



St Peter's CE Primary School

Bratton

NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is racing along and there are only 2 weeks left until Christmas, where has the time gone?

We keep working right up to Christmas, but have also been hard at work practicing songs and plays. There has been some wonderful singing around school going on.

There is important information about photography at school events in the newsletter this week – so please make sure you are familiar with this before the events.

We have also sent out information about the pantomime trip on Tuesday. As parents will appreciate, we have about 380 children to get safely off buses and back to parents in the dark. Therefore, it will really help us if you avoid parking in Squirrel Meadow on Tuesday for collection after the pantomime. The playgrounds will be open for you wait on, along with the gate onto the Silkin Way. If parents can wait on playgrounds, rather than in Squirrel Meadow, it will help us get your children back to you more quickly.

Best wishes,

Mark Davis

Head Teacher

Thought for the week: Advent Week 2 (Peace) - Peace is its own reward. Gandhi

UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Photographs at school events:

As all the school Christmas events are fast approaching, I thought it would be helpful to share information ahead of time about photographs.

We do have children in school who cannot have their photograph taken, for various reasons. Rather than prohibit photographs at school events, we are going to continue with similar rules as last year.

Therefore, these are our rules around photographs and videos at school events:

- You can take photographs or videos of your own child only. Please zoom in on your child, excluding those surrounding them.

- The photographs and videos are not to be shared on any form of social media – including Facebook, Whatsapp, Twitter. If you need to send these to family or friends, please use email and attach the file.

If everyone follows these rules, we can continue to allow photography at school events. We may prohibit anyone who break the rules from future events or if a number of parents do so, stop photography all together – we do not want to do either of these.

Mr Davis

Safeguarding Squad update.

This week we have been harvesting information on apps and games that children might be using at home. As a group, we discussed what each app allows the user to do, the risks to children and age restrictions. Over the next week we will be producing guides for parents about popular apps and how to help your child make smart tech choices at home. We learnt that Tik Tok, Instagram and Snap Chat all have age restrictions of 13+. WhatsApp has increased it's age restriction to 16 and YouTube accounts are for 18+ or 13+ if under the guidance of parents. Peer pressure is the main reason why children want to have these apps or unsuitable PEGI rating games. It is important to have open discussions with your children about what they are accessing and reminding them about safe and responsible use. Attached is a useful article for setting up new phones or other devices so that your child can use them safely, happily and responsibly.

Advent Trail

This year as part of our Advent preparations we are holding our first Advent Trail in school. After school on Wednesday 18th 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.

Thank you

RE Ambassadors

UPDATES FROM THE CLASSES

YEAR 5

These past few weeks, Year 5 have continued with their space exploration! We really enjoyed our planetarium visit, taking a trip through the solar system and learning about each of the planets. We imagined the future of space travel and all of the exciting and fascinating opportunities the other planets might have to offer one day!

We have also began our own space art, using artist Peter Thorpe as inspiration and creating our own abstract art pieces. Here are some of our works in progress:



Finally, this half term we have been learning all about forces in Science, including air resistance, water resistance and gravity. We had a lot of fun dropping different shapes into wallpaper paste to learn about water resistance and the purpose of streamlining.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

| Date | Event |
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| Tuesday 10 th December | Yr. 1-6 Pantomime |
| Friday 13 th December | Christmas jumper day |
| Tuesday 17 th December | Years 3-6 Carol service – All Saints Church Wellington – 3S1, 4S1, 5W1, 6W1 10:00am 3S2, 4S2, 5W2, 6W2 1:30pm |
| Wednesday 18 th December | Reception Nativity – School 9:30am |
| Wednesday 18 th December | Pupil Christmas Lunch |
| Wednesday 18 th December | Advent Trail 3:15pm in school |
| Thursday 19 th December | Year 1 & 2 Nativity – High Ercall Church – letter to follow |
| Friday 20 th December | Last day of term |
| Monday 6 th January | Spring term starts |