



Newsletter

16th December 2022

This is our last newsletter of the half term. As next week is a short week, we will celebrate the events in our first newsletter of the new year.

We would like to invite you to our final assembly of the term, which is due to be held at 2pm in the Chapel on Wednesday, 21st December.

During this assembly we will enjoy a short nativity play, which will be performed by senior pupils, and we hope to welcome back our 'leavers' from last year to present them with their GCSE certificates.

We anticipate that this will last around an hour. Children will be expected to help with tidying up before being permitted to leave at the usual time.

We thank you all for your support over the half term and wish you a joyful, restful Christmas break.

CAROL SERVICE – TONIGHT

Our Y10 pupils will be serving complimentary refreshments from 6.30pm although there will be a donation bucket to raise money for the Y11 Leavers Assembly that they are organising for next summer.

We are looking forward to welcoming guests for our Carol Service tonight. The evening is a collaboration with the members of Takeley Chapel, with carols, music and readings.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – NEW DATE – Monday 19th December 2022

Monday afternoon is our Christmas bazaar; for pupils wishing to shop, please send them in with a carrier bag for their shopping. There will be a voluntary donation collection box. This can be cash or BACS (reference Bazaar).

Thank you to everyone who has donated items or volunteered their time to help. Linda.

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Today our Y10 pupils sold hot chocolate and delicious homemade cookies for the final time this term. Thank you to everyone who supported them in this fundraising initiative. The money they have raised will go towards the Y11s Leavers Assembly that they are organising for next summer.

ECO TEAM & ART DEPARTMENT COMPETITION:

Different Viewpoints:

Submit a photo of the natural world, taken from the viewpoint of an insect, bird or mammal. Your photo must capture how the subject looks from the perspective of the animal.

Take and submit your photo during the Christmas Holiday 2022-23

Photos will only be considered if they have been submitted to the TCST Competitions Google classroom.

Deadline for entry is Monday 9th January.

First Prize - £15 voucher

Second Prize - £10 voucher

Third Prize - £5 voucher

GOOD LUCK!

Thank you to our sponsor for donating the prizes for this competition.



LOCAL PRODUCE AVAILABLE

We have locally produced eggs and honey available to buy in our Reception. Stocks are replenished every Wednesday (Term time). Cash only please.

A jar of honey - £6.00

6 free range eggs - £2.00

Beautiful beeswax candles - £4.00 for two.



YEAR 7 & 8 COOKERY

The term's cookery lessons for our Y7 and Y8 pupils finished with them making these incredible chocolate yule logs.



ONLINE SAFETY

With online accessible devices being one of the highest requested Christmas gifts, keeping children safe online is a challenge. In conjunction with the National Online Safety #WakeUpWednesday initiative, we regularly share guides via our newsletter and as well as saving the information in the parent section of our school website. This week the guide is "What Parents Need to Know about Setting Up Apps, Games and Software". Scroll to the end of the newsletter to click on the pdf link.

NEW PLAYGROUND SHELTER

One of our alumni pupils went on from TCST to train as a carpenter. He has returned to build fencing, our raised planter, our play pyramid and now a new shelter. Thank you, Ben!



ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY:

The recent events in Solihull are heart-breaking; the children, their families, community and emergency services have all been in our prayers and thoughts.

Tragically highlighting the dangers of playing on frozen water we felt it important to share a guide written by the Royal Life Saving Society. Please scroll to the bottom of the newsletter to click on the link. Please do take the time to read it and share their guidance with loved ones.

PE Gymnastics wasn't like this in my day!

The writer grew up in an era of wall bars and ropes. Nothing as interesting as learning how to safely do this:



Blessing:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

You can also support the school via Easyfundraising, AmazonSmile or PayPal using the QR code:





LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW

Should we receive more bad weather over the winter, we will advise you of school closure via a School alert. Please ensure pupils have suitable clothing for the cold weather – a warm layer under their school uniform, a coat, hat, gloves, and a change of footwear. Thank you to everyone who shared images of their fun in the snow on Monday:



First Day of Term is Monday 9th January 2023

Friday 6 th January 2023	Staff Training Day
Monday 9 th January	Pupils return to school
9 th January	Functional Skills Maths (Y10 & Y11)
10 th January	Function Skills English (Y10 & Y11)
12 th January	Upper Seniors Parents Evening (Y10 & Y11) -
1 st February	Intermediate Mathematical Challenge
9 th February	Junior Pupil Consultations (Y2 – Y6)
13 th to 17 th February	Half Term Holiday
February – TBC	Launch of Tenner Challenge
Week of 20 th February	Midyear Senior Reports (Y7 to Y11)
22 nd February	Lower Senior Parents Evening (Y7, Y8 & Y9)
Monday 2 nd March	World Book Day

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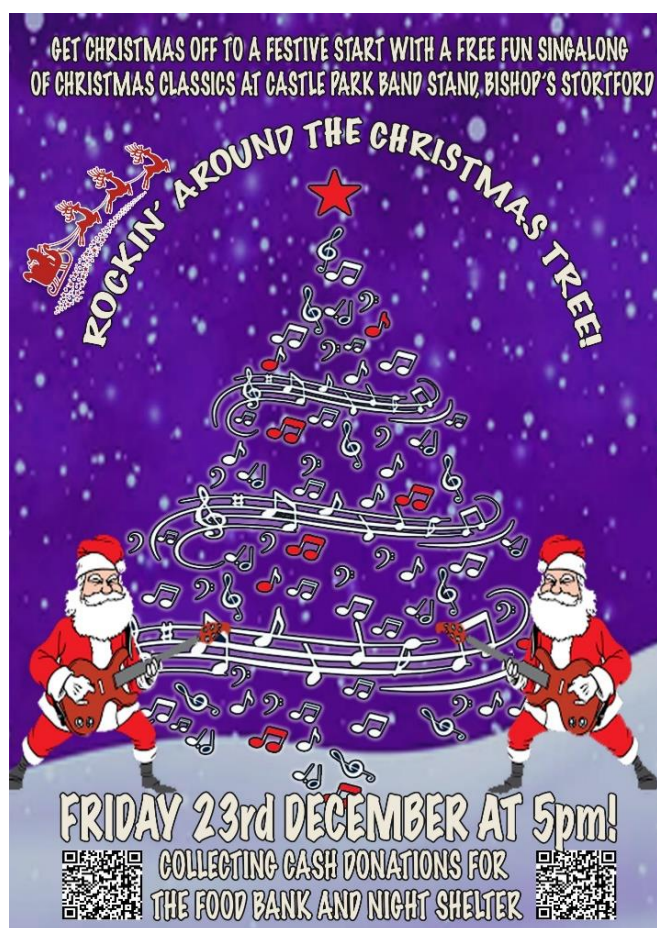
Christmas Shopping

**3.30PM TO 5.30PM
TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER 2022**

*Give a donation to visit with Santa.
20% off donated goods in store while Santa is here.
We will also have raffles, lucky dips, and tombola.*

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GET CHRISTMAS OFF TO A FESTIVE START WITH A FREE FUN SINGALONG
OF CHRISTMAS CLASSICS AT CASTLE PARK BAND STAND, BISHOP'S STORTFORD

ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE!

FRIDAY 23rd DECEMBER AT 5pm!

COLLECTING CASH DONATIONS FOR
THE FOOD BANK AND NIGHT SHELTER