



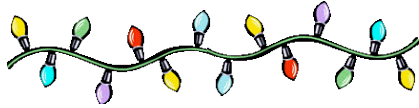
THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Friday 15th December 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

This first term of the school year has certainly flown by, finishing with all the festive celebrations that have taken place over the last 2 weeks. I hope that you have enjoyed all of our Christmas events and feel full of Christmas spirit ready to enjoy time with your children during the holidays.

This term has been very successful and we are very proud of all the children and the staff for their hard work. Additionally, thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support; it is much appreciated by all of my team and helps us to ensure that Bishopswood is a happy and enjoyable place to learn.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to sharing all the exciting learning experiences with you that are planned for 2024.

Curriculum

It's been a very busy December in school! Below is just a flavour of the last few weeks...

Miss Russell & Miss Creed say...

Year R have had a great couple of weeks learning about the story of the birth of Jesus and who all the characters are. We have also performed our nativity and I think you will agree we all looked really cute in our costumes.



Miss Wright & Miss Lees say...



Year 1 have been learning about the artist William Morris and we had a go at printing in the style of him. In maths we have been working hard and practising counting in 2s and 10s and in English we retold the story of Stick Man in our own words. We have also been busy practising and preparing for our Christmas concert!

Mrs Hunter & Miss Okey say...

Year 2 have had a busy few weeks and have been getting into the festive spirit! We had an exciting end to our Australia topic looking at someone's holiday photos who had actually been to Rottneest Island and seen a Quokka! We were able to find out lots about Perth. We have finished our photography unit learning about how to take a good photo. It was fun taking icy photographs on a particularly cold day. We are ready for you to enjoy our Christmas concerts and have made Christmas cards, calendars and Christmas decorations!



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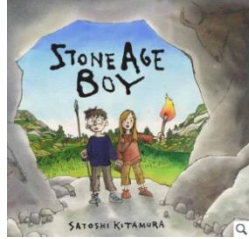
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Mr Dale & Miss Ralph say...

We have had a great couple of weeks in Year 3. In writing, we have been creating a diary entry based on the story Stone Age boy. We have been busy rehearsing for the lower school production and have had lots of fun learning all the songs. In science, we have been learning about the different joints in the human body and what they do. We did an exciting experiment where we did lots of different movements and we had to predict and record the joints that we used.



materials and built rafts to travel the Amazon, before testing them to find out if they floated!

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

In writing, Year 6 started a book called Blue John and went on to tell our own versions.

For guided reading, we have learnt all about Scrooge and the ghosts of Christmas past.

We also made our own Viking soup and bread. The children worked safely chopping vegetables. Some even told us that they would try and help out with dinner at home!



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



Over the last few weeks, our main focus has been the play and the children have worked really hard in dress rehearsal performances with their singing, acting and stage management. We are proud of their efforts. In writing they have enjoyed creating a non-chronological report about Santa's reindeer and next week they will be writing one about Santa. In maths the children have been using measures for length and weight as well as solving problems.

Panto at the Anvil

Last night, a number of staff took nearly 120 children to the Anvil in Basingstoke to enjoy 'The Return of Peter Pan'. It was a fantastic night and everyone really enjoyed it. These events are not possible without the voluntary support of school staff so our thanks go to those who gave up their evening.

Applying for a Place for Year R, 3 and 7 for September 2024

If you are applying for a school place for your child or have a child transferring to Junior or secondary school, please see application form availability and deadline dates below for September 2024 start dates:-

- Starting school Year R (Reception) or transferring to Year 3 (Junior school): Applications are open from 1st November 2023 to 15th January 2024.
- Year 3 transfer; although we are a Federated School, you do still need to apply for a place at Bishopswood Junior School. Applications are open from 1st November 2023 to 15th January 2024. If you have any queries on your child's transfer to Year 3, please call into the Junior school office

Miss Feather and Miss Nicholls say...

Year 5 have finished the year with a flourish,

practising really hard for their upcoming carols performance and completing some fabulous pieces of writing. To prepare for their writing, they scavenged for



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How to apply:-

- Online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions or
- Call the Hampshire Admission Helpdesk on: - 0300 555 1377 (opening hours daily 9.00am to 2.00pm)

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants

We are looking for caring, responsible and reliable Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants to join our enthusiastic school teams. Our lunchtime teams play a key role in providing our children with a positive, happy and safe lunchtime. We are looking for a member of lunchtime staff at the infants and the juniors, working between 12:00pm and 1:15pm everyday. Application forms are available from the school offices.

Sporting Success

Yr 2 children entered a skipping competition this week. We travelled to Costello school in Basingstoke. Children had to try skipping using a long rope, on their own and then try different skills like skipping backwards or turning. They did so well working as a team and supporting each other. We were really pleased to come second! Well done team.



The Year 5 and 6 girls football team put on an impressive performance in the pouring rain. Playing on an Astro pitch meant the game could go ahead and the girls were very keen to play, despite the cold and rain. They worked really hard, taking an early lead and then keeping the opposition at bay each time they scored with a couple of very close chances too! Final result Bishopswood 3-2 Marnel.

School Choir

On Saturday 2nd December, the Bishopswood Junior Choir went to the Ambrose Allen Centre to perform

in a concert alongside Tadley Brass Band. The children sang beautifully and confidently. This was their first performance as a choir and some of the songs were quite tricky, having multiple parts and harmonies. I was really proud of both their effort and how well they conducted themselves. It was a lovely afternoon and a joy to see the children having fun watching the band as well as all the support from the families. Tadley Band have kindly donated £200 to the school to go towards our music provision.

PTA Events

The PTA have had lots of events this year, the most recent the 'Christmas Children's Fun Day' and 'Christmas Market' events. It was lovely to see so many of you at these events having fun and raising much needed funds. We look forward to the new year with more exciting events planned including our first ever Roller disco!

Staff Goodbye

I would like to thank Mrs Robinson for her hard work and caring, positive spirit in her role as Support Assistant in Year R. Mrs Robinson is moving on from Bishopswood and going to Silchester but many, many children have benefitted from her care and support. Thank you Mrs Robinson and good luck in the future.

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.

Many Thanks
From the Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Amy Chapman
Mr Mark Morris
Miss Adele Tashdjian

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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

15th December – Last Day of Term

18th Dec – 1st Jan – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

2nd Jan – First Day of Spring Term

12th January- Year 5 Trip to Milestones Museum

12th - 16th February- HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 19th February- INSET DAY

7th March- World Book Day

1st – 12th April- EASTER HOLIDAYS

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Tadley Christmas workshop
Dates - 18th till 21st December
9am till 4pm



The Musical
Children aged 4-16
Put in to groups
All involved in the show



Our Christmas workshop is back!

- ★ Elf junior the musical! A show in a week!
- ★ Drama
- ★ Singing
- ★ Dance
- ★ Arts and Crafts

Children ages 4-16 are put in to age appropriate groups, where we produce a musical spectacular to friends and family on the final day at 3pm!
Venue - The Hurst School, Bampton Road, Tadley
Times - 9am till 4pm
Call Natalie on 07883107404
To book online please use link
<https://breaking-barriers-theatre-company.classforkids.io>

Christmas Eve Family Crib Service

THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS!

24th Dec - 4pm
at St. Paul's on The Green

A humorous retelling of the Christmas story by one of its characters as we rewrite the famous Christmas song!

FOR ALL THE FAMILY

@stpaulstadley

This course is aimed at adults over 19 years who do not have a Level 2 maths qualification. (e.g. Math GCSE at grade 4/C and above, or a Functional Skills Level 2 in maths). However, places are also open to those lack numeracy confidence or have experienced a "skills fade" in their numeracy knowledge

Date: 5th December 2023
Time: 10.00 - 12.00 hours
Venue: TDCA Community Centre

To book your place, please complete the booking form using the QR code or link [BOOK HERE](#)



Hampshire County Council
multiply@hants.gov.uk

New Classes starting January 2024

ALL STARS THEATRE ACADEMY



New classes at Tadley Community Centre Wednesdays from 4pm

Magical dance classes for the energetic 2yr old & over

- 4.00pm Nursery Ballet (2yrs+)
- 4.30pm Pre-Primary Ballet (4yrs+)
- 5.00pm Junior Tap (4yrs+)
- 5.30pm Primary Ballet

Contact us to book a free trial
0118 9868000

www.allstardance.co.uk/registration/



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FOLLOW THE STAR
20TH DECEMBER
4:00PM - 6:00PM

Join us as we "follow the star" to different churches in Tadley and watch the Christmas story unfold before your very eyes through drama!

St Mary's St Michael's
 Tadley Common Methodist St Mary's

Live Nativity **Mince Pies**
Carols

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A FUN BREAKFAST EVENT FOR FAMILIES!

FREE Breakfast **Crafts Games**

Join in the fun **THIS SUNDAY** at 9am

Lego Challenges **Quizes Stories**

CHRISTMAS RISE

Family Breakfast Event
This Sunday 17th Dec @ 9am

St. Mary's Church Hall Newchurch Road Tadley

Join us this
Christmas in Tadley and Pamber Heath
 church of England

Sun 10th 10am - Messy Christmas St. Paul's, The Green, Tadley	Sun 24th 10:30am Crib Service, Mary's
Sun 17th 9am - RISE Christmas St. Mary's, Bishopswood Road	Sun 24th 2:30pm - Nativity St. Luke's, Pamber Heath
Sun 17th 6pm - Traditional Carol Service at St. Mary's	Sun 24th 4pm Crib Service, St. Paul's
Sun 17th 4pm - Family Carols and crafts at St Paul's,	Sun 24th 11:30pm Midnight Communion at St. Luke's and St. Mary's
Wed 20th 4pm - Tadley Live Nativity - Family outdoor trail with animals starting at St. Mary's,	Sun 25th 10am - Christmas Day at St. Paul's and St. Mary's

More information: @stpaulstadley @st.marys.tadley

Sunday 17th December

Christmas in Tadley
FAMILY CAROLS AND CRAFTS

A carol service for everyone!

15:30 for crafts
16:00 for carols

Sing carols - make crafts - hear the Christmas story

St. Paul's on The Green, Tadley

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COMMUNITY CHURCH TADLEY
PRESENTS

CAROLS & NATIVITY

FEATURING FESTIVE FRED

MULLED WINE & FESTIVE TREATS ON ARRIVAL

17 DECEMBER // 4:00PM ARRIVAL
THE LINK, NEWCHURCH ROAD, RG26 4HN

COMMUNITY CHURCH TADLEY

JOIN US FOR A FUN INTERACTIVE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

4:00pm
Christmas Crafts & Festive refreshments

4:30pm
Christmas Service Starts

5:30pm
Goodie bag collection & refreshments

Free Christmas Activities at Basingstoke Discovery Centre

For 4-11 year olds that receive free school meals

Zoolab Animal Encounters - The Last Present
Wednesday 20 December, 10.30 am

Join us and Zoolab for a Christmas special up-close and hands on session to meet a menagerie of mammals, insects, amphibians and arachnids during this 55 minute workshop! This will be followed by a lunch bag, games and a small gift*

StoryTribe - What is Christmas?
Friday 22 December, 2pm

A special festive edition of family fun, creative games and interactive storytelling, where imagination roams free. For ages 4 - 9 years.

Booking in advance is essential. *Tickets / Gifts are limited - book early!

Crafty Fun Drop-in Sessions
Thursday 28 December, 10.30am

Paint your own suncatcher to take home, plus enjoy our selection of board games and puzzles for all ages. Limited resources - first come, first served.

Friday 29 December, 10.30am

Decorate a pencil case to take home, plus enjoy our selection of games and puzzles for all ages. Limited resources - first come, first served.

Please scan this QR code to book or email basingstoke.discoverycentre@hants.gov.uk
Alternatively visit the library and ask a member of staff.

www.hants.gov.uk/library

Hampshire County Council
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