



Friday 8th December 2023

Dear parents and carers,

There has been an outpouring of love and support from the entire school community this week for Miss Holloway, her daughter Freya and their family. We are united in our shock and disbelief at what has happened, but also in our deep sadness and heartfelt sorrow for what they are going through. On behalf of Miss Holloway, thank you for all the cards and messages that have been sent in for her. She is grateful for the love and support you have shown and your messages have been a great source of comfort to her. The condolences box will remain in the foyer should you wish to add anything next week.

Thank you for your sensitive response to the news and your support in telling your children earlier in the week. It was important that they heard it from you in the first instance so their worries and upset could be managed in a private space. This enabled the follow-up conversations that took place in class the next morning to be calm and considered. As well as allowing time for the children to write prayers and make cards for Miss Holloway, on Tuesday afternoon we all gathered together in the hall for a short prayer service. It was a very emotional service, with some beautiful singing from the children, and one that Miss Holloway was very appreciative to hear of.

I am aware that there is a strong desire amongst the parents to do something to help Miss Holloway. I have spoken to her family about this. Miss Holloway has a strong support network around her, and there are currently lots of things already in place for them including food and meal deliveries, and they have received huge amounts of flowers. It is their request that we hold off for a little while in our endeavours to do something to help her, to give them some time to consider what they need. They will let us know in due course what this is and we will share this with you.

I would also like to say thank you to all the staff and governors at Bishop Perrin School, who despite their personal sadness, have supported the children this week. They have helped to retain a sense of normality and maintained business as usual with regards to their teaching and learning over the course of the week which has helped the children to remain settled. We were grateful to welcome the visiting theatre company on Tuesday morning to perform the pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk. This provided a welcome respite as it was a very enjoyable production, with much enthusiastic audience participation! Thank you to Mrs Chawla for organising this.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all for the kind messages of support we have received as a staff. They have been thoughtful and very much appreciated; it means a lot to know we have your support.

With best wishes for a restful weekend,
Miss Macklearn



Celebration Worship

CLASS	
Friendship	Jovi
Endurance	Idris & Sophie
Peace	Zarnish
Forgiveness	Cian
Reverence	Josh
Service	Judah
Justice	Nevaeh

Attendance

The previous week's attendance

CLASS	%
Friendship	98.33
Endurance	95.73
Peace	90.52
Forgiveness	95.42
Reverence	96.23
Service	97.50
Justice	96.55

School trips/events



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. If details vary to this they will be provided below within the specific trip section.

Year 4

9th February 2024 visiting Hampton Court. Children travelling via coach. Please complete the payment and permission slip by the 30th December within your child's [SCOPAY](#) account. Packed lunch required, either provide one from home or pre-book a school provided trip lunch [here](#). We may need an adult volunteer to help us with this trip, if you're available please let the office know.

Year 1

8th February 2024 visiting Windsor Castle. Travelling to and from the venue via coach. The cost for this trip is £9.60, please complete this payment by 30th December within your child's [SCOPAY](#) account. If you're in receipt of means tested free school meals this has been subsidised further. Packed lunch required, either provide one from home or pre-book a school provided trip lunch [here](#).

Christmas Events



Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance

The Year 1 and Year 2's Nativity performance is on Monday 18th December at 14:15 – 15:00 and Tuesday 19th December at 17:30 – 18:15.

Outfits/Costumes: Please send in a labelled black outfit (i.e. black top and black leggings/tracksuit bottoms) in a bag by Friday 15th December. We will return to you after both performances. Any character specific costumes will be provided by school.

Tickets: 2 per child, per performance, will be sent home this week in your child's reading record.

Tuesday 19th evening performance: drop children off to school at 17:00 then collect at 18:10. If your child is not able to come to the evening performance on the 19th December please could you let Miss Lancaster and Mrs Place know.

Reception Christmas Songs

Reception class will be singing some Christmas songs on Monday 18th December at 09:00 – 09:30am and Tuesday 19th December at 14:30 – 15:00. Parents and carers welcome to join them in their classroom to watch the performance.

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 20th December. Minimum £1 donations will be in aid of [Homelink](#). Children can wear a Christmas jumper and their best Christmas party outfit in anticipation of their class Christmas parties in the afternoon.

End of Term Christmas Carol Service

Thursday 21st December, 10:30am – 11:30am at St Augustine's Church. Father John Kafwanka will lead us in worship, with Year 3 and 4 taking a lead with the singing and performances. Parents and carers are welcome to join us in the church. We need adult walkers to help us walk to and from the service; please let the school office know if you can help. Year 3 and 4 will be leaving school at approximately 9.15am, with the other classes leaving school from 10.00am onwards.

End of Term Early Closing

Thursday 21st December is the last day of term. The school will close at 13:20 for Reception class and 13.30 for Years 1 – 6. Please collect your child at the earlier times.

Writing workshop for parents

On Tuesday 12th December at 08:45, Miss Sweeney will be running a workshop for parents for supporting your child's writing development. This will be held in the hall and should last for approximately 20 minutes. Please click [here](#) to indicate if you are planning to attend.



Christmas Shoebox Appeal - Final Call



To support local women and children of domestic abuse we are once again taking part in a Christmas Shoebox appeal. The boxes will be going to families who have fled domestic abuse locally and are being supported by Refuge. Please bring your Christmas boxes in to school once complete and no later than **Wednesday 13th December**.

Children - please label as suitable for: BOY / GIRL & age: 3- 5 years / 6 - 7 years / 8 - 9 years / 10 - 12 years/ 13+

- small toys / puzzles (please not sharp toys or toys that promote violence in any way)
- 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
- fidget toy
- fluffy socks / gloves
- sweets / box of chocolates
- small card games like Uno/dobble

Items are ideally new or in very good condition

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

Attendance

As the countdown to the end of term begins, it is still very important that your child is still in school every day that they are well enough to attend. At this festive time of year and as we near the end of term, there can be a common perception that it doesn't matter so much if children miss a day or two of school, but it really does.

Next week is our assessment week. This is an opportunity for the children to show how much they have learnt and remembered this term and provides a formal opportunity for the teachers to assess the progress they are making. It can be disruptive if children miss these important assessments as they will need to catch up in the new year.

During the last week of term, we still have plenty of important learning activities for the children to engage in, interspersed with Christmas activities. Participation in the Christmas performances are all important aspects of the children's personal development as they experience speaking and performing in front of an audience, so we do hope all the children will be in attendance for these unless you have notified us otherwise.

We are very much looking forward to our end-of-term Christmas carol service at St. Augustine's on Thursday 21st December at 10.30am. It's a lovely opportunity to gather all of our school community together to celebrate Christmas and mark the end of the first term. We hope you will be able to join us.



Y6 Design & Technology – Bridge Making



SOCCER COACHING CENTRES



£22
per day
or
£40
for 2 courses

Festive Football Camps

- For boys and girls aged 5 - 12
- Sessions involve skills, competitions and small sided games
- Led by Mark Fabian, Martyn Spong and James Loizos
- Medals awarded for Player of the Day, in each age group

When:

Christmas Camp

Friday 22nd December 10am - 2pm

New Year Camp

Thursday 4th January 10am - 2pm

Where:

St Edmund's Catholic School,
Nelson Road,
Whitton
TW2 7BB

Price:

£22 per day or
£40 if you book both courses

How to book/pay:

To secure your place email Mark Fabian (markfabes@live.co.uk) confirming the name and age of the child, plus the parents contact details.

Mark will then send you the account details to pay for the course.

Any further enquiries contact Mark:

 07956 863419

 markfabes@live.co.uk

Important information:

Please wear appropriate sports kit with either football boots or trainers & warm or waterproof clothing for cold or wet weather. Please also bring a packed lunch and refreshments.



JOIN US THIS FESTIVE SEASON

As we partner with Charity BriteBox and run three **Christmas decoration workshops!**

**SATURDAY
2ND DEC**

**SATURDAY
9TH DEC**

**SATURDAY
16TH DEC**

Kids can squish, roll and sprinkle their way to making a beautiful tree ornament during our **FREE workshop.**

FIND OUT MORE!





Christ Church Cathedral School



Would your son like to join our world-famous choir?



Saturday 13th January 2024, 2.30 - 7.00 pm

Boys, currently aged between 7 to 10, are invited to come and see what it's like to sing with our current Cathedral Choristers for an afternoon. No prior choral experience is needed.

Potential choristers can join a choir rehearsal led by CCCS' Director of Music, followed by refreshments, and then sing with our internationally acclaimed choristers at Evensong. The afternoon provides a great opportunity for boys to have first-hand experience of what it's like to be a chorister at Christ Church Cathedral School.

Being a Cathedral Chorister is a life-changing opportunity. Boys learn: self-discipline, social skills, a sense of responsibility and teamwork, as well as outstanding musical and vocal skills.

All Cathedral Choristers receive a bursary equivalent to two-thirds of fees to support their education at CCCS and means-tested fee remission may be available up to 100%. In the last 5 years, all of our Cathedral Choristers have won music awards to leading senior schools.

To participate, please complete our online registration form:
www.cccs.org.uk/visitus or for more information, please contact our Registrar,
Laura Kemp, email: registrar@cccs.org.uk

01865 242561 - www.cccs.org.uk - 3 Brewer Street, Oxford OX1 1QW

If you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding of children who attend Bishop Perrin CE Primary School, these should be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Mr Corke. In his absence, concerns should be reported to the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Miss Macklearn. The School's Safeguarding Governor is Lucy James