



Newsletter 12th January 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and have had a good week. Last week on Friday the school received its progress review meeting from West Sussex County Council.

I am really pleased to let you know that after the half-day of meetings and visits to observe classrooms, a large number of areas designated for improvement have made significant progress. This is really good news for our school. There are of course still areas to work on, develop and improve, this will of course be the case in all schools. It gives me real pleasure to inform you of this about your school. Should you want any further details I would be happy to share more with you.

Next week on Tuesday it is our choir's visit to the O2 to take part in Young Voices. I am very pleased to be going along to accompany the group and so pleased that Billingshurst Primary School is a part of this.

Last term we had our first Headteacher's award tea party. It was such a pleasure to spend an hour or so chatting to the children and eating some cake and sandwiches! The number of HT awards seems to be rising so it may mean two tea parties this term. I hope you all have a good weekend... stay warm!

Mr Ball



Country dancing club:

Country Dancing has returned for 2024! We are already busy preparing for the Horsham Schools Country Dance Festival and the Summer Fun Day and it's still not too late to join. If your child is in Year 2 or above and would like to join, we meet on Friday mornings between 8am and 8.40am in the KS2 hall. Please just pop to the office to add your child onto the register.



The image shows two children, a boy and a girl, standing in front of a yellow wall decorated with math-related posters. The boy is holding a worksheet with a multiplication problem, and the girl is holding a worksheet with a multiplication problem. The wall features a large poster titled "multiplying" with various multiplication facts and a diagram showing the commutative property of multiplication.



Early Years this week the children loved exploring the cold weather. We enjoyed freezing different items and experimenting with how to get the objects free. Children suggested lots of ideas, such as leaving them out in the sun, taking them inside and breaking them free using different tools. The children have also been thinking about how to keep warm when it is cold. We have been writing lists of clothing and looking at the weather forecast to make sure we have the right clothing.



Year 1 had an exciting topic reveal... we felt some strange things inside the boxes and chose adjectives to match. We then talked about different animal groups - fish, reptiles, mammals, amphibians and birds. This term, we will be learning lots about these animal groups! We have already been learning and writing about mammals, fish and birds! Ask us which are warm blooded, which have backbones and which lay eggs!



Next Tuesday, the KS2 Choir will travel to London to sing with 9000 other children at the O2 Arena. We wish them all the best of luck! Remember, children who are going need a packed lunch, dinner and water bottle. T-shirts will be sent home as soon as they arrive at school. The parent/family coach leaves at 3:00pm. Please arrive at 2:45pm and meet in the KS1 Hall. Happy singing!!



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BPSCA - The Christmas trug raffle raised a total of £2195! Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and donated treats to put in the trugs. Pictures of the children's fantastic, creative trug decorations can be seen on the BPSCA Facebook page.

If you would like to support BPSCA to raise money for our school, please consider signing up for a ticket in the Horsham District Council Lottery. Tickets are easy to buy online and at least 50p of the £1 per ticket comes to BPSCA.

www.horshamdistrictcommunitylottery.co.uk/support/billingshurst-primary-school-community-association

Governors - Last Friday, 3 advisers from the Local Authority spent the morning in school to carry out their termly Progress Review of our school. This was extremely positive, with significant progress evident in all improvement areas. Advisers noted the following:

- Early Years is now in a very positive position and the learning taking place is clear.
- There is a clear strategic vision for SEND to ensure children get the right support at the right time.
- Systems for safeguarding are extremely robust.
- There is real evidence of improvement in the teaching of maths.

There is still more work to be done for these improvements to be embedded but there is commitment from staff at all levels to ensure this happens.

Petworth winning house !

Cowdray
703

Goodwood
748

Parham
723

Petworth
752



Upcoming dates: January

- **Tuesday 16th January** – Young Voices concert at the O2
- **Wednesday 17th January** – Y5 and Y6 tag rugby festival at the Weald
- **Wednesday 24th January** – Y5 and Y6 athletics at the Weald
- **Monday 29th January** – Y1 - Clay teacher visiting to help the children to make clay creatures

Please can we ask to avoid bringing in pre-rolled crepes for packed lunch as we cannot ensure whether the chocolate spread has nuts in it or not.

Letters home this week: No additional letters

Year groups regularly post photos of children and learning so please follow your child's Year Group on X



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