



Newsletter 1st December 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and stay warm over the next few cold days! It's good to be back in school after a few days unwell and to have been back on the gate this morning (Thursday.) As I may have said before, things are certainly getting very busy with the approach of Christmas in school.

Our Christmas performances start next week, and I know preparations are underway to bring that "Christmas look" into the classrooms and corridors! I hope to see many of you in school at performances and hopefully at "Carols on the playground" (see the reminder later in the newsletter).

Finally, I wanted to publicly thank the whole staff team for their hard work and commitment at this busy time. Also, a thank you to parents and carers for the many supportive and positive comments we have received lately.

Have a great weekend!



Brian Ball – Interim Headteacher

Christmas has arrived at school!

Last night, staff transformed the corridors of school with festive themed displays, lights and decorations to surprise the children as they arrived in school today.



Y3 – Ukulele Concerts

This week, Year 3 performed their first ukulele concerts which were attended by a record number of parents! The children loved showcasing their learning from their weekly lessons and did us all proud! A huge thank you to Mrs. Eames for her hard work throughout the term to start the children off on their musical journey!

If you were not able to make the performance, please have a look at the videos on our school You Tube account.

www.youtube.com/channel/UCp3U-6SPLf3CRMSTlv9Zhww

Click Here to Watch Video

YouTube



Eco Summit

Last Thursday the Year 5 and 6 Eco team members attended the Eco summit at Crawley college learning about what we can do to play our part in reducing climate change. The children created seed bombs, discussed more ways to recycle and experienced how we are fighting climate change using modern technology such as VR headsets and electric vehicles. The children represented the school brilliantly and are going to share their experiences and learning with their peers.

Come and join the celebration - Carols on the Playground

Monday 11th December 3.20pm

Thanks to those of you who have let us know you're coming to this. If you're still to let us know, please use this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/cYd7YRm8zA>

You can let us know up to 12 noon on Friday 8th December - this is so we know how many mince pies we're buying!! We hope to see you there. **Kindly note that any children attending need to be accompanied by an adult aged 18 or over as this event is taking place outside and after the end of the school day.**

Year 3 visitor...

On Wednesday this week, Year 3 arrived at school to find a GREEN letter in their classrooms! And to their dismay, they discovered lots of GREEN handprints around the Year 3 area. The GRINCH had snuck into school! In the letter, he informed the children that he had cancelled Christmas, including all Christmas events at school. The Year 3 children were livid & have asked their teachers to cancel all current planning so that they can write back to the Grinch! Thankfully, this has been approved by Mr. Ball...



Year Group emails:

EYFS@billingshurstprimary.org.uk
year1@billingshurstprimary.org.uk
year2@billingshurstprimary.org.uk
year3@billingshurstprimary.org.uk

year4@billingshurstprimary.org.uk
year5@billingshurstprimary.org.uk
year6@billingshurstprimary.org.uk

BPSCA: Having a holiday party?

Hire our eco-friendly party park with 36 kids' plates, bowls and cups, 36 kids' knives, forks and spoons, 2 large jugs, 6 large bowls, 4 large plates, 2 trays. We suggest a donation of £10. Collect from school (or local address), use it for your party, then wash it up and return it for the next person. Please contact bpsca@billingshurstprimary.org.uk to book the Eco Party Pack for your event.

Christmas Trug Raffle: Tickets on sale at Christmas performances next week! **Please return all ticket stubs, money, or unused tickets to the school office by 7th December** for the final draw on the 8th. If you're able to, please drop off a gift for Billingshurst Food bank trug in the school office.
Biscuits, cake chocolate etc. (no alcohol please)

Governors: The Finance Committee meets termly to review the school budget and to be updated on any changes to planned income or expenditure. We review the 3-year rolling budget annually and we review spending of specific funds including Pupil Premium and Sports Premium in line with school plans and priorities. Our meetings also include updates on premises, health and safety, staffing and GDPR and accident reports.

Monday 11th December

Carols on the Playground

Mince pies, readings, Christmas songs
Come and join in with our festive cheer!

Petworth winning house !

Cowdray
800

Goodwood
749

Parham
851

Petworth
862



Upcoming dates: December

Monday 4th December - Christmas production **Yr6** 9.30am, **EYFS** 2.30pm

Tuesday 5th December Christmas production **Yr5** 9.30am, **Yr1** 2.30pm

Wednesday 6th December Christmas production **Yr2** 2.30pm

Thursday 7th December - **EYFS** nativity 9.30am, **Yr4** production 2.30pm

Friday 8th December - **Yr3** Christmas production 2.30pm and **BPSCA**

Christmas Trug competition draw

Monday 11th December - Carols in the playground after school

Yr5 and **Yr6** hockey tournament (selected pupils)

Wednesday 13th December - Pantomime at The Hawth Theatre

Thursday 14th December - Christmas lunch, Christmas jumpers

and Christmas parties in classes

Friday 15th December - Christmas Church Service and end of term –

Merry Christmas!

Panto reminder!

Please complete
the online or paper
form as the
deadline is today!

Please note: The
clubs letter will
be coming out
on Monday

Christmas card
order deadline is
December 3rd and
will be delivered
to school on
December 12th

Letters home this week: Come and join our celebration! (carol singing letter)

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



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@BPSYearTwo

@BPSYearThree
@BPSYearFour
@BPSYearFive
@BPSYearSix

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