

# Betty Layward School

## WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### Our Week

No 326, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for supporting us with Children in Need this week. The children and adults looked great in their woolly hats.

Buttercup class performed a fantastic assembly on the Vikings yesterday (please see picture opposite). I was impressed by the amount of lines they learnt and how enthusiastic they were. Well done Buttercup class.

I observed all the classes this week. It was great to spend time in each class. I was impressed by how enthusiastic our children are with their learning. They are keen to contribute and work hard. I observed writing lessons and saw children using a wide and exciting range of vocabulary. I'm looking forward to reading some of this writing when it's finished. The teachers and teaching assistants work incredibly hard preparing fun and exciting lessons which engage the children. They are an asset to the school.

I have attached a newsletter about Winter illnesses. There is a lot going about at the moment, especially sickness. We need to contain this so we ask that children do not return to school until 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Please could you remind your child to wear a coat to school every day.

The School Games Mark Awards for the past year have now been finalised and externally validated by The Youth Sports Trust and Sport England. We received the Gold Mark. A big thank you to Simon who works incredibly hard alongside the staff and children at Betty Layward.

I'm looking forward to the quiz night tonight. It will be my first PTFA event and I've heard many good things about it already. A big thanks to the PTFA for organising it. The Winter Fair is also nearly here too. Attached with this newsletter is a request list. Any support for this list would be greatly appreciated too. Thank you.

Have a great weekend

Jessica



Picture drawn by Lea in Reception Ocean

### News



This week years 3 and 4 did some work with Invisible Flash theatre and watched a play for Anti-Bullying week. The play was about a little girl called Josie who was bullied by her older brother and sister. It was really funny and entertaining. In the workshop we did some scenes and drama in groups. It was great! By Ayla and Elsa, year 4 Fuchsia



Photograph of our Star of the Weeks and of Year 5 Buttercup's class assembly

### Awards

The winner of the best punctuality trophy for this week is: Year 3 Jade with no late marks.

The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is: Year 1 Violet.

Whole school attendance from 5 September until 18<sup>th</sup> November is 97%.

### LIBRARY THANKS

Thanks to Georgina, Mariana and Karen for helping the Year 6 prefects to put plastic covers on our Picture Books. Special mention must go to Karen, who has also worked tirelessly in the Library during lunchtime - reading with year 1 and 2 children and helping Dorinda keep the Library organised.

Thanks to all children who are returning their books on time and in good condition. The plastic covers will help keep them this way. Dorinda

**Curious:** The children playing in the mud kitchen in Reception  
**Creative:** The writing taking place in the classrooms  
**Ambitious:** The parents/carers and staff hoping to win at quiz night tonight!  
**Respectful:** Children saying good morning as they walk into school  
**Happy:** Children in their woolly hats for Children in Need

Next Week's Menu

**All meat served at Betty Layward in school dinners is halal.**

**Monday**

Coconut chicken curry  
 Quorn chicken curry  
 Rice, Flat bread, broccoli  
 Fruity flapjack or plain flapjack

**Tuesday**

Meat balls with spaghetti  
 Macaroni Cheese  
 Green beans and carrots  
 Lemon drizzle sponge

**Wednesday**

Jacket potatoes with choice of fillings:  
 Chilli, baked beans, tuna, coleslaw, Cheese  
 Salad bar selection including hummus  
 Fresh fruit platter

**Thursday**

Caribbean fish  
 Veggie burger  
 Rice and peas, broccoli and leeks  
 Ice-cream

**Friday**

Garlic and herb chicken  
 Garlic and herb roast vegetables  
 Roast potatoes  
 Carrot, peas, Jacket potato  
 Apple crumble and custard  
 Apple crumble and cream  
 Jacket potatoes, Salad bar selection and fruit selection are always available  
 Please use the link below to see the full menu:  
<http://bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Betty-Layward-Primary-School-Lunch-Menu-Autumn-2-2016.pdf>

**DATES FOR CLASS ASSEMBLIES FOR 2016-17**

Year 4 Cerise Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 9.15am  
 Year 2 Apricot Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10.20am  
 Year 6 Ruby Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am  
 Year 3 Emerald Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 9.15am  
 Year 2 Peach Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 10.20am  
 Year 1 Violet Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 10.20am  
 Year 5 Saffron Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am  
 Year 4 Fuchsia Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 9.15am  
 Year 1 Lavender Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 10.20am  
 Reception Ocean Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 10.20am  
 Reception Aqua Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 10.20am

**Parent Workshops for Years 1-6**

Parent workshop on Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> 3:30-4:15 on Addition and Subtraction through Primary school: how we teach for mastery  
 Parent workshop on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:15 - Multiplication and Division through Primary school on how we teach for mastery

Greeting PTFAers

Hope all well gang and you've had a splendid week

**QUIZ NIGHT 18<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 -10.30**

The night of the year is here! Thanks to Janey, Jaqui and of course Allie who has been helping to organize the BL quiz for a decade! Tonights quiz will be her final BL quiz. We salute you Allie!

**WINTER FAIR 10<sup>th</sup> December 12.30 – 3pm**

The Winter Fair is really beginning to take shape. The stalls have been allocated to class reps and a massive thank you to all that are volunteering to help out. We will need more help though for the Fair to really rock and roll. So please get involved the more, literally is the merrier!

• **RAFFLE PRIZES**

Local businesses generously support this but anything else raffle-worthy is much appreciated – bottles of wine, spirits, vouchers, tickets to events, experiences. If you have something physical please give it to Max in Reception (labelled) anything else please let Adam know. adam.roland@heavyweightsports.co.uk

• **KIDS' TOMBOLA PRIZES**

New and nearly new toys, games, puzzles, craft kits etc. Please leave with Max (labelled again)

• **KIDS' ONLY SHOPPING ZONE GIFTS**

The perfect way to recycle any unwanted presents you may have - unused toiletries, scarves, books, cufflinks, games, jigsaws - anything that children can choose, wrap and put under the tree for the special adult in their life. Please leave with Max (labelled once again) or let Julia Gibbs know (juliagibbs@me.com)

• **PHOTO BOOTH PROPS**

We need donations of accessories – please dig out adult and kids Christmas jumpers, Santa hats, reindeer antlers, wigs, glasses, tinsel, holly crowns or anything else fabulous and leave them with Max (labelled of course) or let Claire Ginzler know (claire@claireginzler.com)

• **STITCHERS**

We are recreating the handmade Christmas decorations of past fairs so we need people who can sew (or glue). Contact Sam Stesili (samantha.sestili@googlemail.com)

Buy your Christmas tree via the PTFA and raise more money! The Christmas Forest (whose stall is by St Paul's church on the High st each year - the Farmer's Market space) have kindly agreed to donate a cut of profits to us. Contact Helen Porter (aitch.pea@blueyonder.co.uk) to order your 4, 5, 6ft tree. Beautiful quality and supports Tree Aid (each tree sold funds a tree for a community in Mali).

Thanks to all who have ordered Christmas Cards. The deadline to return orders closed today (3.30pm) and late orders won't be processed. Cards take approximately one week to be printed and mugs take two weeks.

**Cake Sale DATES**

**Fri 18th Nov - Y2 and Y6**

**Fri 2nd Dec - Nursery and Y3**

Have a fantastic weekend and see you tonight  
 Adam and Andy

**Mindfulness - How to Talk About Bullying**

Parents, school staff, and other caring adults have a role to play in preventing bullying. They can:

Help kids understand bullying. Talk about what bullying is and how to stand up to it safely. Tell kids bullying is unacceptable. Make sure kids know how to get help.

Keep the lines of communication open. Check in with kids often. Listen to them. Know their friends, ask about school, and understand their concerns.

Encourage kids to do what they love. Special activities, interests, and hobbies can boost confidence, help kids make friends, and protect them from bullying behaviour.

Model how to teach others with kindness and respect. Kids learn from adults' actions. By treating others with kindness and respect, adults show the kids in their lives that there is no place for bullying. Even if it seems like they are not paying attention, kids are watching how adults manage stress and conflict, as well as how they treat their friends, colleagues, and families.