



# THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

The summer term has finally come to an end. We hope you have enjoyed the various events that have taken place these last 2 months. Sharing so many events with you has been the perfect way to finish another successful year.

On behalf of the entire Bishopswood Team, I wish you all a happy and safe summer holiday break and look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, where we get to start all over again.

### Curriculum

Below is just a flavour of the last few weeks of this half term...

#### **Miss Lees and Miss Creed say...**

Year R have had a really busy couple of weeks. Over the year the children have planted fruit and vegetables in our garden. We were able to harvest some ready to eat and tidied the area ready for next year. The children made jelly, sandwiches and garlic mayonnaise which they all enjoyed eating during an afternoon picnic. Well done Year R for such a fantastic year!



#### **Miss Wright, Miss Cushing and Mrs Rolph say...**

Year 1 have finished the year by practising telling the time to O'clock and half past. We have also written fact files about meerkats to show everything we have learnt this half term. In D&T, we planned, made and evaluated a 'Zoo in a box'. We chose an animal, researched its habitat and created a shoe box zoo. We have finished this week by having lots of fun, playing games and getting ready for our move up to Year 2! We have had a great year in Year 1!



#### **Mrs Hunter and Miss Okey say...**

We have loved finishing this term with performing our play 'Eddie and the Penguins Save the World'. Thank you for coming to watch us. It helped us with a lot of learning and understanding about our topic Healthy Humans, Healthy Earth. We finished this topic with a community clear up last week, which was great fun. We were able to help our school and surrounding community with litter picking, cleaning, weeding, clearing up and gardening.



It is definitely sad to be ending Year 2, but the children have grown up so much and had such fun learning. They will love the new, interesting Year 3 topics. Have a great, relaxing and safe summer holiday.

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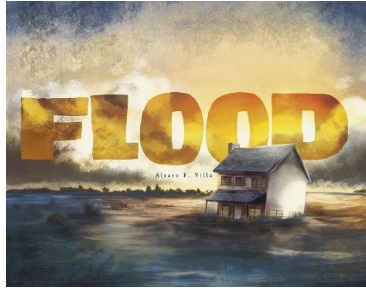
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## Mr Dale and Miss Ralph say...

We have had a lovely last couple of weeks in Year 3. In writing, we have written a dramatic story based on the story Flood, using lots of exciting vocabulary, such as adjectives, similes and alliteration. In maths, we practised our time and money skills. We worked really hard using these skills to problem solve and reason. Finally, we have finished our topic about healthy eating by doing some wonderful artwork. We drew a fruit bowl and used oil pastels to make it more realistic and come to life.



## Mrs Buchan, Miss Price and Miss Frost say...

Year 4 have had a brilliant year! It has been lovely watching them grow and develop over the time they have been in our classes. There have been many highlights, from the Christmas play to African drumming to awesome sportsmanship they displayed on Sports Day. We are so proud of them and all they have achieved this year; we wish them all the best for next year.



## Miss Feather and Miss Nicholls say...

Year 5 have taken the last half term in their stride and are all looking forward to moving up into year 6 in September. We have been carrying on with our topic of 'Ancient Greek' and year 5 had the opportunity to take part in a DT Day where they made and tasted hummus and tzatziki. They then designed their own packaging for a Greek flat



bread and reviewed their work with peers. In art, the children have created some wonderful pictures inspired by the Parthenon and they have created and written about their own god or goddess in writing. We have no doubt that the children are looking forward to the summer holidays and they should all be incredibly proud of what they have achieved this year.

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

It's hard to sum up these last few weeks, but it has certainly been jam-packed. First of all, the children did an incredible job in their performances of "I'm an 11 year old..." and watching them up on that stage gave us all goosebumps. All our leavers' events are now at an end and between giant inflatables, leavers' assembly, theme park rides and shirt signing, they have really ended their time at Bishopswood in style. The only thing left to say is how incredibly proud of all the children we are and that we will really miss them around school next year. We wish them all the luck on their next journeys and hope they have an amazing year 7. Now... Let's get out of here!



## Thank you and Goodbyes

Many groups of people work incredibly hard throughout the year to make Bishopswood the place that it is. As we end the year, we would like to say a huge thankyou to those groups, without whom the school would not function.

**Children-** In school, every day is different, you make our jobs fun, exciting and sometimes challenging, but you always make our jobs full of purpose. We are proud of you all for the progress you have made this year in all the different forms progress can take. Thank you children and have a fun packed summer.

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Goodbye to our Year 6 children. The last 7 years have seen you overcome many obstacles and experience many new things. You have had an amazing finish to your time with us. I hope you leave us in the knowledge that you have all the skills and qualities needed to be successful beyond Bishopswood. Good luck, may a part of Bishopswood always be with you.

**Staff** – I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our exceptional staff. Your tireless efforts, passion for education, and commitment to our children's well-being have been nothing short of inspiring. Throughout the year, you've gone above and beyond, adapting to new challenges and consistently providing our children with the best possible learning experiences. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed, and I am immensely proud to work alongside such a talented and caring team.

**Parents** – To our wonderful parents and carers, I extend my sincere appreciation for your continued support and partnership. Your involvement in your children's education, whether through attending school events, volunteering, or simply encouraging learning at home, has been invaluable. Your trust in our school and your willingness to work together with us have played a crucial role in our pupils' success. Thank you for being an integral part of our school community.

**Governors** – I would also like to acknowledge the tremendous contributions of our Governors. Your guidance, expertise, and commitment to the school's vision have been instrumental in shaping our school and ensuring the best outcomes for all. Your dedication to Bishopswood is truly felt and appreciated, and we are fortunate to have such a supportive and engaged group of individuals overseeing our school's direction.

**Bishopswood PTA**- A special thank you goes out to our fantastic PTA. Your tireless efforts in organising events, fundraising, and supporting various school initiatives have enriched our school community in countless ways. The time and energy you've invested have not only provided additional resources for our school but have also fostered a strong sense of community spirit among our families.

As is the way at the end of every year, we say a fond farewell to several members of the Bishopswood Family.

**Support Staff:** Goodbye to Mrs Rust, Mrs Rust has worked in multiple roles over the last couple of years supporting individuals and small groups with their learning. Thank you for your commitment and flexibility and good luck for the future.

**Office Staff:** Mrs Phillips is leaving us to take up a more senior position at Silchester School. Mrs Phillips has been a vital member of the Admin Team over the years excelling in her work setting up our wrap around care and holiday clubs. Although she will be missed, I am grateful that she remains part of the wider team.

**Teachers:** Miss Dadral is also moving on to pastures new. After 3 years of working across both the Infant and Junior School, Miss Dadral is moving across to Silchester to experience a new school. She will be missed for her positivity, passion and care that she gives to every child in her class.

Mrs Buchan is also leaving us after several years of dedicated service to explore new business ideas within the educational sector. She will be missed for her caring nature and passion for Music and History. The performance of our Choir at the Anvil over the years has been due to Mrs Buchan leading music in the school and supporting music in a wider role across Basingstoke and Deane.

**Leaders:** This summer will see the end of an era as we say a farewell to both Mrs Chapman and Mrs Bligdon. Mrs Chapman was my first Deputy Head when I joined the school back in 2011 and Mrs

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Bligdon became the Deputy of the Infants back in 2013. Not only have they been an integral part of the Leadership team over the years supporting the school through many milestones such as Federation, the expansion of the collaboration and navigating covid times; they have also become good friends. Mrs Chapman is moving into delivering teacher training at Reading University and Mrs Bligdon is moving into the Independent SEN Sector. You will both be hugely missed for your kindness and unrelenting commitment to Bishopswood. The entire team wish you all the very best for the future and hope that you will keep in touch.

## Message from the PTA

This year has been awesome! We have had discos, movie nights and our first ever fireworks night which was a huge success and very much enjoyed by all. We have booked in again for this November.

The circus came on a lovely sunny day and bought an air of magic to the school. Unfortunately, we had to postpone the colour run due to the great British weather which was disappointing but as the heavens opened, we knew it was the right decision and hope that the new date of **13th September** will be very much a sunny picture.

This afternoon we have a massive inflatable party for the year 6 leavers. We have managed to contribute £7000 this year to increase the IT provision at the school.

As well as supporting the year R outdoor equipment, helping to subsidise the school trips and covered the cost of a poet to come to school for 2 days of fun packed workshops.

The PTA also teamed up with The Tadley Trust for our Easter fun day and hope to carry on working in partnership with other local organisations to offer a wider range of events to raise even more money for the schools.

As the chair, myself and the committee work hard to provide great events for the schools and wider community. I have been chair now for the last 7 years and from September will no longer have children at Bishopswood schools. Our treasurer will be in the same position in a years' time.

I will aim to step back from the PTA over the next two years but would not like to leave the school without the support of an organisation like ours. This means we need you as parents to take the mantle and carry on our work. Please please please get involved and give as little or much time as you can. Contact us at [bishopswoodschools@gmail.com](mailto:bishopswoodschools@gmail.com)

## National Online Safety – Summer Holidays

With the school summer holidays just beginning, many parents and carers will already be planning outings and activities to keep their young ones entertained. In between those special summer moments, though, there are also likely to be occasions when children happily invest a whole afternoon in Among Us or spend most of their Monday on Minecraft.

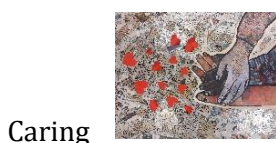


As young people's screen time almost inevitably increases over the holidays, parents like to feel confident that their child will stay safe while they're exploring the digital world. The National Online Safety team have produced a poster with some simple solutions to help children avoid frequent online pitfalls and enjoy a more positive experience when they go online this summer. This poster is at the end of the newsletter or can be viewed [here](#).

## Summer Reading Challenge 2024



The Summer Reading Challenge 2024 'Marvellous Makers' will be starting on 13th July! As a school, we encourage all of our pupils to take up the Summer Reading Challenge. This UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for children aged 4 to 11, delivered through public libraries. Children



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can sign up for free at any of our local libraries or online. Last year, in Hampshire, over 8.5 thousand children joined the Challenge, how many of you can do it this year?

For children who took part in 2023:

- 80% read more over the summer holidays
- 70% improved their reading skills
- 72% felt more confident about their reading

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

As always, the following pages share some flyers for activities in and around Tadley that may be of interest to you and upcoming dates for your diaries.

If you have any questions about anything in the newsletter, please contact the school offices.

Many Thanks

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Dates for your diary:

**INSET DAYS**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024**

**New School Year 2024-205**

**INSET DAYS**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September- School starts

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September- PTA Colour Run 4pm

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**Parent Information Portal**

NHS Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust

Today's health, tomorrow's future

Your health visiting and school nursing records all in one place, at your finger tips.

- View and manage your appointments with Health Visitors, School Nurses and Family Nurses
- View your child's vaccination history
- Search a wide range of resources about children's health
- National Childhood Measurement Programme. Receive results of your child's height and weight measurements (Year R and Year 6).

Coming soon...

- View growth charts and add measurements
- The Ages and Stages questionnaire will be available for you to complete electronically before your child's development assessment appointment.

**Sign up today, email [pip@southernhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:pip@southernhealth.nhs.uk).**

To be eligible for the portal, you must receive your care under Southern Health.

SPOTLIGHT UK

## Discounted Events Basingstoke

**Half Price**

**Aquadrome Youth Swim**  
21st and 28th June, 5th & 12th July  
6-8pm - £3.50  
Worting Road, Basingstoke RG22 6PG

**Family Atmosphere Trampoline**  
19th June, 10th July, 7th & 28th August  
6-8pm - £3  
Unit B, Daneshill Industrial Estate, Rutherford Road, Basingstoke RG24 8PD

**Bowling**  
9th July - 6pm - £4.50  
Worting Road, Basingstoke RG22 6PG



Please book via email - [activities@spotlightuk.org](mailto:activities@spotlightuk.org)  
For more information visit the events calendar on our website [www.spotlightuk.org](http://www.spotlightuk.org) Reg Charity 1129258

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