



Bishop William Ward C of E Primary School Newsletter

Happy, respectful, lifelong learners

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2018

Dear Parents/Carers

The children have continued to show their independence and organisational skills this week, with another successful cake sale. This time the money raised will be sent to Macmillan Cancer Support. The team ran an assembly, wrote reminders for the newsletter, organised the cakes, took the money and then counted it. The final total was **£60.80!** Thank you to all the parents that helped with baking and on the day.



Children in the Gold Book this week:

Foundation: Aydin

Year 1: Oliver

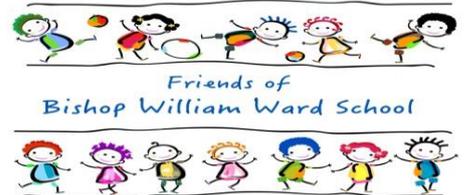
Year 2: Xavier

Year 3: Miah

Year 4: Harry

Year 5: Amelia

Year 6: Valter



Remember to get your forms back for the Friends of BWW Easter Egg Hunt. Forms need to be returned by **Monday 26th March.**



As part of exploring the Easter story this term, we will be having a school communion service on Wednesday 28th March. This service will be led by Rev Mandy and communion will be offered only to the adults attending. Children will not be offered blessed bread and wine.

The children will receive a small juice drink and some unblessed bread (gluten free bread will be provided for those with intolerances) which we will drink and eat together. The idea of this is to celebrate the shared community in which we live and learn. Children will be contributing to the service with readings, prayers and songs.

If you do not wish your child to take part in this service, please let their teacher know or ring the office. You are welcome to join to take communion, please let me know if you intend to do so.



Calendar Corner

March

20th Music Festival, Charter Hall (choir), 7pm
23rd Sport Relief: dress as your favourite sports person
28th Easter communion, 10am
29th Friends of BWW Easter Egg Hunt, after school
29th Last day of term

April

16th Non-pupil day
17th Back to school
18th Y1 Phonics session for parents, 2.30pm
19th/20th Life Bus
27th Friends of BWW Virtual Pet Show, after school

May

14th - 17th Year 6 SATs week
15th Fun for Families
18th BWW Talent Show
25th Last day of term

SPORT RELIEF

To celebrate Sport Relief week, the School Council have decided to host a 'Come to school dressed as your favourite athlete' day on **Friday 23rd March**. A donation of £1 or more would be much appreciated.

Thank you. School Council.

PARENTING/FAMILY SUPPORT

Family Lives offers a confidential helpline service (previously known as Parentline). You can call them on **0808 800 2222** for information, advice, guidance and support on any aspect of parenting and family life. The helpline service is open 9am – 9pm, Monday to Friday and 10am – 3pm Saturday and Sunday.

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/>

If you need to change arrangements for collection, please notify us by telephone, before 2.30pm. Whilst we do check emails throughout the day, this is not a reliable enough way of getting the message to us in time. Thank you!

Music lessons are now sorted out on line via an Essex Music Services Portal. Children who currently have music lessons should shortly receive a letter telling them how to sign up for next term's lessons. If your child is in Y2 or above and you would like them to start music lessons, please contact the office to obtain sign-up details by Friday 23rd March.



Governors have been busy this week, looking at the school budget and working alongside senior leaders to review our School Development Plan. They have also come in to see how the children's lunch break goes. Mr Carey came to observe the children at play and speak to them about their lunch breaks. He also took time to speak with some of our MDA team. Here are some snippets from his report:

Children were all keen to be outside, there were lots of different activities going on, various ball games, use of the tyre park, the exercise equipment, sensory garden and the play equipment.

MDAs were strategically placed across the playground in hi-viz jackets giving them good visibility to the children and also allowing them to have a good view of everything that was going on.

Behaviour was good and any minor issues were dealt with promptly.

First aid was also administered promptly and it was a credit to the children that they care about each other and were very quick to report incidents to staff and comfort their friends.

My overall view was that the children enjoyed the activities available to them, supervision was good and not overbearing, but the children knew where to go if they had a problem. There was a positive vibe and I was exhausted just watching them running around!

Mr Bull