



FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018

BITTERLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY 2 - 11

### Dates

11/12/18 – KS2 play afternoon performance, 1.30pm  
 12/12/18 – KS2 play evening performance, 6.00pm  
 13/12/18 – C1, 2, 3 Theatre trip, Courtyard Theatre, Hereford  
 14/12/18 – Class 1 Nativity Service in school, 10.00am  
 14/12/18 – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day  
 18/12/18 – Christmas lunch  
 19/12/18 – Christmas Craft Day  
 20/12/18 – End of term  
 21/12/18 – 6/1/19 – Christmas holiday  
 7/1/19 – Start of spring term  
 18/2/19 to 22/2/19 – Half term  
 15/4/19 to 26/4/19 – Easter holidays  
 6/5/19 – Bank holiday  
 27/5/19 to 31/5/19 – Half term  
 19/7/19 End of term

### Values

*We are a Christian Values based school. We create an environment in which children love to learn, where they drive the choices made about their learning and where they develop social and relationship skills which will last throughout their lives. Our value for December is Joy.*

### Diarrhoea & vomiting

*We have had several cases of children being ill and off school with diarrhoea and vomiting. Please could all parents and carers ensure that their child remains off school for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea and vomiting in line with NHS guidelines.*

### After school clubs

*Next week will be the last week that after school clubs run this term apart from Tag Rugby which will have its' last session on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December.*

### School Christmas dinner

*On Tuesday 18th December we will be having our school*

*Christmas dinner and all children will be served a traditional Christmas roast dinner and pudding for the usual price of £2.30. Please let Mrs. Rennel or Mrs. Parry in the school office know if your child DOES NOT want a school dinner on that day and will be bringing sandwiches instead. Please let the school know by Friday 14th December to help with catering. Thank you. **Your child is very welcome to wear any sort of Christmas hat to the lunch!***



### Christmas lunch menu

*Roast turkey with chipolatas, stuffing balls & gravy or:*

*Parsnip & cranberry flan (v), served with:*

*Roast & creamed potatoes, carrots, sprouts & garden peas*

*Followed by:*

*Festive pudding & custard, chocolate log slice, Christmas tree cookies, fruit salad & yoghurts*

## Thank You

On behalf of the PTA I would like to thank everyone who contributed and helped towards our annual Christmas Craft Fair, which took place last Saturday. It was a great success and we have had some great feedback from people who attended. The focus on craft activities really went down well with the children.

Once again we were greatly supported by the local business community, whose contributions towards donations for the raffle and for sale were excellent. A particular thanks goes to the Shakespeare family who kindly printed the raffle tickets for us again this year as their donation towards the event.

This event raised £2,200 which is fantastic! Money raised will be put towards enhancing the children's learning experience at school. Over the past year funds raised by the PTA have paid for pantomime tickets and transport costs to the pantomime, pottery experience sessions, contributed towards the beautiful mural on the amphitheatre, class materials and trips etc.. So with funds raised from Saturday's Christmas Fair we will be able to continue to contribute towards these extra learning experiences for the children for the forthcoming year.

Thank you all again. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Victoria Di Marco - Chair, PTA

## Head lice

Could we please ask all parents and carers to check their child's hair and treat if appropriate as we have a few cases of head lice in the school. Thank you.

## KS2 Craft Club

Mrs. Wilson's Craft after school club is now full for the spring term.

## Guitar lessons

Mr. Ashford, our guitar teacher was planning to hold a guitar assembly on the last week of term. He has been off sick so this will have been postponed until next year (date to be advised). Children receiving guitar lessons will have a makeup lesson on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

## Thank you

Many thanks to Mrs. Chivers who took the time to take away our pots and fire them.



## Christmas Jumper day

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December we are raising money for Save the Children. Your child can come to school wearing any sort of Christmas jumper in return for a donation for Save the Children.

## Number, sound, shape and colour of the week for Class 1

For week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> December; 1, k, hexagon, green.

## Star of the Week

Class 1: Milo for great focus in our number plate activity.

Class 2: Noah for his super sounding out in our independent writing!

Class 3: Hector for his excellent performance of the Little Red Robin.

Class 4: Kelsey for being so helpful and thoughtful in class and for running the class stall at the Christmas Fair.

Class 5: Oliver for super grammatical knowledge in English.



## Children's page

"I liked learning with the dinosaurs. We read a story about the Christmas dinosaur!" Archel, Class 2.

"We sewed Christmas trees. It was fun!" Fliss, Class 3.

"This week we have been practicing our Christmas play. We have also been testing to see if water, perfume and air freshener evaporate in science. It has been very exciting". Daniel, Class 5.



## Birthdays

Today we celebrated the birthday of Callen.

## Violin assembly

This morning we held a violin assembly for parents of children receiving violin lessons to come and watch. Led by Mrs. Pearmain, the assembly was lovely and the children played brilliantly. Well done to all of them!



### Achievement Assembly

*Well done to Lola who was awarded her Rainbow 25m swimming badge.*

*Congratulations to Brooke who has been awarded her British Gymnastics Level 8 Proficiency awards.*

*Well done to Oliver who received his Swimmer of the Week award for "Fantastic back crawl and sculling".*



### Dinner money arrears

*Please ensure that any dinner money owing is paid by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December up until the end of term. Thank you.*