

The Bishops' School PTA Newsletter – March 2017: Issue 9

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The Spring Term is a busy one for the PTA with two events happening within a week of one another. The support and generosity of the PTA committee and the school community shines through at these events so thank you everyone who comes along. I have written a review of both the Easter Fayre and the Mother's Day Tea so please read these later in the newsletter.

The PTA shed

Over the holidays, we are hoping to knock down our poor old shed and to build the new one. We look forward to being able to retrieve the PTA goods without fear of being squashed or eaten alive by spiders!! 

The Bishops' 30th Birthday!

Look out for more information on the school fete being organised to celebrate the 30 Years of The Bishops' anniversary, planned for Saturday the 17th of June. Please save the date!

We all hope you have a wonderful Easter break!

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea 2017 Review

The annual Mother's Day Afternoon Tea was held on the 18th of March. The event proved more popular than ever this year and sold out in a record 3 days after tickets went on sale!

The event preparation commenced at 9am on Saturday and at 10.00 we had our first panic when the urn decided not to switch on! We were helped by Rev Jane who came to the rescue with 3 kettles and Klare borrowed the urn from the school she works at - so we were saved from an afternoon tea, with no tea!!

Panic number 2 occurred just before the doors were due to open when we realised that no-one had purchased milk! After a staff room fridge raid and an emergency supermarket run, we survived another potential disaster and from there on in, all went smoothly. Phew!!

Once the doors opened and our guests poured in, the cakes, scones and sandwiches were soon being devoured and appeared to be enjoyed by all. Millie Gibbins from Year 6 read a Mother's Day poem beautifully and it started the afternoon tea perfectly. Thanks Millie!

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

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From the smiles and the laughter that filled the hall it was clear to see that everyone in attendance enjoyed the event. The crafts and cake decorating are always very popular. The children love to make a wonderful gift to give to their special someone. A massive thank you to the ladies who helped behind the scenes in the courtyard.

The tea room officially closed at 3pm and before clearing up, the PTA volunteers had their own little afternoon tea before commencing the clean-up operation. A massive well done to Klare for organising the bulk of the event and a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated items, baked, helped with set up and cleaning as well as those who bought tickets. We made just over £500 for the playground fund which is a brilliant contribution.



Event Diary

Event and Date	Information
April 1 st – First lottery draw	Please register and join the school lottery at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk With two draws a week and one having a prize of £25,000! Support the school and have the chance to win all at the same time. 😊
April 21 st – FAB Friday returns	Ice creams will go on sale after school from this Friday onwards until the end of the October half term.
April 25 th – PTA meeting	The quarterly meeting will take place at school in the staff room from 19.15. Join us to discuss events passed and plan for events coming up, as well as sharing new ideas.
June 17 th - 30 Years of The Bishops' School Celebration	This event will celebrate the achievements of the school through a day of celebration including a church service and a traditional school fete with games, stalls, refreshments, inflatables and displays. More details will be circulated nearer the time.
June 30 th – Sports Day	The school Sports Day will take place today and the PTA will be on hand selling drinks and snacks.
July 21 st – Inflatables Afternoon	Finish off the school year in style at the Inflatables Event on the big field over by the Parish Centre. More details to follow nearer July.





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Days Out - Hanningfield Reservoir activities available during the Easter holidays

Bird Feeder Making (Drop in)

Hanningfield Reservoir Visitor Centre, Hawkswood Road, Downham, Billericay CM11 1WT
Sunday 2nd April 2017 10am-12noon

Make a wooden bird feeder to take home and hang in your garden. £3.00 per child. No need to book.

Hedgehog Club – Spring into Action

Hanningfield Reservoir Visitor Centre, Hawkswood Road, Downham, Billericay CM11 1WT
Monday 3rd April 2017, 10am – 12pm

Spring is in the air! Search for wildlife, create some natural crafts and make a bird feeder to take home. This event is for 4 – 8 year olds and children must be accompanied by an adult. £6 per child. Booking Essential.

Wind in the Willows Family Scavenger Hunt (Drop in)

Hanningfield Reservoir Visitor Centre, Hawkswood Road, Downham, Billericay CM11 1WT
Saturday 8th April 2017 10am – 4pm

Mr Toad is off on his spring vacation but he has managed to lose the things he needs in the woods. Can you help him find them? Trail sheets £2 per child. No need to book.

Dragon Discovery

Hanningfield Reservoir Visitor Centre, Hawkswood Road, Downham, Billericay CM11 1WT
Thursday 6th April 2017 10am – 12noon.

Track down all the hidden dragons and collect the dragon eggs. Defeat the beast of the mountains and earn your Viking helmet. This event is for 4-8 year olds, children must be accompanied by an adult. £6 per child. Booking essential.

Young Adventurers

Hanningfield Reservoir Visitor Centre, Hawkswood Road, Downham, Billericay CM11 1WT
Wednesday 12th April 2017 10am- 2pm

Young Adventurers is for 8-12 year olds who want to get adventurous outdoors. Enjoy making fires, building shelters, tracking animals? Then this is for you! Children may be unaccompanied. £10 per child. Booking essential.

Easter Eggstravaganza – Easter Egg Hunt (Drop-in)

Hanningfield Reservoir Visitor Centre, Hawkswood Road, Downham, Billericay CM11 1WT
Friday 14th April 2017 10am-4pm

The Easter Bunny has been to Hanningfield Reserve and has left some chocolatey treats behind, can you find them? Make an Easter themed craft to take away with you and have a go at some pond dipping. £7 per child.

Mum's favourite recipe – Easter treats with a twist

Simnel Muffins

Ingredients

250g mixed dried fruit
Grated zest and juice 1 medium orange
175g softened butter
175g golden caster sugar
3 eggs beaten
300g self-raising flour
1 tsp mixed spice
½ tsp freshly grated nutmeg
5 tbs milk
175g marzipan
200g icing sugar
2 tbs orange juice for mixing
Mini eggs

Method

Tip the fruit into a bowl, add the zest and juice and microwave on medium for 2 minutes (or leave to soak for 1 hour). Line 12 deep muffin tins with paper muffin cases.

Preheat the oven to fan 180C/ 160C/gas 4. Beat together the butter, sugar, eggs, flour, spices and milk until light and fluffy (about 3-5 minutes) – use a wooden spoon or hand held mixer. Stir the fruit in well.

Half fill the muffin cases with the mixture. Divide the marzipan into 12 equal pieces, roll into balls, then flatten with your thumb to the size of the muffin cases. Put one into each muffin case and spoon the rest of the mixture over it. Bake for 25-30 minutes, until risen, golden and firm to the touch. Leave to cool.

Beat together the icing sugar and orange juice to make icing thick enough to coat the back of a wooden spoon. Drizzle over the muffins and top with a cluster of eggs. Leave to set. Best eaten within a day of making.



Hot Cross Cookies

Ingredients

200g softened butter
plus extra for the trays
100g light muscovado sugar
1 egg
250g plain flour
1 tsp cinnamon
2 tsp baking powder
100g sultanas
200g white chocolate chips

Method

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Lightly butter a few baking trays. In a large bowl, beat together the butter, sugar and egg until smooth. Sift in the flour, cinnamon and baking powder, then combine to make a dough. Add the sultanas and 100g of the white chocolate, and mix to combine. Roll lumps of dough into balls the size of golf balls. Flatten these onto the trays, leaving enough space between each for them to expand. Bake for 10 mins until golden (you may have to do this in batches). Remove the cookies from the trays and cool on wire racks.

Melt the remaining white chocolate in the microwave on low in 20-second bursts. Using a small piping bag or a teaspoon, carefully drizzle a cross on top of each cookie. Leave to set before eating. These cookies can be stored in a cookie jar for up to 3 days.

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Class Reps for the Spring/Summer Term:

Jane Ship – FSLM

Lauren Nicholls - 1H

Liz Proudfoot - 2C

Sarah Roberts - 3R

Kirsty Mountain Akcil - 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 me: Florianne Forte

Occupation: School Business Manager

Most likely to say: Yes please to an Affogato (my favourite dessert)

Least likely to say: No to a nice glass of wine at the end of a long day

Favourite pastime: Gardening (including visiting other gardens, especially the Showborough House Sculpture Garden, which I try to get to each year).

Wish: To go travelling and experience the different lifestyles and cultures in Europe.

Greatest achievement: Raising my two daughters, who are now beginning their own journey as young adults.

Favourite colour: Yellow

The Easter Fayre 2017

This year's Easter Fayre was a chocolate filled, tattoo and face painting Eggstravaganza! The hall and courtyard were filled with fun and giggles whilst the playground was filled with bunny hunting and excitement.



This event is so much fun and the generosity of the chocolate tombola items was again phenomenal, after a worrying few minutes earlier in the week with only 120 items collected for the tombola, we reached nearly 500 by Friday so thank you all very much. The teachers like to man this stall and due to the number of items on the stall, they were with us right until the end at 5pm which is really unusual! Well done to class 4SS and 1C for winning the PTA Easter Egg Hunts for your classes – won for donating the most tombola and raffle items, we hope you have fun.

The raffle hampers looked superb this year and we were grateful to receive some great donations from Marsh Farm and Mace Playce – well done to our 11 winners!

Thank you to the bakers who donated delicious cakes and cookies, the refreshment stall looked fabulous.

Another successful Fayre with over £1000 raised towards the playground.



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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