



Bridstow CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27th November 2020

Diary Dates

December

- **Monday 14th**
KS2 Christmas Lunch
- **Tuesday 15th**
EYFS/KS1 Christmas Lunch
- **Friday 18th**
Christmas Jumper Day – just for fun!
- **Friday 18th**
Last day of term – early pickup at 1.45 - 2pm

January

- **Tuesday 5th**
Pupils return to school in staggered entry as now

Our Value for December is:
RESPONSIBILITY

Christmas is coming!

It is fairly well known that the two or three weeks leading up to the end of the Autumn term in Primary Schools can be quite lively! Of course the children get very excited about the prospect of Christmas and the holidays and in school we have plenty of decorations and Christmas themed activities. This year will be a bit different, but we will be doing our best to maintain that atmosphere of anticipation and wonder. We have arranged a proper Christmas lunch for each pupil bubble (see separate article) and classes will be doing Christmas crafts and activities and holding parties. We will also be holding smaller Advent Assemblies within each bubble that will involve lighting candles to symbolise the main characters in the Advent story leading up to the birth of Jesus. We are so sorry that we cannot directly share any of this directly with parents and carers this year but will be doing our best to post as much as we can on Facebook. We will also be doing a KS1 Nativity, which will be a film version using 'green screen' technology. We have not tried this before, so fingers crossed!

Oak Meadow Federation Governing Body

As many of you already know, our school joined with Brampton Abbotts CE Primary School in March this year to form a 'Hard Federation' known as Oak Meadow Federation. This means that both schools continue to benefit from a shared Headteacher, Mr Brearey, and shared purchasing and experiences. It also means that both schools share one single Governing Body. The onset of the Covid-19 pandemic has not stopped the work of the Governing Body. They meet at least once each half term either as a whole body or in specific committees. We currently run two main committees:

- **Finance & Resources Committee** – includes how money is spent and allocated and all premises and grounds maintenance and renewal
- **Teaching & Learning Committee** – includes everything that happens in the classroom (incl Curriculum and SEN) and children's outcomes.

These committees feedback to the Full Governing Body and help support provision of the best possible experiences for our children.

The Governing body has to have a very specific constitution and construction to ensure it complies with the rules for these organisations. Our Governing Body is made up of the people in the list to the right of this article.

Name of Governor	Governor Category
Brandt, Mrs Jean-Marie*	Parent
Brearey, Mr Dan	Head Teacher
Brown, Mrs Dawn	Co-opted
Hanson, Mr Roger	Co-opted Assoc
Jenkins, Mr Peter	Foundation
Johnson, Mrs Alison	LA
Jones, Mr Matt*	Parent
Mason, Mr Paul	Foundation
Pemberton, Rev'd Crispin	Foundation
Richards, Mr Keith	Foundation
Rowland, Mr Stephen	Foundation
Simple, Rev'd Sean	Foundation
Sheppard, Mrs Penny	Co-opted Assoc
Straker, Mr Jonathan	Foundation
Straker, Mrs Jane	Foundation
Thompson, Rev'd Martin	Foundation

Christmas cards within school

From next Monday 30th November, there will be a Christmas card post-box in each class for children to put their cards in for other children (and staff) in school. We will be operating a quarantine system so that cards are not delivered between bubbles for 72 hours to ensure that we remain Covid secure between the bubbles.

Christmas dinner

One of the advantages of the new bubble system in school is that we have been able to arrange a cooked Christmas lunch for all pupils that would like it. This will be on 2 separate days. Please order by 4th December by logging in to SchoolMoney. Any problem, please contact the school office. If you do not want to order a school festive lunch, you can send your child in with their own packed lunch to have. NB There is no charge for children who are entitled to a FSM and all children in KS1/Reception.

KS 2 lunch for Badger Class and Otter Class will be on Monday 14th

KS1/Reception for Hedgehog Class and Squirrel Class will be on Tuesday 15th

Hot Menu

*Roast Turkey with all the Trimmings
or Festive Vegetable Wellington (v)*

Served with

Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots, Garden Peas & Gravy

Followed by

Festive Chocolate Cake

£3.30

Includes a Christmas Cracker

Cold Menu

1/2 Sandwich

(Choose from Turkey, Cheese, Ham or Tuna)

2 Mini Sausage Rolls

Cheese & Tomato Pizza Finger Slice

Veggie Sticks

Christmas Cookie

Fruit Juice Cuplet

£3.00

Includes Activity Sheet & Christmas Cracker



Old look newsletters...

We have decided to continue with these 'old look' newsletters for the time being rather than moving wholly to 'Sway' online versions as we said we would last time. We will be looking to make a more gradual move to the 'Sway' version in the future

Hoodies and Zoodies for Sale

With the need to ensure good levels of ventilation in schools in the current environment, we are now selling hoodies for £11 and zoodies (zipped hoodies) for £13 via the School Money payment system. Please use this to order one. We will be allowing these as official school uniform from now on.