



Celebrating learning together in faith, hope and love

Job 14 v 7 - At least there is hope for a tree: If it is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail.

13/12/2024

Headteacher's Hello

Dear parents and carers,

The children have been working hard this week, demonstrating how much progress they have made this term as they have completed their assessment tasks. These will be marked over the next few weeks, and will be sent home at the end of the first week of the spring term, so you can see how your child is getting on.

Year 6 have been doing Bikeability all week. They have been out and about on the local roads, learning how to ride their bikes safely. The instructors have reported back that they have been very sensible and have listened well. Congratulations to everyone who completed the course this week.

Year 3 had a fantastic, albeit very chilly, visit to Stonehenge on Wednesday. They took part in a workshop and visited the Stones: a wonderful opportunity to learn about this aspect of our nation's history. Thank you to Miss Lawrence, Miss Lancaster, Mrs. Lambrias and Mrs Kelly for accompanying the children on the visit and making it possible.

This week we welcomed Marie Newman (our School Improvement Partner) and Angela Langford (Head of Governor Support) into school to conduct a communications review. They met with children, staff, parents and governors and looked at the different means with which we communicate information throughout the school. It was a very positive experience, with lots of strengths noted. We are now taking the recommendations from the report forward and these will form the basis of a communications policy, which will be published early next year.

We would very much appreciate some volunteers to accompany the children on the journeys to and from the swimming pool for their swimming lessons next term. If you have any time available between 9-11 on a Monday morning for any of the dates, and would be able to help, please let the school office know.

And so we look ahead to a week full of Christmas festivities next week! It's a very busy time of year, so please see later in the newsletter for details of what is going on. A reminder that any children in Year 5 or 6 who usually walk home, if they are intending to come along to the Christmas Fair, arrangements must be made for them to be accompanied by an adult.

Thank you for all your kind donations of Christmas boxes for our Refuge Appeal. Once again, we have been overwhelmed by your generosity. All of the boxes will go directly to a women's refuge to support families who have fled domestic abuse and will help bring some Christmas cheer on Christmas morning. Thank you!

Well done to Emerald House who have earned the most rewards this term for excellent work and good behaviour. As a reward, all the children in Emerald House do not have to wear their school uniform to school on Monday (16th December).

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Macklearn





Newsletter

Attendance

Friendship: 96.17% Endurance: 99.58%, Peace: 95.91%, Forgiveness: 94.01%, Reverence: 98.34%, Service: 95.45% and Justice: 96.28%

Whole school: 96.48%

Attendance this term

Next Friday, we will be giving certificates to children who have had excellent attendance this term. In the past, we have done this for 100% attendance during the term. However, there are times when a child is absent through no fault of their own due to illness, so this year excellent attendance (98% or above, with no unauthorised absences) will be recognised in our celebration assembly at the end of term.

Is my child too ill for school?

If your child is unwell, they should not be in school. Please see [here](#) for guidance on when it is ok to send your child into school if they are feeling 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 [website](#) to learn more about this.

On Monday, we talked about being prepared for Christmas and the time of Advent.

On Tuesday, Year 4 led the class worship all about what the school vision means to the children.

On Thursday, we welcomed Mr Nimmo (governor) who led the children to consider what it would be like if it was Christmas every day and what makes this celebration special.

School News

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Details of spring clubs will be issued today and initial bookings will open at 12pm on Monday, 16th December.

Applications for Reception 2025 Admission

Applications for Reception 2025 places close on **Wednesday 15 January 2025**.

Children born between 1 September 2020 and 31st August 2021 are due to start Reception Class at primary school in September 2025. To apply please click [here](#)

Christmas Events



Whole School Pantomime Trip

Wednesday 18th December: 1pm start, returning to school at approximately 15:45.

Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance

The Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity performance is on Monday 16th December at 13:30 – 14:30 and Tuesday 17th December at 09:00 – 10:00.

Outfits/Costumes: Thank you for sending in labelled outfits (white top and black leggings/tracksuit bottoms) for the children to wear. We will return these to you after both performances. Any character specific costumes will be provided by school.

Tickets: 2 per child, per performance, these were sent home last week in your child's reading record. **Please ensure you bring your ticket with you as no ticket will mean no entry.** This helps us to manage numbers inside the building. Thank you.

Year 5 will be singing Christmas Carols on the forecourt ahead of the Nativity performance on Monday (16th) afternoon. They will be raising money for Homelink, so please bring some spare change to add to the collection bucket if you can – many thanks.

Entrance to the Nativity performance will be through the main school entrance on Monday afternoon, and through the middle gates (through the hall oak doors) on the Tuesday morning.

Reception Christmas Songs

Reception class will be singing some Christmas songs on Tuesday 17th December at 09:00 – 09:30am and again at 14:30 – 15:00. Tickets have been sent home as per the information in the email from Miss Holloway in previous weeks. Entrance to the performance will be through the Reception class gates. **Please ensure you bring your ticket with you as no ticket will mean no entry.** This helps us to manage numbers in the building. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 19th December. Minimum £1 donations will be in aid of [Homelink](#). Children can wear a Christmas jumper along with their best Christmas party outfit in celebration of all the Christmas festivities happening that day.



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Christmas Lunch

This will be served on Thursday 19th December. The deadline for booking has passed, details were in previous newsletters.

End of Term Christmas Carol Service

Friday 20th December, 12:30 – 13:30 at St Augustine's Church. Year 3 and 4 will be taking a lead with the singing and . 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 11:45am, with the other classes leaving school from 12pm onwards. 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.

End of Term - Early Closing

Friday 20th December is the last day of term. The school will close at 13:50 for Reception class and 14:00 for Years 1 – 6. Please collect your child at the earlier times.

Christmas Cards

This is a reminder that for a number of years now, we have refrained from encouraging children to send a Christmas card to each member of their class in school. This decision was the result of an environmental initiative led by our Green Team, as often the cards get left in the classroom, thrown away, etc. Instead, children are encouraged to send a card addressed to the whole class and the teacher will display it in the classroom for them. Of course, if you wish for your child to send a card to individual children in the class, please make arrangements to deliver them outside of school. Thank you.

Celebrations and Achievements

Well done to the children who have earned a certificate this week:

CLASS	NAME
Friendship	Ricco
Endurance	Ayden
Peace	Joshua
Forgiveness	Maha
Reverence	Zara
Service	Whole Class
Justice	Whole Class

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 1 Trip to Windsor Castle

Year 1 will be visiting Windsor Castle on Friday, 31st January, where they will explore the historic site, learn about its significance, and take part in activities that complement their classroom learning. Further details will be shared as soon as they are available.

Faith Ambassadors from Year 3-6

On the 30th 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.

Year 5 & 6 Visit to Turing House School

On Tuesday 17th December, Years 5 & 6 have kindly been invited to attend Turing House School's Christmas concert. The children will leave school just after lunch and return for 3.15pm. Please ensure that they have a suitable coat to wear. As this is a local trip, you do not need to complete a permission slip.

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.



Bishop Perrin C.E Primary School

Newsletter

Safeguarding, Wellbeing & Inclusion

Flu and Norovirus

With flu and norovirus cases on the rise, here are four simple steps to help keep your child healthy this winter.

1. Teach good hygiene habits: Encourage children to wash their hands regularly and use a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes to stop the spread of germs.
2. Know when to keep your child at home: Children can still attend school with symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough, but should stay home if they have a high temperature, diarrhoea and vomiting. Read [NHS guidance](#) to help you decide.
3. Stop the spread of stomach bugs: Stomach bugs spread easily in schools. If you or your child have diarrhoea and vomiting, wash hands with soap and warm water regularly and clean surfaces with bleach-based products. Keep children away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 48 hours.
4. Get vaccinated: All school-aged children are eligible for a free nasal spray flu vaccine, which is painless and quick to administer. An injectable vaccine is also available for some children, such as children that cannot consume pork gelatine. The South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service (CYPCIS) are attending schools to provide flu vaccinations.

If your child misses their school vaccination session, you can visit a community clinic. For more information, visit the [CYPCIS website](#).

Increase in short-sightedness in children

Research suggests that the global prevalence of short sightedness (myopia) is increasing. It is now twice as common as it was 50 years ago and children are becoming short-sighted at younger age. Yet, over 20% of parents have never taken their children for an eyetest.

The Royal College of Optometrists recommend that to prevent short-sightedness from getting worse children, particularly those aged 5 to 12 should spend at least 2 hours a day outside, minimise screen time and when using a screen it should be no less than 30cm in front of the face.

They also recommend that parents/ carers access free eye tests at an optician. Click [here](#) to read more.

Managing Christmas sensory overload

Whilst the festive period is a time for celebration, it can also be a challenging time for children and adults alike. For many children, young people and adults, this time can be filled with emotional and sensory overwhelm: an increase in noise; multiple voices; crowds; social expectations; changes in routine; flashing lights; different textures brought into the house; loud and busy music and surprise gifts. There are a number of resources available on the [Wellbeing page](#) of the school website from the national Autistic Society and Beacon House to support families.



Safety over the festive season

Please see the information later in the newsletter about how to encourage safety over the festive season which include:

- Monitoring digital activity
- Setting boundaries for gifts
- Addressing stress and fatigue
- Being aware of allergies
- Maintaining safe decorations
- Creating travel safety plans
- Prevent the spread of illness



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.

Community information

Zip card applications now open

TfL have reopened applications for Zip photocards after the recent cyber attack. You can now apply for Zip photocards for ages 5-10, 11-15 and 16+ for free and discounted travel. TfL services will continue to accept expired 5-10 and 11-15 Zip photocards until 31 December 2024. After that date customers will need a valid pass.

Please make sure you apply in time as the Post Office is often busier around Christmas. The last posting date is 18 December.

Sing-a-long a Christmas garden trail until 5 January

Celebrate Christmas at Strawberry Hill House and Garden. [Click here](#) to view flyer.

And finally...

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



Bishop Perrin C of E
Primary School

BP CHRISTMAS FETE

DECEMBER 19TH - AFTERSCHOOL UNTIL 5PM

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE

PLEASE CLICK ON THIS LINK:

[HTTPS://BUYTICKETS.AT/BISHOPPERRINSCHOOL
ASSOCIATION/1486093](https://buytickets.at/bishopperrinschoolassociation/1486093)

TICKETS WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY (16TH) PM

CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE THIS TICKET ON
THE DAY, WHICH CAN THEN BE USED TO
PURCHASE A PRESENT 'FOR A LOVED ONE'
WITHIN THEIR CLASS TIME SLOT.

WE WILL BE ASKING PARENTS TO DONATE NEW PRESENTS
AT SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 12TH AND FRIDAY 13TH
DECEMBER - THINK GRANDPARENTS, MUM, DAD AND
SIBLINGS.

IF YOU HAVE CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PAPER THAT YOU
ARE HAPPY TO DONATE PLEASE DO SO ON THESE DAYS.

THIS IS A SCHOOL ASSOCIATION EVENT THEREFORE
PARENTS / GUARDIANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR
CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES.

TIMED CLASS SLOTS FOR THE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

RECEPTION CLASS - 3.15PM

YEAR 1 -3.30PM

YEAR 2 -3.45PM

YEAR 3 -4.00PM

YEAR 4 -4.15PM

YEAR 5 -4.30PM

YEAR 6 -4.45PM

CLASSES WILL BE
CALLED IN FOR
THEIR SLOTS FROM
THE PLAYGROUND

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER (AM) AND THURSDAY 19TH
DECEMBER (AM) - BAKE SALE (CAKES, GINGERBREAD,
SWEET CONES AND JOLLY JAR) DONATIONS.

Missed your flu vaccine?

**Live or go to school in the boroughs of
Kingston or Richmond? Aged 4-16?**
Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and
protect yourself this winter!

**Saturday 14 December
09:30 - 12:30
Sheen Lane Clinic,
SW14 8LP**

**No need to book an appointment.
Call 020 3691 1043 or
020 3691 1019 for more
information**



FUN, ACTIVE HOLIDAY CLUBS FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-13YRS



YOUR LOCAL KOOSA KIDS HOLIDAY CLUB CAN BE FOUND AT:

WHITTON SPORTS CENTRE, WHITTON

Christmas Holidays (2nd & 3rd January)
February Half Term (17th to 21st February)

See reverse for more details

Ofsted Registration Number: EY412126



OVER 350 ACTIVITIES!

Including...Go Karts, Drama, Rounders, Science, Golf, Uni Hoc, Cricket, Crossbow Challenge, Arts & Crafts, Football, Relays, Parachute Games, Water Play, Space Hoppers, Lego, Obstacle Challenge, Paint Party, Nature Fun. Plus hundreds more!



VISIT WWW.KOOSAKIDS.CO.UK OR CALL 01276 21884

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KOOSAKIDS.CO.UK
Book online 24/7

01276 21884
(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 activities 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)

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Child goes
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17% Less than
South East Average!

★ 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



SOCCER COACHING CENTRES

Christmas 2024

£45
for both days
or
£25
per day

Mutli-sports & Football

- For boys and girls aged 5 - 12
- All children get a medal for taking part
- Led by Mark Fabian and Martyn Spong, with 25+ years experience

When:

Monday 23rd December 10am - 2pm
Monday 30th December 10am - 2pm

Where:

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

Price:

£45 for both days or £25 per day

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 a the account details to pay for the course.

Any further enquiries contact Mark:

 **07956 863419**

 **markfabes@live.co.uk**

Important infomation:

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.