playground and surveying children about what to install in the space where the monkey bars used to be. Views will be shared in January.

Mrs Crinall has met with our Faith Ambassadors, and they are currently considering a relocation and the development of a reflective prayer space within the playground.

Unfortunately, we have been informed that yet again a number of sites within the borough of Richmond have been reporting the failure of the delivery of outbound emails. The same issue occurred twice before, in October 2023 and June 2024. Our IT team have been liaising with LGfL and Microsoft about this, with Microsoft working to resolve the issue. If you have been expecting a communication from the school or believe you may have missed an email from us, please call the office.

Please note that many of our after-school clubs will be finishing next week (see specific dates later in the newsletter). I'd like to thank all the Bishop Perrin School staff who have generously given up their own time for free this term to provide a club for the children, so that we are able to offer some clubs at a lower cost. Their generosity with their time to provide extra-curricular opportunities to the children in addition to their already very busy schedules is highly valued and very much appreciated.

Your child will be coming home with an Advent calendar today. These have been generously provided by the School Association and we're very grateful for the time that has gone into organising these gifts for the children – thank you!

Good luck to our school choir who will be singing Christmas carols at the Whitton Lights event, at 3pm on Sunday. Thank you to Mrs Place who will be accompanying them – I am sure they will provide some delightfully festive entertainment and help to get everyone into the Christmas spirit!

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Macklearn



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#### **Attendance**

Friendship: 93.17% Endurance: 94.61%, Peace: 89.67%, Forgiveness: 97.16%, Reverence: 94.34%, Service: 95.26% and Justice: 97.16%

Whole school: 94.48%

#### Is my child too ill for school?

If your child is unwell, they should not be in school. Please see <a href="here">here</a> for guidance on when it is ok to send your child into school if they are feling a little under the weather, or when to keep them at home.

### In collective worship this week...

We continue to discuss how our school vision is lived out in school every day. Please see our <u>website</u> to learn more about this.

On Monday, we talked about the responsibility of being a good influence, and how we can make a difference, however small, by being good role models and having a positive influence.

On Tuesday, the children led their own collective worship in class, where they discussed the meaning of reverence, one of our spiritual values.

On Thursday, we welcomed Mr Nimmo into school to lead worship for us. He talked about setting new year resolutions inspired by our spiritual values. He invited a number of Year 6 volunteers to help him in leading the worship.

#### **School News**

#### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

We hope your children have enjoyed participating in the clubs this term. As a reminder, please note the **last day** of the clubs on the following dates:

Colouring & Lego: Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December : Monday, 25th November French : Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December Drama Netball : Monday, 9th December : Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December Chess Football Y1/Y2/Y3: Tuesday, 10th December : Tuesday, 3rd December Film Codecamp : Wednesday 11th December Football Y4/Y5/Y6: Wednesday, 11th December : Wednesday, 4th December Choir : Thursday, 12th December **Tennis** : Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December Dance

There will be **no clubs on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** due to INSET.

## Public consultation on the 2026/27 admission arrangements for the community schools in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames

The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames is currently publicly consulting on the admission arrangements for the community schools, for the academic year 2026/27.

Details of the consultation can be found on the <u>Achieving for Children website</u>. The consultation will run until 5pm on Monday 6 January 2025.

#### **End-of-Term Christmas Service**

Our end-of-term Christmas service will be held at St. Augustine's Church on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, **12:30pm – 1:30pm**. The service will include a performance from Year 3 and 4 who will lead us through a Christmas story and Christmas songs, with additional song performances from the school choir, Year 5 and 6, and some Christmas carols for everyone to join in with.

The children will have an early lunch on that day, and will return to school after the service, ready for an early pick-up at **2pm**.

If you would like to volunteer to walk with your child's class to the service, please let the school office know.

#### **Chrismas Shoebox Appeal**

We are once again taking part in a Christmas Shoebox Appeal with the boxes going to local families who have fled domestic abuse and are being supported by Refuge. Please bring your Christmas boxes in to school once complete and no later than **Friday**, **13th December**. Thank you for your support.

<u>Children</u> - please label as suitable for: BOY / GIRL & age:

- 3- 5 years / 6 7 years / 8 9 years / 10 12 years/ 13+
- small toys / puzzles / fidget toy (please not sharp toys)
- story books
- hairbrush / hair accessories
- colouring books and colouring pencils / felt tips / pencil case
- mindfulness colouring books (for older kids)
- · Christmas card with a friendly message
- note pad and pen
- fluffy socks / gloves
- sweets / box of chocolates
- small card games like Uno/dobble

## $\underline{\textbf{Babies}}$ - items for babies MUST be brand new and have the CE stamp

- dummies
- wet wipes
- nappies
- · soft toys
- · teething rings
- baby grows
- bibs
- baby book (or other items that support mother and baby interaction)

#### Women

- body lotion
- bath oil / salt
- face wash/toner/moisturiser/ face masks
- hair products (spray, mousse, hair bands or scrunchies)
- scarves / gloves
- socks, tights, slippers or flipflops
- sweets / box of chocolates
- · Christmas card
- mindfulness colouring books
- · affirmation cards
- room diffusers

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#### Choir at Whitton Lights, Sunday 1st December, 3pm

I am really looking forward to singing with the choir at Whitton Lights on Sunday at 3pm. Please can the children wear their school uniforms, they are very welcome to have a Santa's hat or tinsel in their hair to add to the celebration! We have six songs to sing and should be finished by 3:20pm. Please meet at 2:50pm by the main stage. The children remain the responsibility of parents and carers during this time. Thank you, Mrs Place

#### Piano Lessons - Richmond Music Trust

From January, our school piano lessons will be delivered by Richmond Music Trust on Monday afternoons. I have spoken to the trust and they are hopeful that there will be space for new piano players from the spring term. Mrs Place

#### **Communications Review**

On Tuesday 10th December, we will be conducting a communications review with our School Improvement Partner, Marie Newman, and Head of Govenor Support, Angela Langford. As a result of this review we aim to develop a new communications policy. As part of the process, they would like to meet with a group of parents in the morning (08:45 – 09:15) to hear your views. If you would like to be involved and can spare half an hour on that Tuesday morning, please let me know. Your time would be much appreciated. You can read about all the ways in which parents and carers can communicate with the school by reading our 'Opportunities to engage with the school' document on our school website.

#### Celebrations and Achievements

As children are not in school tomorrow, Celebration Worship certificates will be carried over until next week.

### **School Trips Payments / Permissions**

Unless otherwise stated, children should wear school uniform for school visits (this includes school shoes). Children should bring a bag (school bag or other) to carry their packed lunch and water bottle in. Packed lunches should not contain any form of nuts (this applies to children and adult volunteers); no fizzy drinks or glass bottles. If details vary to this they will be provided below within the specific trip section.

#### **Year 2 Trips**

Due to a lack of suitable workshops being available for this term, Year 2 will be taking part in an online workshop about The Great Fire of London, run by Kew Archives, after Christmas. Plans are also in place to book trips to the London Transport Museum and The Roald Dahl Museum for next year.

#### Year 3 trip to Stonehenge

Year 3 will be visiting **Stonehenge** on **Tuesday, 10th December**, where they will learn about early British history, explore the famous stone circle, and take part in interactive activities to support their classroom learning.

Please ensure children arrive at school by 8:00 am, as the coach will depart promptly at 8:15 am. The cost of this trip is £13.80. Please log in to your child's SCOPAY account to complete permission and payment for this trip. Please ensure your child wears school uniform, a waterproof/warm coat, and brings a snack and packed lunch.

Please click <u>here</u> to order a school packed lunch by Tuesday 3rd December.

#### **Year 5 Carol Singing at Homelink**

Due to space restrictions at Homelink, only 15 Year 5 children will visit Homelink Day Respite Care Centre to spread festive cheer through carol singing on Friday, 6th December. They will leave school at 1:15 pm and return by the end of the school day. Please provide consent via SCOPAY.

#### Year 6 visit to Twickenham Cemetery

The revised date for this visit will be Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. On this day, weather permitting, Year 6 will be visiting Twickenham Cemetery to study the war graves of local soldiers who served in the First World War. This is a local visit, so does not require additional permission. We will be walking to and from the cemetery, and will be outside for most of the afternoon, so children will need a warm, waterproof coat.

#### Faith Ambassadors from Year 3-6

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of January, the Faith Ambassadors from Year 3-6 will attend the LDBS Annual Service at St Paul's Cathedral. The service is from 2-2.45pm and we will be travelling by train and tube. We will be leaving school at around midday.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch that can be eaten on the train (preferably with rubbish then disposed of to prevent having to carry bags into the cathedral so everything needs to be disposable.) Children will also need to bring a water bottle (also preferably disposable). Due to the finish time of the service, we will not return to school until 4.15-4.30pm. Please provide consent via SCOPAY.

#### **Whole School**

The whole school will be attending a Christmas pantomime, Cinderella, at The Exchange, Twickenham, on **Wednesday**, **18th December 2024**, at **1pm**.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will travel to the theatre in a coach. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will travel by train. The cost of the pantomime tickets have been subsidised by funds kindly donated by the School Association. The cost of the trip will be more for those travelling by coach to accommodate the additional cost of coach travel: train travel is free. All children will return to school after the performance, due back at approximately 3:45pm.

Please log in to your child's SCOPAY account to complete permission and payment for this visit.

If your child will not be attending the pantomime, please email the office to let us know so we can plan accordingly.

If you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding of children who attend Bishop Perrin Primary School, these should be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Miss McAvoy. In her absence, concerns should be reported to the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Miss Macklearn. The school's safeguarding governor is Mrs James.

If you are concerned about the safety of a child outside of school hours, please contact the police if the child is in immediate danger, or Richmond and Kingston Single Point of Access (SPA) on 020 8547 5008.

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### Safeguarding, Wellbeing & Inclusion

#### Wellbeing coffee mornings

The next coffee morning will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Please register your interest <u>here</u>. If you have a suggestion for a speaker or theme for a future coffee morning, please contact Miss McAvoy or Mrs Rogerson.

Dates for spring coffee mornings coming soon but will include support around ADHD and understanding attachment.

#### Subsidised sensory packs

If you are eligible, you may be able to apply for a subsided sensory pack yo support your child with autism or sensory needs. Please visit the <u>Caudwell Children</u> website for further information.







### **Community information**

#### **Family events at Orleans House Gallery**

The <u>Christmas Shopping Weekend</u> at Orleans House Gallery is back for 2024!

Join us for a festive weekend with over 40 local and national artists, makers, and designers.

As part of the shopping weekend, we have free creative activities for families. Saturday 30 November 11-3pm

Come and make your own shadow puppet with makers from the Puppet Theatre Barge Sunday 1 December 11-4pm

We're making festive cyanotypes. Drop-in for a taste of this magical alternative photographic technique to make a mini festive masterpiece.

Both events are free and there's no need to book!

#### Homelink - The Big Give's Christmas Challenge

Homelink have set a goal to raise £18,000 to pay for fun activities and a lunch club for older people in need. The campaign week starts next Tuesday, and every pound donated during that week will be **DOUBLED** by The Big Give, thereby extending the generosity of any donation made.

Donations will greatly assist their work in supporting local people in need. They provide a fresh cooked meal for their clients, and offer a personalised, stimulating programme of activities to fill their lives with joy. They also provide direct support to unpaid carers who often need just as much support, and a lunch club on a Wednesday for more-able older people. £10 would buy a hot lunch, and £75 would cover the cost of an entertainer, who will bring joy to the lives of older people this winter.

You may have heard that many will lose their Winter Fuel Payment this year, and so the need to support older people is all-the-more pressing. Homelink would be very grateful if you could help them fundraise by making a donation during campaign week, Tuesday 3rd December – Tuesday 10th (midday) via this link:

https://donate.biggive.org/campaign/a056900002TPV3iAAH

Thankyou.

## And finally...

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December is the last day of the autumn term. School will be closing early at **2pm** on this day.



## **NEWSLETTER**





Advent Calendars are being handed out to children today (Thursday).

Xmas Jumper and second-hand uniform sale will be taking place next Friday (6th December), after school. Cash or card payments will be accepted.





Classes have been allocated their stalls for the Christmas Fete, if you can volunteer some time, please sign up with your reps.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December - PRESENT DONATIONS, think Grandparents, Parents and Siblings. New items - value of £5.

We are also accepting rolls of wrapping paper on the above dates.



Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December (am). BAKED GOODS, cakes, gingerbread and sweet cones. In addition we would also like some Xmas Jolly Jars (packaged sweets, stickers / tattoos)

For any queries or questions please contact the BPSA at sa.bishopperrin@gmail.com







(Mon-Fri 9.30am - 6.00pm)

## WHAT WILL MY CHILD BE DOING?

At KOOSA Kids we understand that every child has different interests which is clearly reflected in our dynamic range of over 350 activities. To enable your child to enjoy as wide a variety of activities as possible, our Activity Day offers up to 9 structured activites each day for your child, 4 each from the **Discovery** & Endeavour Zones, an organised play session after lunch, just like at school, KOOSA Science every Monday and the option to dress up for Fantastic Friday! (Dressing up is always optional)

## **AGE GROUPS**



For our youngest age group, the emphasis is on fun and play in a caring and safe environment.



Action, excitement & discovery await every Kool K with a programme of activity that helps them develop their growing sense of interest in everything around them



For our King K's, all the fun & excitement of the Kool K's is retained, but within an environment that encourages independence & individuality.

ACTIVITY PACKAGE	DAILY	WEEKLY (8% DISCOUNT)
Standard Activity Day – 10.00am to 4.00pm	£27.00	£124.20 (Save £10.80)
Standard Activity Day with AM Extension – 8.15am to 4.00pm	£29.00	£133.40 (Save £11.60)
Standard Activity Day with PM Extension – 10.00am to 6.00pm	£29.00	£133.40 (Save £11.60)
Standard Activity Day with AM and PM Extension – 8.15am to 6.00pm	£30.00	£138.00 (Save £12.00)





## \* PARENT VIEW \*

"My son always goes into KOOSA Kids holiday club happy and comes out even happier! I'm so glad that he has such a warm, welcoming and safe place to go during the holidays. The club is wholesome and the staff are all incredible!"

HOLIDAY CLUB PARENT, AUGUST 2024









**EXCEPTIONAL VALUE** ★ OUTSTANDING QUALITY ★ UNLIMITED FUN

## New courses for adults starting in January

As part of Kingston Council, Kingston Adult Education offers a diverse range of courses for people aged 19 and over. Some of their courses are free and take place in school hours.

Here is a selection of their courses starting in January:

- Accredited qualifications in Bookkeeping;
  Childcare; Community Interpreting; Counselling;
  Information, Advice and Guidance; and
  Understanding Mental Health.
- English, maths and digital skills, from entry level through to GCSE
- A plethora of creative skills classes, including painting and drawing, upcycling clothes, stained glass making, languages, and scriptwriting
- A range of wellbeing programmes to teach you how to take better care of your mental health, including tai chi and meditation.

See their latest prospectus for full details:

bit.ly/KAE-2425prospectus



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