Dear Families, 17.10.19

**Bishop Nick**

We are delighted to announce that [The Right Reverend Nick Baines](http://www.leeds.anglican.org/content/nick-baines-0), who became the first Bishop of Leeds in June 2014, will visit Whinmoor St. Paul’s on Friday November 8th 2019. This is a great honour for our school and we are really grateful that Bishop Nick has prioritised our community within his very busy schedule. We have asked Bishop Nick join us at 9am, tour our school, meet our children and staff and then at 10.15am Bishop Nick will lead Worship/Assembly. Families are very welcome to join us. Our children will sing and lead prayers during the Worship. We envisage it lasting around 30 minutes.

**Punctuality:**

Thank you to all the families who ensure their children are on time every morning, ready for a great start to the day. It really is important that children are punctual. The doors open at 8.40am, the bell rings at 8.45am and learning begins straight away. Early morning learning involves developing essential skills like reading, writing, maths and basic skills practise. We also use this time to support children in preparation for learning that will take place later in the day or to go over work they may have found challenging the day before. By arriving late, children really do miss out on so much learning time and it can disrupt the class if the teacher has to keep going back over missed work. We therefore ask for your support in ensuring your children get to school on time.

**Keeping safe online**

In school we regularly spend time talking to our children about keeping safe online. We are currently in the process of updating our Personal, Social and Health Education policy to reflect more content around this massive area. Please talk to your children and regularly check that they are following all the guidelines around safe internet use. Parents and carers may find the following link useful to support their own awareness of safe internet use:

 <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

**Message from Mrs. Lindley:**

As part of our exciting music curriculum, Reception Class and Key Stage One had a magical time watching the Manic Chord Theatre group perform ‘Skylar’s Lost Note’. The children were mesmerised by the live piano performance and joined in confidently with the beat of the Bubble Wrap rap. They followed Skylar on her journey to find her missing note, listening to the different sounds created by the world around them. During the workshops, Years 1 and 2 had the opportunity to work with a professional musician and performer to build on the learning from their class music lessons and develop their understanding of beat, tempo and dynamics through practical activities and songs.

**Message from Miss Emmerson:**

As part of our link with ‘Active Schools’ (working city wide with Leeds City Council to offer quality PE to all our children) we are delighted to be able to offer free Judo taster sessions for Reception to Year 6 children next month. These sessions will take place on November 7th for Reception, Years 1, 2, and 3 and on November 15th for Years 4, 5 and 6. The company is called Destination Judo and each class will be given a 30 minute slot. Children will wear their PE kits whilst participating.

**A Star is Born**

A number of our children are performing ‘A Star Is Born’ through Wellington Hill Showgroup at The Community Centre, Ringwood Drive, between Monday 28th October and Saturday 2nd November. Tickets cost £4.50 for W.H.R.A Members or £5 for Non Members. £4 for Children and seniors. To order tickets please contact Sandra Williams on 0113 2737468 or 07933270475.

**Dates for the Diary:**

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| Friday 15th November – PTA Ladies Night |
| Friday 6th December – School Christmas Fair |
| Thursday 12th December – Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance – 10am Y1/2 Christmas play in the afternoon |
| Monday 16th December – Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Performance– 2pm.Year 5 & Year 6 Christingle – 5pm. |
| Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Disco/ Party Day for our children. |
| Thursday 19th December – School Carol Service – 2.15 pm. |

**Blue for Loo Day – Friday 18th October**

We are really excited about a new opportunity to help raise money for a fantastic cause! Our School Council were sent information from a charity (Tear Fund) about ‘Toilet Twinning.’ It explained that one in three people worldwide do not have somewhere safe, private or hygienic to go to the toilet. So, we decided to do something about it! For every £60 we raise, our school is then twinned with a toilet in an area of the world where they do not have access to sanitation or water. School will then receive a certificate of the toilet that they have twinned with to display around school. In order to help us raise funds towards our twinning toilets initiative, our School Councillors are going to hold a bake sale tomorrow. Each item will cost 50p and all proceeds will go directly to the charity. In addition to this, we are asking children to come dressed in something ‘Blue for the Loo,’ again for a donation of 50p. This could be anything from a blue top and trousers to just a blue bobble! We really hope that, as a community, we can help support those in need and ‘twin’ with as many toilets as possible!

**School Governor**

As a result of our Parent Governor Election letters which were sent out earlier this month, we are delighted to announce that Vanessa Schrompf will be our new Parent Governor. Vanessa has a child in our school and also teaches the after school dance classes. I am sure she will be a great asset to our Governing Body.

**Apprentice**

We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to Mr Jake Sandford, who will be joining our staff as an Apprentice Support Assistant. He has been taken on as our very first apprentice and will commence his studies shortly.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Miss McBride