

Christmas Newsletter

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The half term has been action packed again—the children have been working exceptionally hard in all their lessons and have been rewarded this last week with lots of fun Christmas activities.

We would both like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for all their hard work this term and hope they have a good rest over Christmas! We would also like to thank all the parents and families for supporting the school so well over the past weeks—again it is much appreciated.

We hope you all have a peaceful Christmas and looking forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.



Miss Brownhall
(Head of School)

Mr Hetherington
(Executive Headteacher)



ATTENDANCE

You may have seen Bishop Lonsdale on Channel 4 news last week. Our Year 6 Attendance Ambassadors were interviewed and talked about the fantastic work everyone at school is doing to improve school attendance.

Attendance this academic year is 95% which is currently slightly above the national average for primary school attendance.

Well done!

Remember we are aiming for a whole school attendance of 98%.

Merry Christmas from the REUSE TEAM

Thank you for all your support this year!



RECYCLING CLOTHING

Remember we have a clothes bank at the front of school near the gate. If you are having a sort out over the holiday, please support 'Children's Air Ambulance' and pop it in the bank in the New Year.

If you have any spare wellingtons or coats we would be grateful for them to use in school.

We also have our uniform shop where you can donate clothes to and take away.

Thank you for your fantastic support with all the above so far this year!

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

There will be a new club timetable in January. Letters will come out during the first week back. The only club that will take place during the first week is gymnastics club on Friday for the children who have been going throughout the Autumn term. All other clubs will begin on the week beginning Monday 13th January 2025.



FREE FAMILY EVENTS

It was great to see so many of you at Family Bingo. Congratulations to all those who won prizes. We look forward to seeing you at our next free family event, 'Winter Olympics' in the New Year. All prizes will help keep you warm in Winter!



GOING FOR GREEN

Today your child will be bringing home their 'Attitudes to Learning' report. The aim is to achieve all green. If you would like to discuss the report over the phone with your child's class teacher, please contact the office to arrange an appointment in the new year.



FOOD BANK
If you know of anyone who may benefit from a local food bank over the Christmas period please see the link below for more information.

<https://derbycitylifelinks.org.uk/food-banks-derby/>



SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns about a child over the Christmas holiday, you are able to **confidentially** call Derby City Council Social Care on 01332 641172 or visit <https://www.derby.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/safeguarding-children/>

If you wish to contact the school regarding a safeguarding matter please e-mail safeguarding@bishoplonsdale.derby.sch.uk

GOVERNOR NEWS

The Governing Board is now known as the Local Academy Committee (LAC). We would like to welcome three new members to the Bishop Lonsdale LAC, Fiona Lingard (Trust Governor), Ozlem Yilmaz (Parent Governor) and Father Peter Jackson (Ex-Officio).

It was wonderful to see the church so full and hear the children sing so well on Wednesday.

Thank you for all that you and the staff have done this year. We hope that you all enjoy a happy and peaceful Christmas.



Merry Christmas