

BCS NEWS

Value this term: **Compassion**

27th November 2020

This week, myself and another member of staff have had to spend some time working from home in order to support our own children who are unable to attend their schools. Please be assured our children have not had COVID symptoms, thank you to staff who have covered lessons and duties.

I have included a breakdown of our 'events' over the next three weeks, including details of how to book a Christmas lunch and the charity we are supporting. Ordinarily we would be inviting you into school to share some of these events, but we are unable to do this at the moment...watch this space as there are a few more surprises to share.

From time to time we are required to draw your attention to various policies that need to be consulted on, this time it is an Admissions one and it can be found on the front page of our website.

The closing date for signing up to the computer scheme is this Sunday, please see information sent via parent mail earlier this month.

This week was the last week of gymnastics for class 1 and 2, our thanks to Kathryn at Wade Gymnastics for an enjoyable programme. In January I will be making a site visit to Sibford School to check out their health and safety arrangements, we will then update you on how we proceed with swimming lessons.

Have a great weekend, keep safe *Mrs Stevenson*

Stars of the Week

Whizzy writing:

Lily G Ronnie Amber

Felix Courtney Aidan Eliza

BCS – Values:

Albie Willow James B

Imogen Milo B



Use the information slips in the quiet area, telephone 01295 730404 or email office.3302@bishopcarpenter.oxon.sch.uk to pass on messages.

Christmas at Bishop Carpenter!

We intend to offer as many traditional and 'usual' activities over the next few weeks, they will take time and careful planning so forgive us if it looks different to previous years (or if we make last minute changes).

- w/b 7th December** SANTA relay run (in PE lessons) in aid of Katherine House Hospice (this will be a sponsored / donation activity. We are unable to do this via parentpay as it is a local event but we will place a bucket for donations at the front door that week.
- Friday 11th December** Christmas Jumper Day – no donation required as we are donating to KHH for the santa relay – worn with school uniform/PE kit
- Tues 15th December** 11am Christingle service (in school) An orange needs to be brought in on Monday 14th Dec
PM – IRock are going to live stream a concert to us performed by the IRock teachers
- Weds 16th December** PANTO (oh yes it is!!) – in school, streamed to the classroom from 'Panto Live' Non uniform (optional Panto theme non uniform, PE will take place in the afternoon for classes 2,3 and 4)
- Thurs 17th December** Christmas Lunch (see info in this newsletter about placing your order) – 3 sittings (!) – children with packed lunches will still join their bubble for their Christmas lunch sitting. Christmas top/jumpers may be worn with school uniform.
- Friday 18th December** Last day of term – parties in class bubbles PM - TBC

Animal Food Collection

- Members of Class 2 are organising an 'animal food' collection and have asked if they can send a parentmail on Monday with further details.

Christmas Cards

- OPEN from Tuesday 1st December, last posting date Monday 14th December. Cards will be distributed from Wednesday 16th December once the sorting office elves have sorted them! Children will only be able to give cards via the boxes and not in class. Boxes will be in the hall and children will be given 'posting' time slots during the day!

FOREST SCHOOL - Tuesday 1st December

AM – Reception

PM – YEAR 1

Reminders / notices

Music lessons – IROCK is running for Class 2, 3 and 4

Forest School (parentmail also sent on Thursday 22nd October).

TUESDAYS from w/b 2nd November.

PE Days We will still go outside on rainy days for PE but we understand that the children's feet get a bit wet so we would like them to bring their school shoes on PE days too. They will also wear their coats for PE on really wet days. Studded footwear may also be brought in

'There's no such thing as bad weather – only the wrong clothes!' Billy Connolly.

Lunches - Please book school lunches by midnight on **Tuesday** each week.

New school dinner menu

School lunches – menus for the remainder of the term are now on ParentPay. Hot lunches successful and so have decided to continue with same menu until Christmas. Remember to book lunches by Tuesday at midnight.

RSE Policy Consultation – information sent out via parentmail on Friday 6th November

Christmas Lunch Menu

December

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Roast Turkey & trimmings

Roast Quorn & trimmings

Roast Potatoes

Creamed Potatoes

Selection of Vegetables

Christmas Tree ice cream



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thursday 18th December

- Book via ParentPay. Same price as normal school meal £2.50
- Unable to change published menu, therefore will need to book as follows:
- For a Roast Turkey lunch: book a BBQ chicken Wrap
- For a Roast Quorn lunch : book a cheese & lettuce wrap

Bookings need to be made by Tuesday 8th December

Information from Oxfordshire CC Admission Team

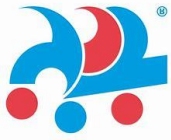
RECEPTION ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2021

We (OCC) are now accepting applications for Reception entry in September 2021. Parents are encouraged to apply online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions as this is the most secure way of applying, but if parents cannot access the online process, we do have a paper form that I can send you.

Starting School Brochures are no longer being printed, but all the information contained in the Brochure is available on our admissions website.

The closing date of Reception applications is 15th January 2021, and the National offer date is 16th April 2021. The 15th January closing date is extremely important, as late applications will not be considered until May 2021 after the first offers have been made. Parents who make a late application are less likely to be offered a place at one of their preferred schools. The details of the admissions process is widely advertised in Doctors Surgeries, Libraries, Parish Councils, and made available to the 2,500 subscribers to the OCC Early Years Newsletter, but your help in reminding parents to make an on-time application would be very much appreciated.

It is PARENTS responsibility to make an application, so I would be grateful if you could print off and display the attached Poster in a prominent position in your school entrance. If you also have a Pre-school, Playgroup or Nursery attached to your school would you also please ensure that they have a copy of the Poster for display, reminding parents that even if their child attends a Nursery at the school, they still need to apply for a Reception place.



Youth Sport Trust

YST AFTER SCHOOL SPORT CLUB

Every weekday at 5pm until the end of term (18 December), we're running a 30-minute online club for all children and young people to do some sport, develop skills and, most importantly, have fun!

Many children and young people across the UK will be missing out on their usual sport clubs. We're here to help all young people feel part of a club that helps them develop skills and learn something new. The Youth Sport Trust's After School Sport Club is about much more than physical fitness. It will help children develop physical literacy and confidence to try lots of new sports, helping all children find a sport for them.

The After School Sport Club will be led by Athlete Mentors from different backgrounds, abilities and sports. The first session will take place on Thursday 12 November at 5pm, with the world's number one female inline skater and ten times British Champion, [Jenna Downing](#).

Every day at 5pm from 16 November until 18 December, children and young people can join in with the live broadcast for free on our [YouTube](#) channel. Join in the conversation on social using #YSTAfterSchool and tagging [@YouthSportTrust](#) across all social media channels. You might need items from around your home for some sessions, but we'll give some ideas ahead of each club to adapt if you don't have these items.

The different daily themes are below:

- **Adventure Monday** – This might involve getting children to do floor, wall climbing and map reading all within their living room
- **Tuesday Play** – Imaginative play utilising resources in the house to create games and activities to get active
- **Wild Wednesday** – Some high tempo competitive activities involving personal challenges
- **Thinking Thursday** – Introducing cognitive challenges for children through movement. Active noughts and crosses and introducing an element of competition – whether that be against themselves, the clock, their siblings or remotely with friends
- **Fun Friday** – A chance for children to let loose and have some fun. Dancing and doing what makes them feel good.

A message from our fabulous FOBCS team:

Easyfundraising

'Due to the current lockdown with shops closed and Christmas fast approaching, online shopping will no doubt increase. With this in mind you can help to raise additional funds for our school at absolutely no cost by simply clicking onto your online shop through www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Not all retailers are on the site but to give you an idea, Argos are currently offering 2.5% on all toys (Home Delivery), John Lewis 1%, ebay 1%, The Entertainer 1.5% and Waterstones 2% To start raising additional funds simply register, support Bishop Carpenter School as your cause and shop as usual.'

If you have any questions please email the school office for a contact information.

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Please also refer to our website www.bishopcarpenterschool.com for updates

Covid-19 related staff/pupil absence
A quick reference guide for parents/staff

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
My child has Covid-19 symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIGH TEMPERATURE – this means they feel hot to touch on chest or back A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24hrs A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE – this means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything. 	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Self-isolate the WHOLE household while getting the symptomatic person tested. Get a test. INFORM SCHOOL OF THE TEST RESULT	The test comes back negative and if the fever is gone. Children can return with a cough after a negative test as this can last for some time.
My child tests positive for Covid-19	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Quarantine the household for 14 days and the patient for a minimum of ten days.	Ten days has passed and they feel better but as household has to quarantine for 14 days they possibly can't return until someone is able to bring them. Can return with a cough after minimum of 10 days as this symptom can last for several weeks.
My child tests negative	CONTACT THE SCHOOL Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day).	The test comes back negative.
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19	FOLLOW USUAL SCHOOL ABSENCE POLICY PROCEDURE	For sickness/diarrhoea MUST be clear for 48 hours before returning to school.
Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school. Self-isolate the whole household until person with symptoms tests negative.	When person with symptom gets a negative test.
Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school. Pupil isolates at home for 14 days.	The child has completed 14 days isolation at home.
NHS test & trace has identified my child has been in close contact of someone with a confirmed case of Covid-19	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school. Pupil isolates at home for 14 days.	The child has completed 14 days isolation at home.
We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	Please do not travel if quarantine requirements will mean a child missing school as an unauthorised absence. Pupil isolates for 14 days from return date. Unauthorised absence fine may be issued.	The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school. Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. Liaise with school re. home learning.	You are informed that shielding advice has been lifted and your child can return to school
My child's bubble is closed due to a confirmed case of Covid-19 in school.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Support your child at home with remote learning for 14 days. Siblings can come to school if their bubbles remains open. Family members do not need to isolate.	School will inform you when the bubble will be reopened.