



St Peter's CE Primary School

Bratton

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is an extremely busy week as we prepare for the end of term and have our various Advent and Christmas celebrations.

We have tried to map out all the events of next week as clearly as possible. However, if you are unclear about anything please talk to members of staff on the doors or contact the office by phone or email.

I hope you all enjoy the various events that are going on next week.

Best wishes,

Mark Davis  
Head Teacher

*Thought for the week: Advent Week 3 (Joy) Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day. Henri J M Nouwen*

## UPDATES AND INFORMATION

### **Panto**

We had a super visit to the pantomime this week.

Thanks for all those who avoided Squirrel Meadow as we asked. It did help significantly, but we still had a car parked on the roundabout, with no one around who we could ask to move it. This meant the biggest buses couldn't turn around. Thank you to everyone who did as we asked, it's really appreciated.

### **Events during the last week of term:**

We have lots of events in the final week of term, please come and join the ones that apply to you if you are able to.

Notes for all our events:

We allow families to take pictures and videos of their children. Please zoom in so that you only capture your child. This is also based on the understanding that these are for personal use and not put on social

media or shared using social media based messaging. As long as everyone keeps to these rules we can continue to allow pictures and videos to be taken.

There will be a collection bucket at each event. There is no obligation to give anything. However, if you are able to put something in the collection it is appreciated. The money will go towards: paying the venues we use for the costs they incur in hosting us – such as heat and light, contributions towards the costumes for the nativity performances and meeting the costs of the Christingle event on Friday.

### **Tuesday:**

Key Stage 2 Carol Service (Years 3,4,5,6) at All Saints Church, Wellington:

For the first time, we are having a carol service. We wanted to invite families along and because of this we had to find a suitable venue. So, in January 2019 we booked All Saints Wellington for this event.

The services will take place at 10am for classes in side 1 and 1.30pm for classes in side 2. Due to coach shuttle runs, we can't be exact that we will begin on time. However, if we are all there early, we will not begin before the advertised times. Please come and join us. If your child is not in Key Stage 2 yet, but you would like to come along in support of our school, you are most welcome.

The children will be sitting downstairs. Adults need to use the seating upstairs, where you will get a really good view. If you are unable to go upstairs, please let our Years 6 stewards (who will be on the door) know and they will direct you to some reserved seating downstairs.

Children need to be in school uniform. If they have PE on the alternate part of the day, they should come in what they need to wear for the morning and bring the change of clothes they need for the afternoon session.

If you have withdrawn your child from collective worship, they won't go to this event and they will join another class at school.

### **Wednesday:**

Reception nativity - 9:30am – Families are welcomed to the Reception nativity. The event begins at 9.30am. Doors will open just prior to 9.30am.

If you have withdrawn your child from collective worship, they won't go to this event and they will join another class at school.

Pupil Christmas dinner also takes place today.

This year as part of our Advent preparations we are holding our first Advent Trail in school. After school on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December we would like to welcome the whole school community to join us in celebrating the different parts of the Christmas story. In the hall there will be a number of stations and at each station there is information about a different part of the Christmas story and then an activity linked with that part of the story. We would love to welcome as many people as possible to join us. Please meet in the school hall at the end of the day – using the playground entrance.

### **Thursday:**

We are going to try organising the Nativity performance at High Ercall Church a little differently this year. The Nativity is always well attended and can be extremely crowded which has meant that it becomes difficult for the audience to see all the action and also for children to move along the aisles freely.

We will be having 2 performances:

1E1 and 2E1 are invited to the performance beginning at 9:30

1E2 and 2E2 are invited to the performance at 10:45

If you are unable to attend at the specified performance, please discuss this with your child's class teacher as we would like to keep an overview of the audience size expected.

The children will have a brief rest between the performances so unfortunately, we will not be able to admit you into the church earlier than the time specified.

We will open the doors once the children are in the church and seated, so that we can open as much seating to you as possible. We ask that you do leave promptly at the end, so that we can get ready for the second performance or return to school.

We ask that parents please don't use the car parking spaces outside the church unless you have a disabled badge.

If you have withdrawn your child from collective worship, they won't go to this event and they will join another class at school.

### **Friday:**

We are having a Christingle event on the final day of term. You can find out more about Christingle at <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-you-can-do/fundraising-and-events/celebrate-christingle>

During the morning, children will be making Christingles and will take part in a service in school during the afternoon – half of the school in each service. Due to space, we are not able to invite families along to this event.

Traditionally with Christingle, children have collection boxes to collect money for The Children's Society. However, we've completed a lot of fund raising this term already and so we are not going to send home these boxes. If you want to make a donation directly, you can do so by clicking the link above and following the red 'donate' box in the top right-hand corner of the web page.

If you have withdrawn your child from collective worship, they will take part in making a Christingle and learning about Christingle during the morning, but will not take part in the service during the afternoon. If you are in doubt or wish to modify what your child takes part in, please let your child's class teacher know before the end of Tuesday.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

It has been lovely seeing everyone dressed in their Christmas jumpers and accessories today. You have raised £237.90 for Save the Children. Thank you for your kind generosity.



**Save the  
Children**  
CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY

## True Meaning of Christmas

Thank you to all the children who entered the true meaning of Christmas competition. It has been wonderful having their creations on display in school to remind us of the true meaning. We have had lots of wonderful comments about them.

This week the governors judged the entries and we can reveal that the winners are:

Key Stage 1: Benjamin Bradford-Follows

Key Stage 2: Maddison Lee

Well done to all the children who entered you have really helped inspired people and show them the true meaning of Christmas.

Thank you

RE Ambassadors





## Lunchtime Adventures!

Another fun Friday lunchtime today exploring our outdoor space! We have been skipping, balancing, playing team games, colouring club and more!



## UPDATES FROM THE CLASSES

### Reception

Our reception team have attached their latest newsletter, please take a look at what the children have been up to.

## Year 4 update

This term we have been immersing ourselves into the world of Ancient Egyptians. We have been making canopic jars using clay and papier maché. In addition, we have enjoyed learning about the process of mummification and have embalmed apples. During Computing, we have decided a quiz using Scratch to help others learn their times tables. Whilst in English, we have developed our own stories based on The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. It has been fun creating our own villain and fantastical creatures. In keeping with the election, we have also studied democracy and learnt why people vote.



## STUDENT SUCCESS

Alyssa in year 3 recently qualified for the world street dance championships which was held this weekend, she went on to win the competition! Well done Alyssa!



Betty, in year 5, had great success this week with a karate grading pass and currently being brown belt white strip with a red tag. On the way to black belt!

Also she did her first keyboard exam and gained 95per cent. Below is a great karate pic of her prior to her exam channelling her aggression!!



## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 3-6 Carol service – All Saints Church Wellington – 3S1, 4S1, 5W1, 6W1 10:00am 3S2, 4S2, 5W2, 6W2 1:30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity – School 9:30am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Pupil Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Trail 3:15pm in school
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity – High Ercall Church 1E1 and 2E1 9:30am, 1E2 and 2E2 10:45am
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term starts