



Bishop Stopford's School

Brick Lane, Enfield, Middlesex, EN1 3PU

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

December 2023

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

Our Christmas Community Service on 13th December was a joyous event bringing the school community together. Students from our local primary schools attended and performed, and our own choir displayed their singing talent, spreading joy, love and goodwill for Christmas. Speeches were given by our staff members and students. After the service everyone gathered together and shared Christmas cheer. A wonderful celebration was had by all!

Christmas Celebrations from our Choir (see the school's website)

We are delighted to announce that there will be a wonderful display of songs from our choir on the school's website for you to view, so please click on this link <https://www.bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk/> and enjoy the joy they bring over Christmas.

Newsletter

For highlights of events and information, view our school's newsletter on our website.

<https://www.bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk/newsletter/>

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 should of received an eCode Payment Voucher for the Christmas holidays – this is £55. The e-code is issued by Edenred and will have been sent to your e-mail address. Please note this code must be redeemed by Sunday 14th January 2024 (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.

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

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, 2024

- Our last day of term is **Wednesday, 20th December**.
- The students will leave the premises from 12.15pm

Spring Term Arrangements

We look forward to our return to school in the New Year on **Monday, 8th January 2024**. 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', written in a cursive style.

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/>