



BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday September 24th 2021



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In worship this week we have been learning a Harvest Samba ready for our Harvest Festival in the last week of this half term.

If you would like to listen to the song with your child you can click [on this link](#). We will be asking the children to bring in gifts for the Food Bank in thanks for the good food we have and to share it with families that aren't as lucky as us.

SCHOOL CHARITY

Children from each class presented their chosen charity to the rest of the school in worship on Monday and we heard about the good work that Birmingham Children's Hospital, Molly Oly's Wishes and NSPCC do for children. It gave us a difficult decision as there are several families who have experienced each of these charities support personally – making them all very worthy of our fundraising efforts this year.

We used Democracy to ensure every child had their say in voting for the charity they felt deserved our support most, and we are really excited to let you know that we will be supporting Molly Oly's Wishes this school year.



Zooming in on Creation

Year 2 have been hunting again this week, this time searching for the beauty of creation. They were looking from far away then zooming in, as well as looking from different angles and directions. They found that there is certainly lots of beauty in our school grounds!



MARVELLOUS ME

Your child will bring home a letter from Marvellous Me this week that has their name and unique personal code on. You need to follow the instructions on the letter to join Marvellous Me and start to receive news of the fantastic things they have been doing in school. Some children have already received Value Beads at school and these will show on your Marvellous Me account when you join up.

The PTA have kindly funded the app for school so that we are able to share some of the children's achievements with you, as well as inform you about what the children have been learning about in school. This will help you to chat about your child's school day when they get home – especially if your children 'can't remember' what they have been learning about, or have done 'nothing much' while they have been at school.

LOST UNIFORM

We are already starting to collect lots of jumpers, cardigans and even coats that have been left by children on the playground or field. Earlier this week 10 jumpers and cardigans were collected, and none had names in. We know that parents spend a lot of money on uniform, and are concerned that a lot of it is ending up 'lost' in a big box outside the office.

Please make sure that your child's name is in everything that they bring into school.

COVID UPDATE

We have unfortunately seen Covid 19 affecting several families at the start back to this academic year. School have been working closely with the Local Authority (LA) and Public Health teams to ensure that we are making the school environment as safe as possible. Every school is assessed individually and guidance is given to individual schools with relation to the course of action they need to take. This means that other local schools may be given different advice to us. We are following the guidance we are given which includes continuing with our hand washing routines, regular cleaning of high touch points, windows are open for ventilation, adults are ensuring they stay distanced from other adults, and staff are using lfd tests twice a week. Worship is online with children staying in their classrooms rather than mixing in the hall, and some year groups are eating in classrooms too, to make the hall less busy and reduce unnecessary mixing.

If your child displays any of the three main symptoms of Covid: high temperature, persistent cough or loss of smell or taste, please arrange for them to have a PCR test. We have found that several of the children who have gone on to test positive for Covid have complained of a headache and sore throat in the days immediately before testing positive. We have been advised to encourage parents that, if your child is feeling unwell, please keep them at home until they are feeling better, or use an LFD test if possible, so that we can prevent the virus from spreading at school.

We know this is a difficult season with coughs and colds becoming more prevalent, but if we are all taking these extra precautions we will be able to work together to keep everyone safe.

If you would like to use LFD tests at home as a family, then that would also help us to keep each other safe. We have found that headaches are a common complaint before children have tested positive for Covid. If your child complains of a headache you might want to use an LFD test to rule out Covid.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

There are two clubs that we may have to close due to a lack of interest so we are offering your child a final chance to join one of these clubs if they would like to. You pay per session, not for the term, so it doesn't matter that your child has missed the first two sessions. **We will need to know by Tuesday 28th September as clubs will be cancelled if we have no new members by then.**

* If your child loves singing, the KS2 school choir is currently running on Monday evenings from 3:30-4:30. The children in the choir will take lead roles in school worship (when it is safe enough to return to gathering together) and also perform at key events through the year: Christmas carol singing, Easter at church etc. Please contact school on admin3141@welearn365.com if you would like to find out more.

* We now have a Forest School leader to run what was 'Woodland Adventure' and is now officially a **'Forest School' club**. This means the children can build fires and use flint and steel, along with lots of other adventurous activities. The club has also been extended to include **all KS2 children** this half term. If your child loves being outside and completing wonderfully wild challenges, it is perfect for them. The club runs on a Thursday after school from 3:30 -4:30. Please contact the school on admin3141@welearn365.com if you would like to find out more.



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Learning Celebrations:

A Learning Celebration is an opportunity for you to come into school with your child, have a look at the work in their books and talk to your child's teacher to celebrate their strengths and achievements and discuss their next steps. These have been previously called 'Parents' Evenings' but we are keen for the children to be involved in these discussions too as they are very much a part of the learning process.

A huge thank you to the families who have contributed to our [short online form](#) to help us to plan our Learning Celebrations in a way that as many parents as possible are able to attend. There have been lots of useful comments made and we will do our very best to meet the needs of parents as much as we can. If you haven't yet completed the [form](#) there is still time as the [form](#) won't close until later tonight - **Friday (24th September)**.

One of the comments that has been made by a couple of families is having the opportunity to also meet without the child present to discuss any concerns. As a school we would like to encourage parents to contact us about concerns as soon as they become concerns so that we can work together to best support the children. If you do have a concern about your child, please don't wait until our Learning Celebration (or Parents' Evening), please email the office on admin3141@welearn365.com to request a catch up with your child's class teacher and we can arrange to meet with you by phone, online or in person.

MEET THE TEACHER

Thank you to all parents who joined us virtually for the Meet the Teacher meetings. It was a great chance for us to share what learning will be like for your child in their new year group. If you have any questions, please drop the office an email on admin3141@welearn365.com or catch the teacher at the end of the school day.

BISHOP'S TACHBROOK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA



You shop. Amazon gives.

Calling all Amazon.co.uk shoppers. Did you know that you can use Amazon Smile to donate money to Bishop's Tachbrook PTA every time you shop? While the amount donated each time seems small (0.5% of the net purchase price) it does soon add up!

When you use smile.amazon.co.uk and select your account – scroll down to the bottom of the options and you will find 'Your AmazonSmile'. You can then select a charity to support. You will need to search for:

Bishop Tachbrook School Pta

then add us as your charity. This is a really simple way for us to make money that will go back into school to help buy resources and make memories for the children and families – and the best news is that it won't cost you a penny!

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

We would like to remind all parents that we open the classroom doors at 8:45am. Families shouldn't be entering the site before this time as the Breakfast Club staff need to be able to keep the children safe and they are often still playing outside earlier than this. We have noticed some parents arriving as early as 8:30am.

Thank you for your co-operation with this. If you need to drop your child at school earlier than 8:45am you are able to book your child into breakfast club - there are some spaces.

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

We will be asking the children to come into school wearing something red on **October 22nd** as we will be talking about Racism and learning more about tolerance and how to make sure we 'Love our Neighbour as Ourselves'.

Dates for your diary:

Met the Teacher sessions – 20th, 21st, 22nd September
PTA Coffee and Cake for parents – 21st October 7:30pm
Show Racism the Red Card Day – 22nd October
Harvest Festival – w/c 18th October (Date to follow)
Half term – 23rd-31st October
INSET Day – Monday 15th November
Learning Celebrations – w/c 15th November
Christmas break – 18th December – 3rd January 2022
INSET Day – **4th January 2022**



STARS OF THE WEEK

Year 1: Maisie
Year 2: Lyla R
Year 3: Harrison
Year 4: Abraham
Year 5: Dylan
Year 6: Alex G

MARVELLOUS MATHEMATICIANS

Year 1: Cohen
Year 2: James
Year 3: Ben
Year 4: Brandon
Year 5: Noah
Year 6: Matthew



HEAD TEACHER'S STAR OF THE WEEK

Willow for showing kindness, looking after an older child on the playground when she saw that he had lost his smile.



C. Kilbey

Mrs C. Kilbey
Head Teacher

Thought for the week:





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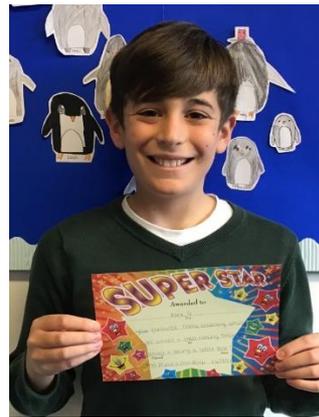
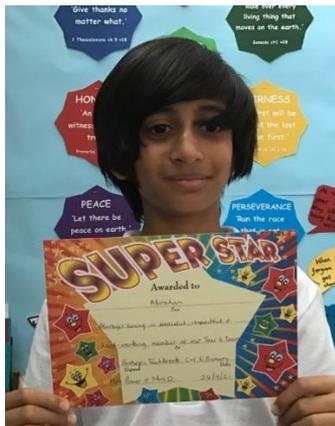
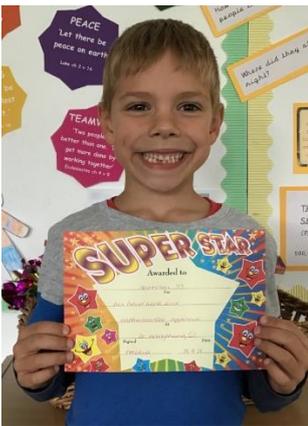
THANKFULNESS

'Give thanks no matter what.'

1 Thessalonians ch 5 v18

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Marvellous Mathematicians



Word of the week:

ominous

The black clouds in the distance looked ominous.