



Bishop Stopford's School

Brick Lane, Enfield, Middlesex, EN1 3PU

Headteacher: Mrs T. Day BA (Hons), NPQH

December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

At this time of year we are often thinking about Christmas presents and expensive treats, but Christmas need not be about the material things. We know that Jesus was a poor man himself, but was rich in so many other ways. He was rich in love. Christmas is a time for celebration and reflection and as we draw to the end of another great term, we are assured that our community is one rich in love, supported through strong collaboration, leading to wonderful achievements.

Spreading joy and goodwill

It was a shame that our Christmas Community Service was cancelled due to poor weather, but our students have nevertheless been able to get out into the community. Singing and celebrations are an important part of Christmas and carols remind us of the importance of the birth of Christ, but also the importance of living our everyday lives through strong Christian values of respect, consideration, responsibility, loyalty and above all love. On Wednesday 7th December, you may well have seen our choir out and about in Enfield singing carols. I am told that the singing was so beautiful that some members of the general public were brought to tears. On Friday 9th December our choir and worship team visited a local care home to spread the spirit of Christmas to the elderly, helping to prompt memories through music. As well as bringing tears of joy to Enfield and precious memories of Christmas past, our students were also able to raise money for 'Crisis at Christmas' which is a very worthy charity supporting the homeless.

Support during the holiday

We know that with the cost of living crisis and the increase in energy prices mean some families may find the Christmas period difficult. All those in receipt of Free School Meals will receive an eCode Payment Voucher for the Christmas holidays – this is £40. The e-code will be issued by Edenred and will be sent to your e-mail address. Please note this code must be redeemed by Friday 13th January 2023 (it cannot be reissued) but the supermarket voucher can be spent after this date. If you have any queries please contact the school by e-mail

generaloffice@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk or 07401 360043.

This voucher is from the Household Support Grant which the local authority issues on behalf of the Department of Work and Pensions.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) Winter 2022

This is a DfE funded programme running in Enfield between 19th – 23rd December and 28th – 30th December 2022. Children and Young People in receipt of benefits related free school meals can receive up to 4 days of free fun and food across Enfield. Each day will include a nutritious hot meal, snacks and a selection of activities ranging from football and swimming to trips out and cooking. For further details please go to <https://youthenfield.taptub.co.uk/centre/get-active-and-tuck-in/> or [Home - Enfield Council \(hafenfield.co.uk\)](http://Home - Enfield Council (hafenfield.co.uk)). A poster is attached to the end of this letter

Organisations for Support Throughout the Christmas Period

Remember that you are never alone and can lean on a number of different organisations throughout this period if you are struggling. Websites for these organisations can be found attached to this letter.

End of Term Arrangements and Return to School in January, 2022

- Our last day of term is **Friday, 16th December**.
- The students will leave the premises between **12.00pm and 12.30pm**.

Spring Term Arrangements

We look forward to our return to school in the New Year on **Tuesday 3rd January 2023**. Students **will arrive at 9.30am** and attend registration with their form tutors. Lessons will then return to normal from Lesson 2. This will facilitate a staff training session to further develop staff professional development and continue to raise standards in our teaching. We will be returning to a week 1 timetable. Please do ensure that your child arrives on time and that they are well prepared for the year ahead with correct uniform and the required equipment to facilitate learning.

Finally, I would like to wish all of the Bishop Stopford's family, present with us, absent from us, or gone forth among us, a very merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Day', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mrs Day, Headteacher
BA (Hons), NPQH

Food Banks

Listed below is some useful information on food banks within the Enfield Area: -

North Enfield Food Bank

Address: 2, Jubilee Central, Lumina Way, Enfield EN1 1FS

Phone: 07826 542119

Solidarity Food Point

Address: Great Cambridge Rd, London N9 9LE

Phone: 020 8245 8482

The Trussell Trust Food Bank

Address: 2 Lumina Way, Enfield EN1 1FS

Phone: 07826 542119

<https://www.itsgoodtwotalk.co.uk>

<https://www.childline.co.uk>

<https://www.kooth.com>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

<http://www.bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk/well-being-2/>