

BOURN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



November 2016

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.

Following lengthy discussions with members of their respective classes, the School Council chose 'Support 4 Sunflowers' as this year's main charity. We think this is a very fitting organisation for the School to back, because not only is it a new charity based locally, but also as one of our current pupils benefitted from a rehabilitation centre located in Kent. The 'Support 4 Sunflowers' charity helps to fund a similar type of residential centre in Cottenham, providing a local facility for children recovering from long term illnesses.

A photographer will be coming to the School on the morning of 8th November to take individual and family photographs, just in time for Christmas. If you would like to include a pre-school sibling in a photograph please bring them along before school starts in the morning.

The BSA will be kicking off the Christmas festivities with the annual Christmas Capers event taking place on Saturday 26th November from 2.00 - 4.00pm. Please look out for further details from the BSA and also their requests for donations and support on the day.

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 each of the KS1 and KS2 plays: at 1.30pm and 6.30pm on Wednesday 14th December and at 6.30pm on Thursday 15th December. All of the children who are 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 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 Sunflower charity and the School. Separately, Class Acorn will perform their Christmas play at 9.05am on Friday 9th December. No tickets will be issued for that performance and anyone may attend.

The Year 6 pupils are not involved in these productions but will be kept extremely busy with 'Bikeability' and with the organisation of a charity games event for the rest of the School.

On Friday, 16th December the whole school community will enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch prepared by Becky and the staff of Bourn Bistro. For this reason there will not be a Community Assembly on that day. The final three days of term will see the 'Carols by Candlelight' service held on Tuesday 20th December at 6.00 pm in the Church and the final Community Assembly of the term on Wednesday 21st December at 9.00am, followed by the Talent Show in the afternoon.

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.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLIES

4 th November	Music
11 th November	Class Acorn
18 th November	Class Rosewood
25 th November	Poetry
2 nd December	Outside interests
9 th December	Acorn Nativity
21 st December	Carols

EVENTS

9 th November	BSA Movie Night
10 th November	Flu vaccinations - Years 1-3
11 th November	Vision screening - Year 1
23 rd November	Full Governing Body meeting
26 th November	Christmas Capers
9 th December	Acorn Nativity
12 th - 15 th December	Year 6 Bikeability
14 th December	Christmas plays (afternoon - 1.15pm/evening - 6.30pm)
15 th December	Christmas plays (evening - 6.30pm)
16 th December	Christmas lunch
20 th December	Y6 Charity Games
20 th December (6pm)	Carol Service in Church
21 st December	Talent Show (School only)

TERM DATES

<i>Autumn term 2016</i> 21 st December	Autumn term closes
<i>Spring term 2017</i> 4 th January 13 th - 17 th February 31 st March	Spring term starts Half-term Spring term closes
<i>Summer term 2017</i> 18 th April 19 th April 1 st May 26 th May 29 th May - 2 nd June 20 th July 21 st July	Training day (school closed) Summer term starts May Day Training Day (school closed) Half-term Summer term closes Training Day (school closed)