

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for your Diary

- 09.12.22 - Year 4 Thames trip
- 10.12.22 - Winter Fair
- 12.12.22 - KS1 Carols, 3pm
- 13.12.22 - Reception Nativity, 1.30pm
- 13.12.22 - Years 3 and 4 Carols at St Faith's, 5pm
- 14.12.22 - Little Stars' Carols, 10.45am
- 14.12.22 - Christmas lunch - wear Christmas jumpers / Christmas dress up
- 14.12.22 - Nursery Carols, 2pm
- 14.12.22 - Years 5 and 6 Carols at St Faith's, 6pm
- 15.12.22 - Class parties - wear party clothes
- 16.12.22 - Last day of term, 2pm finish

Class Assembly Dates

(Parents and carers are invited to watch their child's assembly at 9.15 on the dates below. Assemblies will last approximately 15 minutes.)

Friday 21 st October		Friday 14 th October	6CB
Friday 25 th November	1AM	Friday 18 th November	3LM
Friday 9 th December	3SB	Friday 2 nd December	4FM
Friday 27 th January	5RS	Friday 20 th January	2LS
Friday 10 th February	3CB	Friday 3 rd February	6AC
Friday 17 th March	5JB	Friday 10 th March	2FW
Friday 31 st March	1NS	Friday 24 th March	4KL
Friday 12 th May	5LW	Friday 5 th May	2OF
Friday 26 th May	1FP	Friday 19 th May	6MS
Friday 30 th June		Friday 23 rd June	4YH

Library Visits

	10:00- 10:40	10:40- 11.20	11.20-12:00
Thursday 3 rd Nov	1NS	2FW	5JB
Thursday 10 th Nov	Sunshine	2OF	5LW
Thursday 17 th Nov	1AM	2LS	5RS
Thursday 24 th Nov	1FP	6AC	
Thursday 1 st Dec	Rainbow	6MS	4KL
Thursday 8 th Dec	3LM	6CB	4FM
Thursday 15 th Dec	3CB	3SB	4YH

News and Reminders

Christmas Performances

We hope that you will be able to join us for your child's Christmas performance this year, all of the dates and times are listed on the previous page.

Little stars, Nursery and KS1 children will all be taking part in some carol singing which we would love you to come and join us for in school.

Children in Reception will be performing *Cock-a-Doodle Christmas*, and are already practicing hard. Please come along and watch, although we do ask that you limit this to two audience members per child, due to limited space for seating in the hall.

Due to the pandemic it is a few years since we have held our annual KS2 carol concerts at St Faith's church so we are very excited to be returning! As well as practising in school your child should have a copy of the carols they will be singing to practise at home, please encourage them to do so and have a look yourself, as everyone is welcome to join in with the singing, especially when it comes to our traditional, end of concert rendition of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, complete with actions!

After School Club

As you know, we encourage you to book your child's place in After School Club in advance using Parentmail. Last-minute, on the day bookings can not be made on Parentmail, so they create additional admin for the office staff and can lead to issues with staffing in After School Club. Therefore, there is usually an additional £5 charge (on top of the £11 daily charge) for bookings made on the day. We do understand that sometimes emergencies arise and last-minute childcare is needed and, on these occasions, the additional charge will be waived, however this is at the discretion of the office staff.

Lost Property

We have an enormous amount of lost property in school. This is stored outside the office beside the automatic doors, please come and have a look next week if your child has lost anything. After next week we will only be keeping unnamed lost property for a week. Named lost property will be returned to the owners, so please make sure that your child's belongings are clearly named.

Winter Clothing

Throughout the winter months we will continue to play outside and visit the nature garden. Please make sure that your child has both a jumper or cardigan and a coat in school every day. As the weather gets colder please also ensure that they have a hat and gloves. If you have any problems providing these items for your child please let us know.

If your child wears wellies or boots to school throughout the winter please make sure that they wear, or bring, trainers on their P.E. days.

Foodbank

We are continuing to collect for The Community Fridge, please send donations to the office.

Sharing Children's Learning

Children in 4LT wrote poems about their favourite tree in the nature garden. They then went back to the nature garden and filmed each other reciting their poems, giving each other feedback on their presentation.



Sharing Children's Learning

Children in Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic interactive performance of *A Christmas Carol* this week. Huge thanks to Liz Fost from *Teach It Through Drama*.



Sharing Children's Learning

Every year we run Bikeability sessions, teaching cycling skills to all year groups. Well done to all of the children who have taken part in Bikeability so far this year.



Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **rebuff**. Please help your child to find out the meaning of the word and perhaps research its origin, then try to use it as much as possible so that it becomes part of their vocabulary. Children will receive gems for using the word in their speech and writing and for explaining its meaning and origin.

F@B Update

It's December already which means our 🎄 Winter Fair 🎄 is just around the corner. There are lots of ways for you to get involved, and lots of fun to be had 🎁. Read on to find out more and please do get involved if you can. Thank you!

1. Come along to our school Winter Fair on Saturday 10th December, 12-3pm.
2. Buy a Christmas tree 🎄 from Dulwich Pot and Plant Centre (by North Dulwich station) and they will make a £10 donation for every tree sold, just quote the code BE22 🎄.
3. Bring your Winter Fair donations to the school office by Tuesday 6th December. We need:
Soft toys
Chocolate🍫 (bars, boxes and treats for our chocolate tombola)
Kids' books and board games 📖

Please note all donations need to be in good condition!

4. Let Lucy know if you can volunteer at the fair on 07949 439360 (stall shifts are 12-1.30 and 1.30-3 plus we need help with set up and cleaning up)
5. Finally, please do buy some raffle tickets - they are just 50p each and the prizes are amazing!! Find out about the prizes and get your tickets here:
<http://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/bessemer-winter-raffle-2022>

😊 Thank you! 😊

E-Safety Tip of the Week

Online gaming - Children LOVE spending time on devices playing games. They are a really fun way to spend time and connect with friends and family. But which games are most suitable for different age groups? What risks might children be exposed to? How can we best support our children to get the most out of online gaming while staying safe? Internet Matters has some excellent resources to support parents around these and many other common questions:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/>

Celebrations!

Certificates

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week	Scientist of the Week
Rainbow	Djene	Nia	Arthur		
Sunshine	Eleanore	Blessing	Jeremiah		
1AM	Grace	Callum	Amina	Nyeela	Abdulai
1FP	Evie	Maceo	Margo C-G	Olivia	
1NS	Louie	Bella	Ruby	Dylan	
2FW	Stivan	Mohammed	Elliott	Seren	
2LS	Hari	Mikey	Leila	Wolfie	Sophie
2OF	Rene	Koji	Jake	Salome	Juno
3LM	Sam E	Daniel	Harry	Amelia	
3CB	Nadia	Holly	George	Nicolas	William
3SB	Harley	Johnny	Tobias	Sharon	
4KL	Sophie	Aimenya	Kelvin	Gloria	
4YH	Florence	Alirida	Camai	Alexis	
4FM	Tayo	Tiger	Ezekiel	Bill	
5RS	Otis	Tani	Zahid	Leandra	
5JB	Lenny	Rocco	Emma	Freya	
5LW	Abdulai	Silas	Omar	Ramatulai	
6MS	Kiran	Samuel	Jago	Nife	
6CB	Alice	Nyeem	Ibrahim	Freida	Jacob
6AC	Sofia	Zach	Elizabeth	Remi	Jack

Timestable Rockstars

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Alex	Esme	Tofarati	Emma	Kayla

Timestable Rockstars winning classes: **2OF, 4KL and 5JB**

This week's house winners: **Rubies!**

Have a great weekend!

Elizabeth