

## Looking Ahead

I can hardly believe we are at the end of the month and very nearly at the end of the Autumn Term.

It was lovely to see so many Year 4 parents enjoying the Ugly Bug DT day in Year 4 on Wednesday. I was staggered at the creativity of the costumes.

Christmas begins next week at BPS. On Monday the youngest and oldest children in the school will have the honour of switching on our Christmas Tree lights and Key Stage 1 will be performing their Nativity to parents at St Peter and St Pauls in the evening.

On Wednesday our Foundation children will be performing some Christmas songs to their parents and of course we will have the Christmas Fayre after school. The PTA are still looking for some volunteers to help them set up on Wednesday afternoon and to help them serve refreshments. Can you help? Any volunteers that help out at the Christmas Fayre will be entered in to a draw for a special Christmas Hamper. If you can spare some time please do contact Jacky Dale-Evans via the School Office.

Although we welcome the beginning of the festivities it is important that the children continue to work hard in their lessons. To support this can we ask that children do not come to school wearing oversized festive hair accessories etc. There will be plenty of opportunities over the next few weeks to celebrate and enjoy this most wonderful time of the year.

Very best wishes,

Mrs France

## Thank you!

A huge thank you to PSP Auctions and Twigs Nursery for their generous donations - a Christmas Tree for each of our school halls. Without the kindness and generosity of these local businesses we would not be able to give the children the excitement of the lights switch on.

Please pop in and support these fantastic small businesses over the coming weeks.

## PTA

We have made £451.50 from our Christmas Card Project 2018. We have already received our share from Arts Projects for Schools with all monies going towards our IT fund. This is another positive step in our fund raising efforts. Thank you!

## Breakfast and After School

- Booking forms for attendance at either club after the Christmas holidays are now being accepted
- Please ensure any outstanding fees are cleared prior to making future bookings.
- Please ensure that you book your child in at least one complete week prior to attending either club as this allows the correct staffing and food to be allocated.
- All bookings for the week commencing Monday 1 January must be received by Friday 14 December.

## Requests and Donations

F2 are looking for the following items

- Large sticks for den building
- Large pebbles
- Log Slices
- Loose parts resources e.g. Golf tees, buttons, glass beads.

If you could help with donations of any of these items please hand the in to the school office.

Thank you.

## Poppy Appeal

The children attended a special thank you assembly today from the Royal British Legion. BPS raised an incredible £767.88 for the Poppy Appeal this year, more than any other School in Buckingham! Thank you all for your generosity.

## Nursery

Christmas Parties Please return the slip to indicate whether your child will or will not be attending the party for the room they register in.  
Chicks and Cygnets have been celebrating St Andrew's Day and all things Scottish this week. They have produced some interesting artwork on this theme.

Swans have been looking at a celebration we all take part in, our birthdays!

**Holiday club booking forms must be returned by Wednesday 5th December, please.**

A volunteer group from The National Trust team at Stowe worked extremely hard clearing phase 2 of the Forest School area this week. They have created a lovely area for the children to be able to explore and investigate a natural and safe environment. In return our children finished painting Merry (Mary) Christmas and she is available for you and your family to visit within Stowe gardens. There are also 2 other doors that children from years 2 and 6 have completed for you to find as well. Good luck in finding them.

## Foundation 2

This week we have been subtracting objects and numbers in maths and writing facts about castles in literacy. Next week we will be writing letters to Santa and writing about Christmas. In maths we will be creating and describing patterns. We are also very excited to perform our songs on Wednesday 5th December.

Our characteristic of learning focus for next week will be - Proud Peacock - where the children will be challenged to explain why they are proud of their work.

At home:

Reading - practise sounding out words and blending.

Practice taking away skills using objects and numbers

Continue and create patterns using objects, colours etc.

Talk/write about how we celebrate Christmas

## Year 1

In English the children have been writing the most beautiful star poems; please ask them to tell you any great 'star' words that they have been using.

Our children are looking after the garden in the Year 1 outside area, including weeding and planting their own pots. If anyone has any spare pots or other suitable items (e.g. compost, seeds, and bulbs) that you no longer require, then we would be delighted if you would like to donate these to us. Thank you.

## Year 2

In Year 2 we are looking at maps and developing our map skills to locate places in Buckingham. We wrote fantastic leaflets for the mayor to advertise local facilities.

We look forward to seeing you at the Nativity performance on Monday.



Lily has been sharing her reading skills with her lovely dog Arthur! Could you tell us the other interesting ways you read at home?

## Year 3

Year 3 are busy completing their light shadow theatres in preparation for the performance to parents on Friday 14th December. They are very excited!

Can you please help by practising their lines with them if they bring their play scripts home?

The children are also looking forward to making edible items for the Christmas Fayre - if you could help with this on Wednesday, please come and talk to one of the teachers.

Could I please remind you to check that you have paid for the Year 3 Residential trip deposit? Also, early payment for the Verulamium Museum trip on 9th January would be greatly appreciated.

## Year 4

Year 4 welcomed parents and grandparents to help with our insect-inspired-fashion DT morning on Wednesday. We had a fabulous day sewing, gluing and creating! The resulting items were a huge hit at our end of day Ugly Bug Fashion Show. The whole Year 4 team extends a massive thank you to everyone who helped make this such a success. We hope you will support us again in future.



## Year 5

The children are really enjoying our latest Michael Morpurgo Book "The Best Christmas Present in the World." Inspired by the book, children have produced some wonderful writing littered with emotive language to convey the characters' feelings.

In History, children have explored the advancements in warfare, looking specifically at the Zeppelin. They combined this knowledge together to make an information text.

If you haven't already done so, please bring a shoe box into school for our DT day on **13th December**.

## Year 6

Year 6 have had a very busy week! On Thursday morning, we got to see children from the Royal Latin perform 'The Magic of Mary Poppins'. It was a great show and many of the children left feeling inspired to take part in performing arts next year. This afternoon, we had parents in for our craft afternoon. We made Victorian-inspired wreaths from salt dough and orange pomanders.

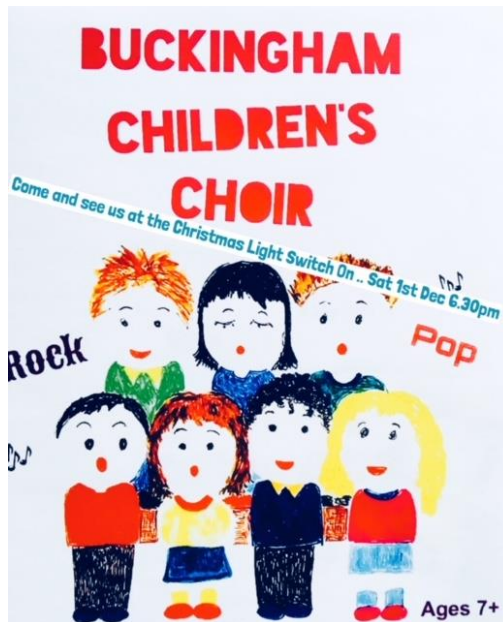
Next week, we will begin rehearsing for our Christmas Carol concert. We will also be having assessment week and can't wait to see how much progress the children have already made this year.



## December Dates

3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Lights Switch On</li> <li>• KS1 Nativity</li> <li>• Year 3 and 4 Basketball Festival</li> </ul>
4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 1 Maths Methods Workshop</li> </ul>
5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• F2 Christmas Performance</li> <li>• Christmas Fayre</li> <li>• Flu Immunisations</li> </ul>
7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 5 Swimming</li> </ul>
10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursery Swans Nativity</li> <li>• Year 4 Church visit</li> <li>• Key Stage 1 Multi Skills Festival</li> </ul>
11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• F2 Parent Craft</li> <li>• Key Stage 1 Library Visit</li> </ul>
12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 Christmas Performance</li> <li>• Age UK Christmas Tea Party</li> </ul>
13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursery Chicks and Cygnets Christmas Singing with Parents</li> </ul>
14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 3 Shadow Puppet Play</li> <li>• Year 1 and 2 Christmas Parent Craft</li> <li>• Year 5 Swimming</li> </ul>
15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buckingham Town Christmas Parade</li> </ul>
17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursery Swans Christmas Party</li> <li>• Class Christmas Parties</li> </ul>
18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursery Chicks and Cygnets Christmas Party</li> <li>• Christmas Jumper Day</li> <li>• Whole School Christmas Lunch</li> <li>• Santa Fun Run</li> </ul>
19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of term (3.30pm)</li> </ul>





Buckingham Children's Choir will be performing at The Christmas Light Switch On in Buckingham at 6:30pm on Saturday 1st December. The singers and guitarists have had several gigs this year and are delighted to be part of 'The Big Switch On'.

We are keen to have more singers and guitarists join our weekly rehearsal sessions and participate in gigs with us.

The choir is open to youngsters aged 7+ and we still have room for a guitarist or two!

A free 'taster' session is available for any youngster interested in joining the choir for 2019. We've got some great songs in the repertoire and gigs in the diary!

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## Christmas Crafts

Saturday 22nd December

10.00am –1.00 pm



Drop in for some fun Christmas Crafts

FREE

Suitable for Ages 3-10

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## Christmas Bedtime Storytime Buckingham Library

Tuesday 18th December

5.45pm-6.30pm

Come along in your pyjamas & bring your teddy for stories & songs with Santa



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