

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

No 363, Friday 8th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done Peach class, what a fantastic assembly. The children retold the story of the Great Fire of London with enthusiasm and Oscar-deserving acting. It was very impressive. They taught us all about it and everyone really enjoyed it.

I was really impressed with Year 6 Chilli class and their smoothie making on Thursday. Their cycling enabled them to make lots of smoothies. They were also delicious.

I met all the teachers this week to discuss all the children and their progress. I really enjoy hearing how everyone is doing and we want to ensure all our children reach their full potential.

Next week is a busy week with Nursery, Reception and Year 1 performances. I am really looking forward to them. The children have worked really hard and I hope you are looking forward to them too. We have our Carol Concert/family Carol singalong on Thursday at 6pm. The tickets have all gone so thank you for supporting us with this. We decided to put the tickets on the signing up system as we wanted to make it fair for everyone. This is the first time we have done an event like this. Apologies if some of you thought there would be children performing. It is an opportunity for families to get together and sing carols together. It will take place in the school hall and there will be mulled wine and churros. We look forward to seeing you there and a big thank you to the staff and parents who have helped organise this event.

The Year 2-6 performance on Monday 18th December is in St Mary's Church, Stoke Newington at 2pm. Please ensure you are seated by this time. We look forward to seeing you there too. We close for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday 20th December at 2pm.

It's the Winter Fair tomorrow. Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who have organised this. I have been impressed by all the hard work and commitment to ensure this event is going to be a success. I look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for your generosity during the poppy appeal as we raised £79.75p.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jessica
Headteacher



Jessica drawn by Trixie in Year 3 Jade

News



Year 6 Chilli have been completing a unit of work on sustainability this half-term. They have worked with 'Groundwork London' to investigate the amount of edible food wasted during lunchtimes; created a campaign asking for children/parents to make a pledge to lead more sustainable lives and also explored impacts of food waste on our environment. The campaign was celebrated with a 'Fruit Busters' sustainable fruit smoothie campaign in the playground on Thursday 7th December. All parents/carers/children were offered smoothies, with plenty of information given out, and many pledges received. Thank-you to the school community for your support.

Year 6 Chilli

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please ensure you have collected a letter about after school clubs for next term. This was also sent by email. Clubs finish next Friday 15th December. Booking lines for next term's clubs open this coming Monday 11th December at 8.30pm and the payment deadline is on Friday 15th December

How to apply online:

Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and follow these simple instructions.

1. Enter the following event code: **cazzw**
2. **Step 1:** Enter your details-name, email address, child's name etc
3. **Step 2:** Choose from the drop-down table for your child's year group, and then choose from the drop-down club listings. **Note: You will have a maximum of 5 choices.**
4. When you have selected all clubs, click GO and you will receive a confirmation email - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.
5. Check all the details before clicking Finished.

Awards

The winner of the best punctuality trophy for this week is Year 4 Cerise with 1 late mark.

The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is Year 4 Fuchsia with 100% attendance.

Whole school attendance from 4 September until 8th December 2017 is 97.5%.

Library

Please return all books by Thursday 14th December. Your class may not be able to visit next week, so books can be put in the Black Box outside the library. Thank you, Dorinda

Delivering Our Vision

Curious: Year 6 Ruby finding out the results of their local area pollution tests.

Creative: the Christmas decorations made by the children.

Ambitious: Year 2 Peach class assembly on the Great Fire of London.

Respectful: Year 6 Chike class cycling to make smoothies for everyone.

Happy: the staff decorating the Christmas trees.

Next Week's Menu

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

Monday

Lamb Rogan Josh and mango chutney (none)

Mild vegetable curry (none)

Wholegrain saffron rice

Carrots & Broccoli

Berry fruit crumble and custard (G, Mk)

Tuesday

Halal chicken sausage with mash (Su, Mk, G, E)

Vegetarian sausages with veggie gravy (So, G)

Creamy mashed potatoes (Mk)

Cauliflower & Green beans

Baked pear and chocolate sponge with chocolate sauce (Mk, E, G)

Wednesday

Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding with gravy (Mk, E, G)

Potato, Cheese and onion puff pastry pie (Mk, E, G)

Roasted potatoes, Green cabbage & Sweetcorn

Fruit of the month dessert

Thursday

Turkey pie with puff pastry (Ce, G, Mk, Su)

Vegetarian and potato pie with shortcrust pastry (Mk, Su, G, Ce)

Crushed new potatoes (Mk)

Green beans & Carrots

Bread and butter pudding and custard (Su, So, Mk, E, G)

Friday

Christmas lunch – please see attached flyer

(Please refer to the menu for the allergy key)

CHRISTMAS DATES

The EYFS and Year 1 Christmas performances will be on the following dates:

Reception Parents and Carers - Wednesday 13th December at 2pm;

Year 1 Parents and Carers - Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am.

Nursery Parents and Carers - Thursday 14th December at 10.30am – please note earlier time.

Christmas Carol Concert – Thursday 14th December at 6pm - £5 a ticket for adults.

Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15th December and Christmas lunch.

The Year 2 to Year 6 Concert is on Monday 18th December at 2pm at St Marys Church

School closes on Wednesday 20th December at 2pm.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Thursday 18/1 at 9.15am – Year 3 Jade Class Assembly

Thursday 25/1/ at 9.15am – Year 2 Apricot Class Assembly

Thursday 8/2 at 9.15am – Year 1 Lavender Class Assembly

Thursday 1/3 at 9.15 – Year 6 Chilli Class Assembly

Thursday 8/3 at 9.15am – Year 5 Buttercup Class Assembly

Thursday 22/3 at 9.15am – Year 4 Cerise Class Assembly

Thursday 29/3 at 9.15am – Year 1 Violet Class Assembly

Thursday 3/5 at 9.15am – Reception Aqua Class Assembly

Thursday 24/5 at 9.15am – Reception Ocean Class Assembly

WINTER FAIR tomorrow! 12.30 – 3pm.

Well, the big day has come! We hope everyone is ready to enjoy and work together!

BOARD for volunteering is almost full, thanks everyone who put their name down to help!

Please, check the board today and **fill up any space where you could give a hand.**

ENTRANCE still needs some welcoming people who can take the entrance fee from adults. There will be some raffle tickets left to buy on the spot for those wanting to increase their chances to get a great prize!

SET UP We'll be setting up today from 3.30pm and tomorrow morning from 9. If you can share childcare between a couple of families to free up an adult to help, please do!

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT - Thurs 14 December 6pm

Total success on the sale for Carol Concert tickets; we have allocated 175 people who will enjoy singing with our mulled wine and hot chocolate with churros. Please, get in touch with Marta to help with setting up and serving; you'll get **free entrance** plus it'll be fun!

martaalonsopola@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS TREES

Buy your tree with Pines & Needles at St Mary's Church, Church St using our special code 'BL20'. Trees are full priced but our PTFA receives 20% back for each sale. Pines and Needles also provide financial support to the charity Action for Children. Visit them at the church, choose your own tree, pay at point of sale quoting the code 'BL20', take your tree there and then. This is a too good opportunity to miss for us-please make the most of it!

MUGS FOR TEACHERS

Our teachers have received a nice surprise last week when our PTFA presented them with new mugs and a hamper full of tasty treats for the staff room. They were warmly welcomed!



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING VIA THE GIVING MACHINE

Simply register on the site and click through to your preferred retailer to shop as normal. Doesn't cost you a penny but does raise money for our children:

http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/beneficiary.php?ben_id=6295

Football Trials

Stoke Newington Youth FC will be having open trials for under 11s (Year 6) at Clissold Park (next to the Tennis Courts) on Sunday 10th December 2017 from 10am – 12 noon.

SUNDAY THEATRE SCHOOL OPENING IN JANUARY 2018

Hackney Youth Performance Academy (HYPA) will be launched in 2018 and will be having workshops on Sundays in Stoke Newington School and there will be auditions for their production of Oliver later in the year.

The Academy will be offering a programme of workshops throughout January for children from Years 3-6. For more information, contact Micha Blue on Tel: 07914 340 728, email: sn16dance@gmail.com