

Some helpful reminders as we start our new school year

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you all had a restful summer.

We hope that the year 7s have settled quickly into high school and have begun to make new friends. We have welcomed a number of new staff to the school and know that you will make them feel very welcome.

Children in year 3 and below will not be able to walk home alone. If you wish for your child to walk home from school on their own, you will need to complete a permission slip and return it to the class teacher. If your child is unwell, please call the school office to let them know, otherwise we will call you.

Remember that the school gates close at 8.45am, please ensure your child is on the school grounds by this time. The daily act of worship starts at 8.50 and so staff need to lock gates promptly in order to be in the hall with the children.

Please join us each Wednesday morning in the hub for coffee and a chat. Mrs. Conroy will be available along with speakers over the year and other staff to talk about school and answer any questions you may have.

Your class teacher will be writing to you to let you know what your child will be learning this term and how you can support them. If you have any other questions about getting involved in their learning, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your class teacher.

If your child takes medication or has a lifelong medical condition they will need a health plan in place. Your class teacher will be in touch to make an appointment to review this during this term. If your child has been recently diagnosed please contact your class teacher so you can write a new plan.

Please do not allow children on either climbing frame before or after school. They are not supervised by school staff and so not insured.

Please take care when parking to ensure children can safely cross the road and be seen by approaching cars.

Welcome back To our wonderful community

UNIFORM

It was wonderful to see almost all children wearing their school uniform as we returned to school this week. They looked delightful and so smart and proud.

Wearing uniform allows children to know what to wear each day to avoid the stress of trying to fit in or looking different. It is also an important part of being recognized as part of our community at The Bishops.

Parents fed back to us that it would be much easier for them to get their child to wear school uniform if all children are wearing it. For this reason we are more formal in our approach to monitoring uniform. Children will come to school in their school uniform every day. We no longer need children to come in their PE kit. They will get changed for PE when they have a lesson.

If children do not come in uniform, the class teacher will let you know. We know that sometimes this might be because you have been working and have not seen your child before they set off.

We will lend them a school jumper for the day which they can leave at school for us to wash.

If you have any concerns about being able to afford school uniform, please speak to the school office. We can link you to places with uniform for free or very low cost.

As children attend secondary school, they will be expected to wear uniform or face punishment. As children start work experience they will have a dress code or uniform, so we are setting good habits early. There is a uniform list on the other side of this newsletter. We appreciate your support in achieving this.

Please find below dates for upcoming events.

Please be aware that these events are provisional and subject to change.

There will be additional events over the year which we have not yet been able to confirm. We will notify you of these once we are able to.

In addition to these dates there will be visits and visitors to the school for each class. We are trying to keep the costs as low as possible through the use of local business sponsorship.

Further detail will be given in regular news letters. These dates are to help you book time off work where necessary. However we cannot guarantee that they will take place as they are subject to other circumstances like weather, venue availability and staffing.

Calendar 2023-24		
Date	Event	Comments/information
18 th October	DISCO for the children KS1 KS2	Times to be confirmed
22 nd and 24 th October	Parent consultation evenings	Book a ten minute slot to celebrate your child's achievements
31 st October 8.30-9.00	The Big Dig	Join us again to plant hundreds of bulbs with your children
4 th December	Community Café – Christmas crafts	Parents welcome for refreshments from 1.30. Sessions begin from 1.45. Children are not to leave before 2.30
TBC	SANTA's grotto	Families will be able to buy tickets to visit Santa in his grotto
WK beg 9 th December	EYFS and year one nativity To the school Performance AM to parents Performance PM to parents	Parents will be able to collect a ticket to attend one performance
	Nursery Performance AM to parents Performance PM to parents	Parents will be able to collect a ticket to attend one performance
	Year 5 & 6 carol concert at the church	Sadly children only owing to lack of space
17 th December	Year 2/3/4 Christingle	Parents welcome to join to watch the Christingle and join in with the carols – tickets only.
18 th December	Elfs grotto	Children make a donation to buy something for a loved one which will be wrapped and can be taken home at the end of the day to put under the tree.
TBC	Christmas lunch KS1	
TBC	Christmas lunch KS2	
TBC	We have invited Santa to visit the children as long as they are on the good list!	Children only
February	Parent consultation evenings	Book a ten minute slot to celebrate your child's achievements
7 th February	DISCO for the children KS1 KS2	Times to be confirmed
6 th March	World Book Day	Events for the children across the school to celebrate reading and raise the profile of reading for pleasure. Children will come dressed as the expression of a noun– for example – a feeling like the word love – wearing red with hearts attached – the word colourful – wearing every possible colour.
3 rd April PM	Community Café – Easter theme	Parents welcome for refreshments from 1.30. Sessions begin from 1.45. Children are not to leave before 2.30
	Stations of the cross	Year 4
13 th or 30 th June depending on the weather all AM with family picnic on the field	Sport's morning – weather dependent	Details to follow closer to the date
Wed 4 th July	Summer fete	Class stall and events along with private stalls and food – weather dependent
Various 2.30 PM final half term	Open afternoon	Come and celebrate your child's achievements over the year
18 th July	Community cafe	Parents welcome for refreshments from 1.30. Sessions begin from 1.45. Children are not to leave before 2.30
TBC	Y6 leaver's assembly	
22/07/24	End of year extravaganza	A huge end to the year with the whole school community

Uniform list

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Boys & Girls

- black shoes – can be trainers if they are completely black
- grey trousers and tailored shorts – no leggings (they become see-through and ride down when children sit cross legged)
 - grey pinafore or skirt
 - white or purple polo shirt with school badge/plain
- Purple sweatshirt/with logo with school badge/School hoodie during colder months
 - Purple jumper plain
 - light grey tights
 - white/grey socks
 - Purple and white checked dress
- no jewellery, with the exception of stud earrings, to be worn at school. None at all for any PE sessions for safety and insurance purposes. Earrings can easily catch on hair and clothes and can rip children's earlobes.
- No braids with beads owing to risk of other children being hit in the eyes as hair is flicked. No coloured hair other than charity events. No nail polish or false nails as this can peel into food being made or eaten or be a choking hazard.

P.E. KIT

- Purple P.E. t-shirt with school badge
 - black shorts
 - black jogging bottoms
 - plain black plimsolls
 - plain sports trainers
 - white ankle socks
- Swimming
 - plain swimming costume or swimming trunks not long board shorts as they are a drowning risk. Swimming hat and goggles.

If you are unsure or want to speak about school uniform –please contact the school office.



An example of children wearing the correct school uniform looking super smart.

KEEP US UP TO DATE WITH YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure the school office has your most up to date contact details to ensure we can contact you in an emergency and so you do not miss updates.

For questions and queries, please contact:

Tel No: 01842 754 902

E-mail: office@bishop.norfolk.sch.uk

OUR SCHOOL VISION AND VALUES

As a Church of England school our values are distinctly Christian.

Our vision is based on the story of the Good Shepherd which deeply reflects our passion to support all our children especially those who find things the most challenging. We are all God's children, all unique and wonderful.

Our vision statement is

Learning to live life in all its fullness in our safe and happy community.

And our vision statement is

To have a culture of respect, where friendships are important and we forgive to grow together. We have courage to aim high, we persevere to achieve and serve all on our community's journey. As shepherds, we include everyone in our safe and happy school to live life in all its fullness.

Jesus was God's shepherd on earth and his flock was not just for his followers but was open and included anyone – open to all. At Bishop's CE Academy our community is diverse and is our flock, we serve that flock as its shepherd to ensure everyone is able to learn and achieve by being safe and happy.

Biblical Reference: John 10: 1-21

Our values are the things that we constantly strive to show. RESPECT, SERVICE, FRIENDSHIP, FORGIVENESS, COURAGE & PERSEVERANCE.

