

BOURN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



October 2018

From the Head Teacher

I hope that everyone enjoyed a restful break. With fewer than 8 weeks to go before we finish school for the Christmas holiday, there is a lot to fit in to the remainder of the term. Time always passes quickly in this part of the school year; as it is my final half term I expect it will flash past for me!

Harvest Festival

To mark the School's celebration of Harvest Festival, we asked everyone to donate items for the Cambridge Food Bank. The response was astonishing. I would like to thank all of you who showed such enormous generosity. It was evident that some people had taken the list of suggested items as their shopping list, and donated one of everything. I think that the School is incredibly fortunate to have such a kind and compassionate group of parents.

School Council and the RNLI

After consulting members of their respective classes, the School Council chose the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) as this year's main charity. The charity uses volunteer lifeboat crews to provide a 24-hour rescue service in the UK and Ireland, and also supplies lifeguards to look after people on busy beaches in the summer. There will be variety of occasions when we will seek to raise money for the RNLI, starting with the Christmas plays. I hope you will all support the children in their fundraising efforts, not least because sailing will play an increasingly important part in my life once I finish at Bourn!

Children in Need

This year's Children in Need appeal will take place on Friday 16th November. The School Council were consulted about fundraising on the day and it was agreed that children could, in return for a £1 donation, accessorise their school uniform with something appropriately spotty.

School Photographs

A photographer will be coming to the School on Thursday, 1st November to take individual and family portraits. If you would like to include a pre-school sibling in a photograph please bring them along before school starts in the morning. A few days later the children will be given proofs to take home, so you can select those you wish to buy - just in time for Christmas.

Christmas Capers

The annual BSA "Christmas Capers" event will take place on Saturday 1st December from 2.00 - 4.30 pm. Please look out for further details from the BSA and support their requests for donations and assistance on the day.

Christmas plays

Preparation for the Christmas productions has already begun and very soon the children will be bringing home requests for costumes and support in learning their part in one or other of the plays. As in previous years there will be three performances of each of the KS1 and KS2 plays: at 1.30 pm and 6.00pm on Tuesday 11th December and at 6.00pm on Wednesday 12th December. The children performing in either play will need to be available for all of the performances.

Each family will be able to obtain 3 tickets initially, with further tickets released subsequently if they are available. As fewer people attend the afternoon performance we recommend that pre-school siblings go at that time, which will leave further seats available for grandparents and friends in the evening. There is no charge for tickets but a collection will be taken at the end of each performance, which will be split between the RNLi and the School. Separately, Class Acorn will perform their Christmas play at 9.05 am on Friday 7th December. No tickets will be issued for that performance and anyone may attend.

Christmas lunch

On Friday 14th December the whole school community will enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch prepared by Barbara and the staff of Bourn Bistro. For this reason there will not be a Community Assembly on that day.

Carols by Candlelight

The final three days of term will see the 'Carols by Candlelight' service take place in Bourn Church on Tuesday 18th December at 6.00 pm and the final Community Assembly of the term on Wednesday 19th at 9.00 am, followed by the Talent Show in the afternoon. The term will end at 3.05 pm on Wednesday, 19th December.

Although there are many exciting things happening at this time of year, work remains the focus in the classrooms and there is no let-up on teaching and learning. We continue to have high expectations of all our pupils and to strive for excellence.



Christine Page
Head Teacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
COMMUNITY ASSEMBLIES

2 nd November	Music Assembly
9 th November	Poetry Assembly
16 th November	Class Acorn
23 rd November	Class Hazel
30 th November	Class Willow
7 th December	Year 6 Advent Assembly
14 th December	Class Acorn Nativity
19 th December	End of term Community Assembly

EVENTS

1 st November	School photographs
8 th November	Movie Night (3.20pm)
21 st November	Full Governing Body meeting
1 st December	Christmas Capers
11 th December	Christmas plays - afternoon/evening
12 th December	Christmas play - evening
14 th December	Christmas lunch
18 th December	Carol Service - 6.00pm

TERM DATES

<i>Autumn term 2018</i> Autumn term closes	Wednesday, 19th December
<i>Spring term 2019</i> Training day Training day Spring term starts Half-term Spring term closes	Thursday, 3 rd January Friday, 4 th January Monday, 7 th January 18 th - 22 nd February Friday, 5 th April
<i>Summer term 2019</i> Training day Summer term starts Training day Half-term Summer term closes	Tuesday, 23 rd April Wednesday, 24 th April Friday, 24th May 27 th - 31 st May Tuesday, 23 rd July