

Bushbury Lane Academy Times



NEWSLETTER

Issue 6 December 2018

Welcome to December's Newsletter. In school we have all been very busy preparing for Christmas Celebrations: our Church Service, Nursery & Reception Nativity Play, and also making Christmas cards and crafts in the classrooms.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

Our children in Nursery and Reception gave a lovely performance of their Nativity play on Wednesday 19th December for parents. Following the performance, we sold refreshments and parents also had the opportunity to buy photographs of the children in their costumes.



The Christmas Fayre was a great success. We took a fantastic **£746.00!!** Thank you to all who donated bottles, cakes, and chocolate, and also to everyone who attended and made it such a memorable event!



The Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 11th December was enjoyed by all. A big "Thank You" to the Catering team for putting on a fantastic spread!

Our Christmas celebration at Church of the Epiphany was enjoyed by all. The children spoke and sang beautifully, and the Staff singing Do They Know It's Christmas was the surprise highlight of the morning!!

TIME TO SAY "GOODBYE"

We bid a fond farewell to the following members of staff who are leaving us at the end of term to take up new roles.

Mrs Taylor—Year 4 teacher

Miss Hepper—Year 5 teacher

We wish them all the best for the future!

ATTENDANCE

The winning class for the highest attendance last half term was:

YEAR 4 - 96.3%

Well done Year 4!

keep up the good work!

PUNCTUALITY - please ensure your child arrives on time and are in school before 9.00am. We had an excellent start to the new school year with very few children being late. Unfortunately the lates are now on the increase. The Education Welfare Service have been informed and they will be doing some "Late Gates" in the near future

ATTENDANCE - is currently at 95% for the whole school. We are looking to achieve 96% and beyond. Please ensure that your child attends school every day.

HEADLICE

We have had a lot of cases of **head lice** in school recently. Please ensure that you check your child's hair regularly. If your child does have head lice, advice from the NHS School Nursing Team is: Use lots of conditioner (any cheap one will do) and comb through with a head lice comb to remove any eggs or lice. You will need to repeat this process several times. Ask your pharmacist for advice if you have tried wet combing for 2 weeks, but your child still has head lice or nits—they may recommend using medicated lotions and sprays. There's nothing you can do to prevent them but you can reduce the risk of lice spreading by avoiding head-to-head contact. **Your child does NOT need to stay off school if they have head lice.**



TEACHERS' CORNER / SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Poppy Appeal.

It was lovely to see the children wearing their poppies with pride and keen to buy poppy souvenirs. The children also enjoyed a special menu in honour of the WW1 Armistice Centenary.



Another big "Thank you" to everyone who supported our recent Harvest appeal. All donated food was given to the Good Shepherd for the Homeless in Wolverhampton—they were very grateful for your generosity!!

Reverend Jennie from Church of the Epiphany came and gave a lovely service for the children in the hall.

We had a "Wear spots and stripes" day for Children in Need last week. We raised a fabulous £135.00! Thanks to all who donated. (A reminder that if children take part in the special non-uniform days, then they must bring in a donation. If you do not to donate, your child must come to school in normal uniform). Thanks



Two of our children were recently chosen to represent our school on the Lord Mayor's Christmas card. They went to Bantock Park with Mrs Benton for a photo shoot!

COLLECTING CHILDREN

IMPORTANT: If someone other than the normal person is collecting your child from school, please notify the office or class teacher and give a password.

Parents of the child being collected **must** notify the office, (not the nominated person who will be collecting).

Children will not be released unless notification and a password is given. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

REMINDERS

Please park considerately when bringing/collecting your child to/from school—
PLEASE DO NOT block people's drives along the Stafford Road, or park on zig zags outside the school gate. We advise anyone who has a complaint regarding this to take car registrations and advise the police or Wolverhampton Council.
Thank you for your co-operation with this.

There are still a lot of parents who have not yet signed up to our Scopay online payment and booking system. All payments to school; trips, dinner money etc, and breakfast club bookings must be made via Scopay.

Please see the office if you need log in details.

Dinner Money arrears: We still have a lot of parents with outstanding dinner money debts. Please ensure that all arrears are cleared as soon as possible to avoid further action. Statements will be coming out to all parents who owe money for dinners to the school. Please make payments via our online payment system, Scopay.

A reminder that dinner money is payable in advance or one the day. Thanks for your co-operation,

Our new breakfast club is proving very popular. However, numbers are limited and you **MUST** book places for your child **at least 48 hours IN ADVANCE** online via Scopay, or places can be booked via the office if online booking is not available due to insufficient notice. Please don't just turn up on the day, or your child will be turned away. Breakfast will only be served until 8.30am, so if you would like your child to have some, please ensure you arrive well before this time.

NOTICEBOARD



If you have any small (ages 3–6) pants/socks/tights etc that you can donate to school for our Nursery and Reception classes to keep as spares in case of accidents, please bring them either into the office or directly to the Nursery and Reception Classes.
Thanks!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Break up for Christmas Holiday
 INSET Day
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 Children return to School
 Sleeping Beauty Pantomime
 Break up for Half Term
 Children return to school

Thursday 20th December 2018
 Friday 21st December 2018
 Monday 7th January 2019
 Tuesday 8th January 2019
 Wednesday 9th January 2019
 Friday 15th February 2019
 Monday 25th February 2019

CHRISTMAS FUN

Have a go at this Christmas Tree
 Wordsearch! The words listed can
 be found somewhere in the tree!



Christmas Tree

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    H Y H
  M R H K O
S A I G D G A
V G G R E E N H F
  I W O X R
  N C B R C E N
S A A G N I T B R
S U A L C A T N A S N
  B D X M E I P
  Y O J Q E M W D S
  P G U S T N E S E R P
A L B G P W T N M K W Q F
  C H R I S T M A S
  O M S U N T R E E N W
  Z N C D E K H D X J O V D
B G Z U R R L G I C V W R V F
  P X M A E I Y Q H K U
  M R M G W G L H D V K N E
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| Angel | Green | Ornaments | Tree |
| Boughs | Joy | Presents | Twinkle |
| Christmas | Lights | Santa Claus | Winter |
| Excitement | Magical | Snow | |

AND FINALLY.....

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing the children back in school refreshed and ready to learn on Tuesday 8th January!