

The Bishops' School PTA Newsletter – December 2016: Issue 7

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Bags2school was a massive success this term – thank you to all who donated items!



Newsletter Content

These PTA newsletters are planned for distribution every half term. If you have any ideas or suggestions of what you might like to see included or might find useful, please email us at thebishopspta@hotmail.com

Festive tidings to you all in this festive-filled newsletter.



The Winter Term is always a busy one and seems to flash by in an instant when preparing for the numerous PTA events that lead up to Christmas. However, the events we have had have been really successful and they have been a lot of fun.

The Christmas Secret Shop this year was tried as an event during the day rather than trying to squeeze it in during the other busy events. The children love this chance to purchase their loved ones a special gift and this year was no exception. To my knowledge we have never sold out of gifts and had to take orders in previous years so hats off to the PTA team as the event was hugely successful and ran very smoothly. We tried a new gift with the personalised item and were amazed at its popularity - so much so that some emergency additional purchasing occurred shortly after the event! Thank you to all who have supported it and us.

Our second of five Christmas events was the Christmas shopping afternoon. Fifteen local companies came in for this event and sold gifts during the afternoon. It was lovely to natter to the ladies of the Knit and Natter Group alongside the other stall holders. The event as always had a relaxed and friendly feel to it. It is a brilliant event to make links into the local community.

Our final events were the non-uniform day which this year saw Kirsty and I dress as Elves to collect donations from the children on the way into school. The PTA sometimes has the tag of serious and dare I say it dull so Kirsty and I wanted to show our silly sides as we really do enjoy our PTA duties and are not afraid to enjoy the fun with the children.

The big December event was the Christmas Fayre. This year we stuck to the traditional format but introduced a couple of new games so we hoped that these would be a success. The fayre was as busy as ever but thoroughly enjoyable as always. The donations competition was hugely successful and we were overwhelmed by the generosity of the parents! Well done to 1C for their enormous 146 item donation and clear KS1 winners and to 4E who won by 1 item at 87 items as the KS2 winners. We hope you enjoyed your film and popcorn!

The last event before we break up that the children love is the Key Stage 2 Discos. It is great to see the children being independent and enjoying themselves at these events.

May I and the PTA Team wish you all a very Merry Christmas

And a Happy New Year!





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Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 6XW

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FACEBOOK GROUP - TERM TIME FITNESS
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FRIDAY 9.30 AM**

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Event Diary - Spring Term

Event Name and Date	Information
PTA AGM - January 17 th at 7.30pm	The Annual General Meeting will take place on 17 th January. All Elected PTA Officers will be required to stand down and new officers voted in. All are welcome to join this meeting.
Race Night – January 28 th time TBC	The Race Night will take place in the school hall. An external company will run the event and should be a lot of fun. Games will be available for the children to play in the courtyard should they get bored of the races. More information to follow in book bags and posters around the school.
Events in planning stages	
February – Valentines Disco	A new event which is currently in the planning stages is a Valentine Disco for all the children. More information to follow nearer to February.
30 Years' of The Bishops' School – June 17 th 2017	This event will celebrate the achievements of the school through a day of celebration. More details will be circulated after the Christmas break.

Things to do during the holidays:

Christmas Carols by Lantern Light

Beth Chatto Gardens, Elmstead Market nr Colchester

Wednesday 21st December 2016

"A wonderfully festive evening of carols in the Gardens, illuminated by Christmas lights and lanterns. Sing Christmas carols to live music with deliciously mulled wine, apple juice or hot chocolate in hand."

Under 5s Activities

Hadleigh Park

Thursday 22nd December 2016, 10.30am-2pm

If you're looking for an eventfully active day out with your little ones under 5, head down to Hadleigh Park.

The Big Winter Feed

Danbury Country Park

Thursday 22nd December 2016, 10:00 to 12:30pm

"Join us for a festival of favours for our feathered friends!"

Teddy Bears Christmas Party

Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh on Sea SS9 1SP

Friday 23rd December 2016- 10.30-11.30am

Bring your favourite teddy or soft toy and join in the Magical Teddy Bears Christmas Party.



Days Out - Places to go...

Audley End Railway, Saffron Walden.

Audley End Railway is one my favourite places to take the children for a simple and enjoyable day out. We have been so many times but they still seem to enjoy the simplicity of the attraction and definitely the hot chocolate and cake!

What's there?

The Audley End Miniature Railway and Enchanted Fairy and Elf Walk.

Miniature Railway

The railway is a 5 minute journey through the forest spotting the hidden teddies and animals.

Enchanted Fairy and Elf Walk

Find the tiny Fairies and Elves in their Tree Houses as you walk through the Enchanted Woods, make a Fairy Wand or Magic Stick with one of Audley Ends very own Fairy or Elf and tick your I Spy Booklet as you venture through the walk.

My advice for a great day out

Wrap up warm in the cooler months although they often supply blankets to wrap yourself up in on the trains.

In the summer months it is a lovely place to go and enjoy a picnic as it has a large picnic area and a small playground. The train enthusiasts are always happy to talk to the children about the engines. A really friendly group of people.

The cakes are lovely in the café and in the summer there are ice-creams too. The bouncy castle when up appears to have no time restriction on it and when quiet the children can bounce for hours!

The Christmas train rides are magical but get booked up very quickly so book early to avoid disappointment.



Mum's favourite recipe – The ultimate chocolate roulade (Merry Berry)

Ingredients

175g/6oz plain chocolate, broken into pieces

175g/6oz caster sugar

6 eggs, separated

2 level tbsp cocoa, sieved

For the filling

300ml/10fl oz double cream

2 oranges, zest only, finely grated

To serve

orange segments or slices, steeped in Grand Marnier

icing sugar

Equipment

33cm x 23cm (13in x 9in) Swiss roll tin



Method

Lightly grease Swiss roll tin and line with non-stick baking parchment, pushing it into the corners.

Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4.

Melt the chocolate slowly in a bowl over a pan of hot water. Allow to cool slightly.

Place the sugar and egg yolks in a bowl and whisk with an electric whisk on a high speed until light and creamy.

Add the cooled chocolate and stir until evenly blended.

Whisk the egg whites in a large mixing bowl until stiff but not dry.

Stir a large spoonful of the egg whites into the chocolate mixture, mix gently and then fold in the remaining egg whites, then the cocoa.

Pour into the prepared tin and gently level the surface.

Bake in the preheated oven for about 20 minutes until firm to the touch.

Remove the roulade from the oven, leave in the tin and place a cooling rack over the top of the cake, being careful not to touch the cake.

Place a clean damp tea towel on top of the rack, and leave for several hours or overnight in a cool place - don't worry, it will sink slightly. (If the tea towel dries out, simply re-dampen it.)

Whip the cream until it just holds its shape, and stir in the orange zest.

Dust a large piece of non-stick baking parchment with icing sugar.

Turn the roulade out onto the paper and peel off the lining paper.

Trim the two long edges for a smarter finish (it also gives you a chance to taste the trimmings!).

Spread with the whipped cream and roll up like a Swiss roll: starting with one of the short edges, roll tightly to start with and use the paper to help. Don't worry if it cracks - that is quite normal and part of its charm!

Serve slices with orange segments and Grand Marnier.

Class Reps for the Autumn Term:

Jane Ship – FSLM

Lauren Nicholls - 1H

Liz Proudfoot - 2C

Sarah Roberts - 3R

Kirsty Mountain Ackil - 4S

Candy Dixon – 5B

Vicky Knight – 6A

Sarah Johnston - FSM

Rachael Newson – 1C

Nicole Davenport - 2M

Kathy Johns - 3F

Vicky Cross - 4E

Melanie Bruce - 5M

Sarah Gibbins - 6F

Thank you ladies!!

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Fun facts about us:

Mr and Mrs Mann – FS Teachers

Name: **Mr Mann**
Occupation: Teacher – Foundation Stage at The Bishops' School
Most likely to say: 'Sounds good!' or 'I don't mind!'
Least likely to say: 'I'll be in charge!'
Favourite pastime: Listening to and playing music
Wish: For my family and I to always laugh together
Greatest achievement: Marrying Mrs Mann
Favourite colours: Blue

Name: **Mrs Mann**
Occupation: Teacher – Foundation Stage at The Bishops' School
Most likely to say: 'I love life!' and 'Yippeeee!'
Least likely to say: 'I'm bored!'
Favourite pastime: Playing netball with my friends
Wish: For Mr. Waters to always be head teacher at The Bishops'
Greatest achievement: Becoming a teacher....and marrying Mr Mann, of course!
Favourite colours: Green





TERM TIME LESSONS WITH MARLINS SWIM SCHOOL;

MOULSHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Monday 6pm – 7pm

Tuesday 5pm – 7pm

Wednesday 5pm – 7pm

Thursday 5pm – 7.30pm

Friday 5pm – 7pm

Saturday 8.30am – 12pm

ST JOHNS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 4pm – 5pm

BOSWELLS HIGH SCHOOL

Monday 4.45pm – 6.15pm

Thursday 4.15pm – 5.15pm

Friday 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Saturday 8.30am – 12.00pm

**NEWLANDS SPRING JUNIOR
SCHOOL**

Monday 10.15am – 11.45am

Wednesday 4pm – 5.30pm

Sunday 8.30am – 10.30am

**ALL ABILITIES WELCOME. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON LESSONS AND
TYPES OF LESSON CONTACT**

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