

Bishop William Ward C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

It was great to see some of you this week at the Open Maths Lessons. These sessions are valuable opportunities to come and see how your child is taught and how they are getting on. Here are some comments from the evaluation forms. It was clear that those who attended value the sessions as the most common suggestion for improvement was to have more opportunities for this kind of event.



'I really enjoyed it, thank you for giving us the opportunity to come in!'

'It is interesting to see how the techniques used in class can greatly assist with their learning.'

'I was so impressed how much progress my child made in a week.'

'Self-marking and self-reflection on wrong answers is an excellent skill for them.'

'I am always surprised at what a clever bunch of kids they seem to be!'

Some parents asked about the different methods used to teach Maths, some of which might differ from when we were taught. Have a look at our **Four Rules Policy** on the school website – it shows the different stages of how we teach addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. You'll probably find the method you used is still in there somewhere! It's in the **'Helping your child with their learning'** tab in the **'Learning'** section. You can also scan the QR code.



The football team were in action in their first home match of the season last week. Whilst it wasn't a victory this time, they played well and demonstrated great perseverance and effort, along with some dogged defending and silky skills up front! We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Reddish for refereeing.



Children in the Gold Book this week:

Foundation: Louie Pengelly-Tower

Year 1: Maisie Ferguson

Year 2: Jenson Silk

Year 3: Teigan McGill

Year 4: Emily Greenwood-Wright

Year 5: Izzy Wright

Year 6: James Maponga



Calendar Corner

January

23rd Book Swap
25th SATs meeting for Y6 parents,
7pm

February

6th Foundation and Y2 trip to
Colchester Zoo
8th e-safety day
9th Last day of term
19th Back to school

March

5th Class photos
7th Parent/Teacher meetings,
3.30pm - 6pm
8th Parent/Teacher meetings,
5.30pm - 8pm
13th Fun for Families, 5pm
20th Music Festival, Charter Hall
(choir), 7pm
28th Easter communion, 10am
29th Last day of term

April

16th Non-pupil day
17th Back to school

YEAR 6 PARENTS

We are holding a meeting about the Year 6 SATs on **Thursday 25th January at 7pm**. All Year 6 parents are welcome to attend.

BOOK SWAP

Our book swap was postponed this week. The children will be able to get a new book on the new date of **Tuesday 23rd January**.

BUILDING MATERIALS

Foundation Stage would like some real building materials to help with their learning. If you have any **bricks, slates or gravel** that you could donate, please speak to Mrs Smith or the Office. Thank you!

PLAY EQUIPMENT

Some people have asked for clarification around what not to play on after school. Please keep off of the playground equipment by the hedge, the tyre park and exercise equipment. Thank you for your help in enforcing this – I know it's not always an easy message to give!

Year 6 took a trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum on Wednesday, to bring all that they have learned about World War II to life. It was a lot of walking, but they all enjoyed the visit.



We work closely with the Colchester Teacher Training Consortium and often have students working with us. This is beneficial to the students, who get to see some excellent teaching practice, and to us because the students bring the latest ideas and keep us on our toes! The calibre of students is always high, as demonstrated by Mrs Mulvey, Mr Gooch and Miss King this year. We are not surprised that CTC were recently graded **Outstanding** in all areas by Ofsted!

Mr Bull