



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We are making our way through a busy Spring Term! It has been a full start to the term, but it has been wonderful to see all the children excited by their new topic and enjoying learning about the world around them.

Curriculum

It's been a very busy two weeks in school. Below is what the children have been exploring.

Mrs Benjamin and Miss Creed say...

This week Year R explored the woods during our outdoor day. We made puppets of who we wish to be when we grow up and took them into the woods to play with. We even took a ten-minute break for a chocolate digestive! In maths we did some finger painting to make the number six on a butterfly's wing discovering the different ways to make the number. We are looking forward to storytelling week next week.



Miss Wright and Miss Lees say...

Year 1 have had a busy few weeks! We have been learning how to use our number bonds to 10 to help us add and take away and in English we wrote the story Cinderella and The Princess and the Pea. We even read our stories to Year R!

In Science we have been learning about staying healthy and in Art we drew portraits of Queen Elizabeth II.



Mrs Hunter and Miss Okey say...

Year 2 have been learning all about Neil Armstrong and have enjoyed learning lots of facts about the moon landing. We loved making our own fact files. We have been exploring weighing this week and getting to know the difference between weighing with grams and kilograms. In Science, we have been learning about food chains and made paper chain food chain with pictures representing each animal.



Mr Dale and Miss Ralph say...

We have had a lovely couple of weeks in Year 3. For our Egyptian topic we have been learning about why the River Nile was important to people living in Ancient Egypt and have done our own sketches of Tutankhamun. In science we have been learning about why we need light and different sources of light. We have also been retelling the story of Egyptian Cinderella, focusing on using lots of descriptive vocabulary, such as adjectives, similes and metaphors.



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Mrs Buchan, Miss Price and Miss Frost say...

Year 4 have had another busy week! In writing, we have been getting stuck into our new poetry unit and writing poems about the superhero Blue Beetle. A highlight of the week has definitely been music! The children have had lots of fun playing the African Drums!



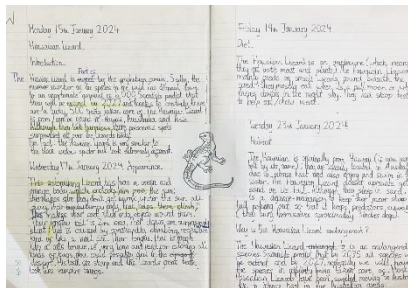
Miss Feather and Miss Nicholls say...

Year 5 had an amazing time at Milestones Museum learning more about how Britain (and Basingstoke) was affected by WWII. Children got the opportunity to learn more about foods that were rationed, try on period clothing and even practise putting each other's arms in slings. Children got to see an Anderson shelter, try on a gas mask, and find out more about what it was like to be an air raid warden. They even played a game identifying British and German planes.



Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Dreelan & Miss Dadral say...

Year 6 has been working extremely hard the past couple of weeks. We started a new book called 'Holes' and have been writing a non-chronological report based around a fictional lizard which the children created themselves. It has been lovely to witness the children submerge themselves in a story they enjoy - some children have even scanned the book out of the library to read at home. In maths, we have all been wrecking our brains around ratio and using these skills to tackle worded problems. Year 6 has demonstrated incredible resilience.



Holiday Club

Our next half term break will take place from **Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February**. We will be providing a half term holiday club during this break. If you would like to sign up please contact Mrs Sandra Phillips. Her email address is s.phillips@bishopswood-inf.hants.sch.uk

World Book Day

Reading regularly is an important way you can support your children's learning at home. To promote an interest in reading and to encourage reading for pleasure we will be celebrating World Book Day with a whole week in March dedicated to reading, books and different authors. World Book Day will take place on **Thursday 7th March 24**. Mr Morris and Miss Wright will be sending out a letter with more details about 'Book Week' before half term.

Uniform Reminder

During the last few weeks we have noticed some children not wearing the correct school uniform. In particular we have noticed that on PE day children are wearing a range of 'banded' sportswear and are not wearing our school PE Kit. We would like remind you of our expectations and request your support. Our expectations on school uniform are explained in the extract below, taken directly from our school prospectus:

"We believe wearing school uniform is practical and smart and contributes to a sense of belonging and school pride. Much of our uniform can be bought in the high street shops, but school specific items are available from our school offices and Skoolkit (in Basingstoke). Our uniform for boys comprises grey or black trousers or shorts, white polo shirt and red sweatshirt. Girls may wear grey or black trousers, pinafore dress or skirt, white polo shirt, red sweatshirt or cardigan or a red and white striped or checked dress for the summer."

We have noticed this year that the following items of clothing/accessories are being worn by a number of children:

- Trainers instead of school shoes
- Large hair bows
- Smart watches and Fitbits

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- Earrings other than studs
- On PE days some children are coming to school in a range of branded sports kit when they should just be wearing their school PE kit.

I appreciate that you may need to purchase certain items in order to comply with the uniform policy, but I ask that you support us with this matter as it greatly helps us to promote our school values if everyone looks smart and a part of the school.

Lost Property

Please ensure that all your child's uniform and other property – especially water bottles and lunch boxes – are clearly marked and that you check them on a regular basis. Many items that make their way into lost property have clearly been marked at some time but have become illegible! All named items will be returned, any unclaimed and unnamed items will be recycled or disposed of at the end of each half term.

Spare Uniform

The infant office are running low on spare uniform to give out to children if they are injured or unwell. If you have any spare tights, socks, dresses or trousers aged 3-8 please consider donating them to the infant office. Please note we do not need any spare jumpers or cardigans, we have plenty!

Healthy Snacks

Recently we have noticed an increase in rubbish on the playground, such as crisp packets. All children should bring a healthy snack for morning break and not raid their lunch box! We have also had an increase in requests for cups from children who have not brought a water bottle into school. Please could you ensure that your child brings in a named water bottle every day.

School Admissions - now closed

The closing date for applications to both Year R and Year 3 for September 2024 has now passed. We are very pleased to say we have once again had a high number of children apply to start at Bishopswood Infants. You can still apply online at:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/admissions>

although all application forms received from now are considered late and are processed separately. If

you need any help with the application process, please contact us, we will be happy to help.

As always, the following page shares upcoming dates for your diaries. If you have any questions about anything in the newsletter please contact the school offices.

Parents' Evenings

Letters have now gone out about parents' evenings. This term they are on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th February from 4:00-6:30pm. **Please note parents evening for Chestnut Class will take place on:**

Tuesday 6th February - 1:20pm – 5pm
Thursday 8th February - 1.20pm – 5pm

During these meetings, teachers will discuss how your child has progressed since the Autumn Term, share targets to ensure your child meets their end of year expectations and how you can support this at home. Sign-up sheets will be outside classrooms from Monday morning. Please speak to the offices if you have any questions about parents evening.

PTA

The PTA will be hosting a Roller Disco at the Hurst Leisure Centre. The event will take place on **Saturday 2nd March 24** between **11:00am – 3:00pm**. Further information will follow and booking will open soon.



Many Thanks

From the Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Amy Chapman

Mr Mark Morris

Miss Adele Tashdjian

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Improving the health of children and young people
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Please see link to website where you can find lots of helpful and useful information

<https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/parentscarers/worried-about-daily-life>



Tips and advice to help keep your kids safe

Talk PANTS is here to help children understand that they have a right to say no and if they need to speak out about something, someone will listen.

We know that a simple conversation can make a BIG difference, and that's what Talk PANTS is all about. To help you get the conversation started, we'll send you helpful tips, advice and materials by email

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

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Dates for your diary:

INSET DAYS for 2023-24 Academic Year:

Monday 19th February 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Monday 5th February – In school Pantomime Show

Tuesday 6th - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 7th February – Y5 WWII Day (in school event)

Thursday 8th – Parents' Evening

Thursday 8th February – Y6 Hurst Trip to watch 'Galactic Odyssey' Production

12th - 16th February- HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 19th February- INSET DAY

Wednesday 21st February – Year 6 SATs Parent Information Evening

7th March- World Book Day

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day (more information to follow)

Monday 18th March – Year 4 Legoland Trip (more information to follow)

Tuesday 26th March – Year 2 SeaCity Trip (more information to follow)

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