



Newsletter 26th January 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week and were safe during the recent stormy weather. This week has been a busy one again in school as children voted on the charity for the welly walk coming up in February (Friday 9th) and school councillors were involved in sessions regarding the appointment of a new headteacher for the school.

The weather remains changeable so please do make sure that children have a warm coat to wear in school. We do want to try and get outside if at all possible - even on the colder or rainy days.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend when it arrives!

Best wishes,

Brian Ball
Interim Headteacher

Year 1 Geography Village Walk

Today the Year 1 children went on a walk around the village to identify the human and physical features. They were excellent at spotting the human features and especially enjoyed discussing the fire station. We have made a list of the features we saw, and we will be using this to help us draw maps of our village.



Spotlight: Mr Fish



Three children from Year 6 (Kellan, Amelie and Lucas) interviewed Mr Fish (Premises Manager) about his role in school.....

Q. What is your job in school?

A. I do most things at school, I maintain the grounds and buildings and repair things that children break. This can be toys in EYFS right through to the toilets in KS2.

Q. What do you do every day?

A. I have set jobs every day and have to check things regularly. I really like the bits in between that change every day. On a snowy day I have to be here before everyone else to clear the paths before the children can come in. I also had lots to do when we didn't have water in the village and when we had a problem with the drain on the field.

Q. What do you like most about your job?

A. I like the variety – no two days are the same. I also like to see your smiling faces every day.

Q. What is the most unusual thing that you've found on the school field?

A. I sometimes find parts of animals where the foxes have had them. I also find parts of fireworks in November that have landed on the field.

Q. How long have you worked at BPS?

A. I have worked here for over 30 years. I see people that I was caretaker for and they are now picking up their own children. Did you know that Mrs Tanner came to Billingshurst Primary as a child and I was her caretaker too!

Q. What do you like to do outside of school?

A. I used to like classic cars but now I like spending time with my grandchildren; we go to zoos, Fishers Farm, Chessington and the seaside.



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Children's Mental Health week begins on Monday 5th February. The theme for the week is 'My Voice Matters.' The children will be taking part in a range of activities and themes across the week.

The week is as follows:

- Mindfulness Monday
- Talk Tuesday
- Wellness Wednesday
- Thankful Thursday
- Fitness Friday



To end Children's Mental Health Week, Friday 9th February will be an 'own clothes day' with the theme "Express yourself". Please see some ideas to the right.

- 1 Let your inner disco diva shine on the dance floor
- 2 Let your personality shine through with your favourite colours
- 3 Embrace your creative side and unleash your artistic energy
- 4 Show off your team spirit with your favourite team's kit
- 5 Take the stage as the coolest rockstar in town
- 6 Come as you are and wear your comfiest clothes!
- 7 Bring the cool energy of the skate park to the playground
- 8 Share what makes you... you and celebrate what sets you apart.

BPSCA - The Welly Walk returns on 9th February! Please read the parent letter attached to this newsletter to find out all about it. There is also a sponsorship form attached. if you want paper copies of either, please ask in at the main office.

Goodwood winning house!

Cowdray
766

Goodwood
1008

Parham
962

Petworth
930



Upcoming dates: January/February

- **Monday 29th January**– Y1 - Clay teacher visiting to help the children to make clay creatures
- **Monday 5th February**– Children's Mental Health Week begins
- **Monday 5th February**- Y5 and Y6 indoor athletics
- **Tuesday 6th February**– Safer Internet Day
- **Wednesday 7th February**– Y5 and Y6 basketball festival
- **Friday 9th February**– BPSCA Welly Walk and 'Express Yourself' own clothes day

Letters home this week: BPSCA Welly Walk, HT Appointment

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



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