

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all your donations today. I'm really looking forward to the Winter Fair. Thank you to the PTFA for doing such a great job organising everything. Please remember to sign up to help on the sign at the front door. Without you events like this can't run. The children also really love it too.

Christmas lunch is on Friday 15th December. This is also Christmas jumper day when we ask for a voluntary donation for the charity Save the Children. And the children can wear a Christmas/sparkly/fun jumper to school. The PTFA are kindly paying for KS2 and Nursery Christmas lunches as KS1 are already paid for. Thank you PTFA as this enables all our children to have a Christmas lunch if they wish too.

The Carol Concert is on Thursday 14th December 6-7pm. We will be releasing tickets very soon. It is £5 for adults and children are free. Adults will receive mulled wine and a delicious churro. Children will be able to have a churro too. More information to follow.

We are hoping the year 2-6 Christmas concert will take place in St Mary's Church. We will be sending out more information soon.

Thank you to the Year 6 Parents and Carers who attended the meeting on the year 6 residential. We are really looking forward to a few fun days by the sea. Let's hope it's warmer then!

We say goodbye to our Chair of Governors Paul Brook this month. He has been a governor to the school for 8 years and has dedicated a lot of his own time to support Betty Layward and has always had the children's best interests at heart. His commitment and support will be greatly missed and I am sure you would join me in saying thank you. Stewart Fox Mills is taking the role of chair and we will be asking for a new parent governor in January so please think about if this is something you would like to do.

Have a lovely weekend. Keep warm.

Jessica
Headteacher



Jessica drawn by Lalaina in Year 1 Lavender

News

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB APPLICATIONS

Please be aware that after school club booking lines open on Monday 11th December at 8pm. A letter with all the information you need to book and pay will be going out to parents on Thursday 7th December.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library continues to be enjoyed by the children, who are borrowing books in even greater numbers this year. In October, we marked Black History Month with a display of books about important black role models, and books by black authors. This month, we have a display of Paddington Bear books (I know many of the children will have enjoyed the films).

Please ensure your child returns or renews books in time. If you receive a reminder text and you think the book has already been returned, please leave a note for me in the black box outside the Library and I will search for it. Sometimes a book has been put back on the shelves without having been 'scanned' onto the library computer, so we don't know it's there unless we're prompted to look for it. Stray books also sometimes turn up in book-bags, trays, class book corners, ACC or Breakfast Club, so ask your child to look carefully. We charge £10 for lost or damaged books. This can be paid by cash or cheque (payable to Betty Layward Primary School) and put in the black box outside Library. Unfortunately, children will not be allowed to borrow more books until we hear from you.

Thanks to all the Year 6 Prefects: Rosa-May, Rosa, Torin, Casper, Indigo and Katie Mabel, who help in the Library at lunchtimes, and to our volunteer Antonia.

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED THE WEEK BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. Thank you!

Dorinda Mills Year 5 TA and Librarian

YEAR 5 CYCLING

Well done to the Y5 children who completed their cycle training in Level 1 and 2 cycle proficiency last week. A further group of children will receive the training in January and the rest of the class will receive the training in the summer term. Every Y5 child will receive the training over the year.

Awards

The winner of the best punctuality trophy for this week is Year 4 Cerise with no late marks.

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

Whole school attendance from 4 September until 1st December 2017 is 97.5%.



Our Star of the Week children

Curious: Year 5 on their science museum trip.

Creative: Year 6 Ruby class using clay to sculpt.

Ambitious: Reception and Year 1 starting their nativity rehearsals.

Respectful: Nursery learning how to look after their toys and resources.

Happy: The whole school enjoying non-uniform day.

Next Week's Menu

Monday

Beef bolognaise (none)

Veggie mince bolognaise (G,E,So), Spaghetti (G,E)

Sweetcore & broccoli floretes

Jam sponge pudding and custard (Mk, E, G)

Tuesday

Breaded chicken strips (E, G)

Spinach, potato and onion baked omelet (E, Mk)

Crispy potato wedeges

Coleslaw (Mu, Mk, E)

Green beans

Nutless Bakewell tart (Mk, E, G)

Wednesday

Roast turkey with stuffing and gravy (G)

Veggie tagine with fluffy cous cous (G)

Roasted potatoes

Carrots and roasted root vegetables

Fruit of the month dessert

Thursday

Salt and pepper chicken thighs (none)

Roasted pepper, courgette, onion and cheddar quiche (Mk, E, G)

New potatoes, Coleslaw (Mu, Mk, E) and courgettes

Mixed fruit cobbler with custard (Mk, G)

Friday

Baked breaded fish fillet (F, G)

Vegetable burger in a sesame seed bun (Se, G)

Baked oven chips

Peas and baked beans

Chocolate chip cookie (So, Mk, E, G)

(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.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Thursday 7/12 at 9.15am – Year 2 Peach Class Assembly

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

Hi everyone. Pinch, punch, it's the first of the month. Looking forward to a fun-laden December.

WONDERFUL WINTER FAIR – SAT 9th DECEMBER 12.30 – 3pm.

STALL ALLOCATION The board is up at school! Sign up opposite the scooter park to help out with setting up, work on a stall/activity, help with clearing up. Speak to your class rep or the Winter fair team (Marta Alonso, Sam Sestili, Sarah Bolton, Nick Ryan, Helen Porter), if you're not sure where we need support.

SET UP School is open from **3:30-6pm on Fri 8 Dec** for the tables to be set up, decorations arranged and for you to break the back of the prep for your stall. School is open again at **9am Sat 9 Dec**. We'll need loads of hands to help - if you can share childcare between a couple of families to free up an adult to help, please do.

TOMBOLA & KIDS-ONLY SHOPPING ZONE If you have anything ideal for these two stalls, please label and leave in the designated bags at the front of school from today. Tombola prizes big and small that kids and teens would think cool; Kids-only zone: we're looking for unopened gift-sets, toiletries, tins of biscuits, scarves, new socks, picture frames, candles; in great condition to be a gift on Christmas morning!

SECOND-HAND TOYS AND BOOKS Still time for a clear-out this weekend... Please bring in from Monday morning onwards (4 Dec) and ensure you leave in the separate bags for these items. Again, in a suitable condition for selling, please.

RAFFLE TICKETS Please return your stubs or unsold tickets by Monday 4 Dec via the black letterbox in the school reception. Write the name & contact number on the stubs and put in an envelope with the exact money, please. Unsold tickets should be returned labelled with your child's class (+ name, if you are happy to include as it helps us to keep track of returns). In order to comply with lottery regulations, we need to collate all unsold tickets and submit all purchased ticket stubs into the raffle draw so please help us by returning asap. We have some awesome prizes to win!

BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS TREES from 24 November onwards

Buy your tree with Pines & Needles using our special code 'BL20' and our PTFA will receive 20% of each sale. We have an arrangement with Pines & Needles who will have an outlet at St Mary's Church, Church St; they also provide financial support to the charity, Action for Children. Visit their outlet, choose your own tree, pay at point of sale using the code, take your tree there and then. This is too good an opportunity to miss for us – remember to use the code 'BL20'

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT Thurs 14 December 6pm

Our PTFA have been asked to provide a refreshment stall with soft drinks, mulled wine and introducing Marta's delicious chocolate churros (yum). Please get in touch with Marta, if you can help to set up and serve on the evening

martaalonsopola@gmail.com

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=62956