

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 18th December 2023

Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
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January 2024							February 2024							March 2024							April 2024						
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May 2024							June 2024							July 2024							August 2024						
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School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
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2024 Class Assembly Dates

7/12/23		25/1/24	2JW
1/2/24	6AC	8/2/24	6LM
7/3/24	2LT	14/3/24	1NS
21/3/24	6SB	28/3/24	3KL
2/5/24	5RS	9/5/24	2LS
16/5/24	3NI	23/5/24	5OF
20/6/24		27/6/24	4YH

This Term's Events

- 18.12.23 – House winners' trip
- 19.12.23 – Year 6 theatre trip
- 19.12.23 – Class parties
- 20.12.23 – Last day of term, 2pm finish
- 09.01.24 – Children return to school

News and Reminders

House Winners

The children in Rubies house enjoyed a trip to The Dulwich Picture House this morning for a private viewing of *The Polar Express* to celebrate being this term's house winners. Well done Rubies!



Class Parties

Children in all classes except Year 6 are having their class parties tomorrow afternoon. Children can wear their party clothes to school all day, except for year 6 who must wear school uniform for their trip to the theatre. Children in Year 6 can wear their own clothes to school for their party morning on Wednesday. If you have offered to donate food for your child's class party please remember that we do not allow nut products, pork products, grapes or fizzy drinks.

Timestable Rockstars

Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for details of a Timestable Rockstar competition running over the holiday. Using Timestable Rockstars is a great way to ensure that your child can quickly recall multiplication and division facts which is essential for many areas of maths. It is also particularly useful for children in Year 4, who have their Multiplication Tables Check later this year.

Inclusion Support



The ADHD foundation website has lots of useful resources to support children and their families to understand neuro diversity: <https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/resources/>

The website also includes podcasts with great tips and strategies. Check out our top 3 below:

1. Neurodiversity: **Sleep podcast**

<https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/sleep-support.mp3>

2. Neurodiversity: **Managing siblings' relationships**

<https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Managing-Sibling-Relationships-final-edit.mp3>

3. Neurodiversity: **Impulse control**

<https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Impulse-control-risk-management-first-edit.mp3>

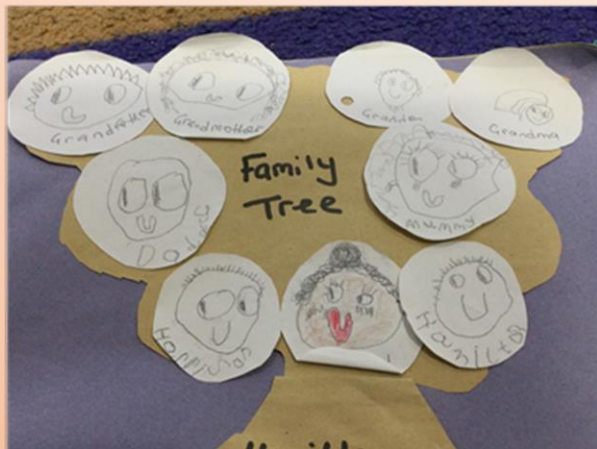
Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Years 3 and 4 enjoyed an interactive Second World War workshop in school last week. Everyone enjoyed getting dressed up as evacuees and taking part in role play activities:



Sharing Children's Learning

Well done to everyone who has brought in some topic homework to share this term, we have seen some amazing examples! Next half term's knowledge organisers and homework will be sent home tomorrow, have a look at the suggestions for home learning and we look forward to seeing more of your creations after the holiday!



Word of the Week

Here is a list of the words of the week we have focused on this half term:

Cajole Imminent Acquire Arduous Vigilant Zeal Garish

Please practice using these words with your children over the holiday so they become part of their vocabulary and they can use them confidently in their speech and writing.

After the holiday we will be introducing a fun new approach to Word of the Week – watch this space!

F@B Update

As we get ever closer to the holidays we wanted to share a whole bunch of thank yous! We are hugely grateful to all the parents and families who have lent their support this term - sharing their kindness and generosity with the school community.

We have seen hundreds of people getting involved with community events, whether feeding the school chickens, making beautiful Christmas wreaths, running the fun run, cooking, wrapping, buying or volunteering for the fair or other events.

We hope that everyone has a fun and festive time in the holidays.

Online Safety Tip of the Week

At what age can my child use social media apps?

Social media platforms have age restrictions attached to them for the children's safety. You can see below what the rules are for each platform:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

These age restrictions are in place for a reason; we deal with a lot of safeguarding concerns which develop due to children using platforms that they are not mature enough for. Please think carefully about the way your child uses social media, if at all.





Celebrations!

Certificates

	Star	Writer	Mathematician	Presenter	Scientist
Rainbow	Avisha	Samuel	Amir		
Sunshine	Ada	Scarlett	Isaac		
Moonbeam	Lev	Violet	Arlo		
1AM	Amber	Sam	Leon	Teddy	
1NS	Lyra	Arabella	Vincent	Jolyon	Tammany
2JW	Grace	Georgie	Gwen	Aymar	
2LS	Temu	Zak	Jojo	Keyan	
2LT	Ibrahim	Rebecca	Melody	Harris	Margot P
3KL	Beau	Faye	Isaiah	Phoenix M	
3NI	Otis	Charlotte	Felix	Rene	
3/4CB	Ismay	Elijah	Kebreab	Oscar	
4BC	Noah	Stella-Lucia	Cavalli	Sam	
4YH	Riccardo	Lucciano	George	Adeola	
5RS	Tayo	Polly	Andrea	Isaac	Carter
5OF	Arda	Alexis	Max M	Brayden	
5FM	Martha	Einas	Frankie	Ezekiel	
6LM	Naomi Rose	Olivia	Leo	Lukas	
6SB	Hillary	Hasti	Tom	Leandra	
6AC	Ainoa	William	Edie	Silas	

Individual Timestable Rockstars – half termly winners

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Laura	Jerome	Agnes R	Cruise	Andrea	Yusuf O

Timestable Rockstars Winning Classes – half termly winners

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
2LS	3/4CB	5FM

House Winners	Sapphires and Rubies!
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Have a restful break and a very happy Christmas to everyone who is celebrating!

Elizabeth

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

21 DECEMBER - 08 JANUARY 2024

*** ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE ***

**PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE * THE WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE
THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL ***

ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES *

