



# Bridstow CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

## Diary Dates

### Our value in December is Thankfulness

- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**  
KS2 Panto
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Craft morning/  
Non-uniform day
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**  
KS1 trip to Madley
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Lunch
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
KS1 Nativity  
1.30pm
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**  
KS1 Nativity  
6.00pm
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Carol Service in  
Church 10.00am
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Fayre in  
school 3.15pm
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Last Day finish  
time of 2pm

## Christmas Crafts Morning

Christmas Crafts morning takes place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup>. During the morning the children take part in specific Christmas craft activities to make items which will then be sold at the Christmas Fayre which takes place after school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – NB Parents/carers get first preference to buy items made by their own child. If anyone would like to be available to help with these activities, then please contact the PTFA.

This will also be a non-uniform day when we are asking for donations for the hamper raffle prizes. Donations are requested as follows.

**CL1 Chocolates; CL2 Toiletries; CL3 Bottles and CL4 Festive foods.**

## Christmas Fayre

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 3.15pm until 4.30pm the Christmas Fayre will take place in school. There will be the opportunity to buy the items made by children on the Christmas craft morning as well as cakes, second-hand toys and games, raffle tickets etc. If you have any suitable toys and games, please send them into school over the next 2 weeks. On the morning of the fayre, please send in donations of cakes for the cake stall.

## Vacancy for Parent Governors

With recent changes of Governors over the last term, there are now 2 vacancies for parent governors which we would like to fill as soon as possible. Mr Brearey and The Governing Body invite any parent who might be interested in supporting the school through this role to contact the school. Alternatively, a nomination form can be obtained from the school office.

## Outdoor Learning Structure

The timber has been delivered and the team are ready to start building the wooden octagonal structure next week in the corner of the field behind the willow dome. We will give the children opportunities to see how the work progresses and then look forward to making use of it next term as part of our curriculum learning experience.

## Yoghurt Tubes

Although we realise that yoghurt tubes at break and lunchtimes seem convenient, they unfortunately often lead to yoghurt-disaster incidents! Opening the tubes can be quite tricky and lead to accidents but once opened, squeezing too hard can be very messy. Often the yoghurt mess ends up on children nearby rather than the tube owner themselves. Please can we ask that you consider alternative snacks and items to go in lunch boxes – we would really appreciate your support with this.

- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Pupils return

Find dates on  
Google calendar on  
school website

## Christmas Cards

Children are of course going to want to give each other Christmas cards soon! We will be talking with them about the importance of careful handwriting and spelling in their cards and almost more importantly putting a **full name and class** on the envelope. We then ask that children bring the cards into school and use the school Christmas post box for their cards which will then be delivered by special Christmas mail helper elves from Class 3.

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## After School Clubs

After school clubs will finish next week. So this means that no clubs will be held from the week of the 11<sup>th</sup> December. A separate letter will be issued at a later stage to let you know the new clubs that will be starting after Christmas.

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## KS2 Panto

Children from Classes 3 and 4 will be going to the Panto at The Courtyard on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. They should wear school uniform as normal. Lunchtime arrangements will be the same. As the performance does not start until 2pm the children will return to school by **approximately 5.15pm**, depending on traffic. You will be able to collect your child from their playground classroom door.

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## KS1 Trip to Madley

Children from Classes 1 and 2 will be going Madley Environmental Centre for their festive treat during the morning of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. A letter has been sent out earlier this week.

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## Christmas Lunch

When we have our Christmas lunch on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, children can wear non-uniform 'party' clothes in to school. Please let the PTFA/school know if you are able to help set up/serve.

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## Community Larder Table

Following the fantastic array and quantity of donations made at Harvest, could we ask that similar generosity is shown in the run up to Christmas. At this time of year, families who are struggling may be very grateful not only for staple items but also for donations of more festive 'treat' type items. Biscuits, chocolates and other Christmas-type items would be fantastic – this can include mince pies at this time of year (choose longest sell by date).

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