



14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**December**

- 13 Nativity Performance for Reception Parents 2pm
- 14 Nativity Performance for Year 1 Parents 2pm
- 15 Nativity Performance for Year 2 Parents 2pm
- 17 Last day of Term 2

**January**

- 04 Inset Day
- 05 Start of Term 3
- 18 Flu Vaccinations (email with link sent on 30/11/21)

**Don't forget all the dates are on the website.**

**School News**

As this is the last newsletter before the Christmas holidays the staff wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

**Update from Mr Cook**

Well done to the following children who received certificates (for hard work or positive attitude or great behaviour or good manners etc) in the last week's celebration assembly:

Ducklings	Cygnets	Hérons	Wrens
Sophia and Rj	Maisie and Freddie	Felix and Ellis	Mia and Olivia
Swans	Swallows	Kingfishers	Headteacher Awards
Horace, Matilda Q and Maya	Teddy and Wilf M	Henry and Stanley	Amelia C.

**Y5/6 MultiSports at Chew Valley School**

Y5 and 6 went to Chew Valley School on 30<sup>th</sup> November for a MultiSports Festival with other local Primary Schools. The weather was mostly kind and the children had a great afternoon! Festival dates for next term have been agreed – these will be published in the newsletter after the holidays.



**Christmas celebrations**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December was our Christmas lunch – many thanks to Rose and Karen for preparing the festive feast! Many thanks as well to the PTA for organising the Aladdin panto (and a delicious

Choo Moo's interval ice-cream!), a message to each class from Father Christmas, as well as a gift of a book for each child.



*Photographs from Swallows class – Christmas lunch, book gifts and ice-cream!*



### **End of an era!**

Thank you as well to Karen Penny for her long service as crossing patrol supervisor over the last 11 years; that's a lot of children and parents (and grandparents) safely crossed! (Karen will still be working in the kitchens here at Bishop Sutton for Aspens). At the moment we do not have any further updates on a replacement supervisor; if you know someone who may be interested, please point them in my direction or to the road safety team at B&NES.



### **Thank you**

Thank you to all parents for their support over this term – it has been very much appreciated and helped enormously with trying to make life in school as it should be. Back in September, we very much welcomed the changes to PHE guidance - especially in relation to the closing of bubbles; it meant that we were able to start the year with a fairly 'normal' school operation. And, when we had child cases (quite a few!), this meant that classes were largely unaffected. We have however been

hit quite badly by staff absences this term and this has admittedly meant a slightly disjointed experience for some days in some classes. We have at least been able to keep all classes open - trying to continue with as normal a day and curriculum as possible and not having to close any classes. I am not quite sure how we have achieved that...well actually I do. It has been the flexibility/adaptability and generosity of the staff in covering classes at short notice, and taking on additional teaching and supervision duties, organising additional remote/home learning and always going 'above and beyond'. So in this final Newsletter before the Christmas holiday, I would like to say a huge thank you to each and every one of them from me, from the children, and from the parents.

Finally, I wish all of you a very happy Christmas and I hope you all enjoy a wonderful safe, happy and peaceful holiday.

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### **STOP PRESS - MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> December**

We had a number of children across both schools who entered the Dan Norris (Mayor of Bristol) Christmas Card competition this year. There were **thousands** of entries from Bristol, South Gloucestershire and B&NES schools....and a massive congratulations to Charlotte, whose design was used in the final version (i.e. in the top eight entries), well done Charlotte! (Charlotte's design is the Christmas tree in the top left in the picture to the right). Well done to all the other entrants as well – you should have received a letter from Dan Norris in school today.



**The updates below were sent via email on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

#### ***Nativity***

*Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th are the Nativity Performance for children in YR, Y1 and Y2. (Monday is for YR parents, Tuesday is for Y1 parents and Wednesday is for Y2*

*parents). All performances are at 2pm and we ask that you follow the following guidance:*

- *Please wear a face mask and use the hand gel provided*
- *If possible, please take a lateral flow device (LFD) test before coming onto site*
- *Please do not bring other children on to site (including pre-schoolers and babies)*
- *The performance lasts around 45 minutes and we ask that you leave the hall promptly and wait outside to collect your child(ren) - once they have changed from their costumes and organised their belongings for home time*
- *Two adults maximum per child to attend the performance (and attend only one performance if you have more than one child in the year groups above)*
- *Access will be via the front gate only - the gates will open at 1.50pm.*

*There is a high prevalence of COVID19 across B&NES currently - although overall rates of COVID-19 in B&NES have fallen and the 7-day rate is below the South West and national average. However, it is expected that rates will increase going forward, given that we are moving into the Christmas period and that the Omicron variant is growing quickly. We would like all children, parents and staff to enjoy their Christmas so hopefully we can stay safe and happy and reduce transmission rates by following the guidance above.*

#### ***Lockdown***

*No, not a Covid lockdown, but an emergency practice as part of our safeguarding procedures. Yesterday we held a practice at the end of playtime to evacuate the children from the playground into the classrooms. This is just 'normal procedure' and is something that many schools do*

*to prepare children should the need arise. It's similar to the evacuation process that we have when we do the fire drill (but moving children in to school, not away from school). So please do not be concerned - I know there was conversation on WhatsApp yesterday evening and I can assure you that the practice was routine and not part of any concerns that have been shared with the school by the police, for example. (We will be practising our lockdown procedures again next term, just as will we also be practising the fire drill evacuation).*

## PTA

### PTA LATEST NEWS

The countdown to Christmas has officially started! And thanks to the funds raised through the Smartie Challenge earlier this year, this week there has been a fabulous Christmas celebration at school for all the children to enjoy! Each class watched the pantomime 'Aladdin' and had a delicious ice cream during the interval, kindly donated by Chew Moos Icecream. Plus, there was a very special video message for each class from Santa Claus himself and a gift for every child.

#### **Christmas Raffle Tickets Now On Sale!**

Double check those book bags this week because every child has been given a book of our Christmas Raffle tickets to take home for family and friends to buy. Every ticket is just £1 (so £5 per book) and we have a wonderful selection of 16 Rainbow Hampers plus lots of other fabulous prizes on offer. Look out for the full list of prizes on the posters at School (Reception/Back Gate). Ticket stubs with money can be returned directly to School Reception, and additional tickets are available for sale in the lower playground gazebo at pick up time. **Please, please, please can any unsold tickets/ticket books be returned as soon as possible so that these can be resold!** Thanks so much to you all for your support with the donations for the Rainbow Hampers – they look amazing!!

Here are the key PTA dates for this term and beyond for your diary:

**16 December, 4pm - Last chance for Raffle ticket returns!**

**17 December - Christmas Raffle Draw to be made at Christmas Celebration Assembly**

**19 January – Bishop Sutton Wassail (more details to follow)**

We really look forward to welcoming you and your children to one of our events soon – and remember, **we ALWAYS need extra helping hands on our PTA** – whether a committee role, a specialist skill or just an hour or so helping to make an event safe and fun on the day – so please do let us know if you can join our band of parent volunteers! Just email Tracey at [pta@bishopsuttonstantondrew.co.uk](mailto:pta@bishopsuttonstantondrew.co.uk) for more details.

Thank you for your continuing support from BS PTA



## Other Items

### December 20th to 21st GET Sported Christmas camp

Bookings close Saturday 18th December so book your place now!

"We're really looking forward to our Last GET Sported camp for this year ! Come and join us at 'Winford C of E Primary School', Winford where your children will have an amazing time growing in confidence, building skills and having an experience they won't stop talking about!" Akeel - Camp Director

Our Christmas camp will run much like previous camps but with some changes to ensure safety around COVID best practice guidelines, to maintain high safety levels for children and staff.

GET Sported (ages 5-12)

We offer a huge variety of different sports, including football, cricket, netball, rugby, gymnastics, basketball, hockey, dodgeball, volleyball and more! We also offer fun activities like dance, music, arts and crafts and much more. We will be having a lot of Christmas fun games , fancy dress and talent show on this camp.

Find out more about GET Sported camps on our CAMPS page.

How to Book

visit [getsported.org](https://www.getsported.org) for booking online

if you need more information please Contact Akeel Yousaf

(akeel@worldsportministries.com) 07809650743



**LEAP**

LEAP is a free programme for families of children and young people who are above a healthy weight\*

1-1 support via telephone or video call for children aged 5-10 (with family) and those aged 10-17 years

Covering topics around:

- Healthy food and drink swaps
- Physical Activity / active play
- The impact of screen time
- Why we make certain food choices.

To book a place or find out more contact the Community Wellbeing Hub  
 t: 0300 247 0050  
 e: BATHNES.thehub@virginicare.co.uk / Kimberley.tyler@virginicare.co.uk

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\*NHS Criteria apply



**Cook it**

Five week online course for parents and children

Join a virtual group cookery session with optional cook along to discover how to make easy, healthy recipes

- Free recipe booklet and links to our NEW video recipes
- Support with meal planning and budgeting
- Every family who completes the course receives a **€28 supermarket voucher** to put towards buying ingredients or equipment for recipes

Upcoming course start dates:  
 4.5pm Thursday 13th January  
 5.5pm Monday 17th January  
 4.5pm Tuesday 19th January  
 4.5pm Tuesday 26th February

Call or email the Community Wellbeing Hub to book  
 Tel: 0300 2470050  
 Email: bathnes.thehub@virginicare.co.uk

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**HENRY Healthy Families programme online**

Even during this uncertain time, we're still here to help you give your little ones a great start in life.

The HENRY programme is completely FREE to join for parents and carers of children aged 0 to 3 years old. We will send you details of how to join online.

The programme provides everything you need to help your little one get off to a great start.

We cover the 5 following themes across 8 weeks:

- Feeling more confident as a parent
- Physical activities for the little ones
- What children and the whole family eat
- Family friendly habits
- Enjoying life as a family

Each week there is a 1 hour live session and a couple of videos to watch before each session. You'll also receive a free toolkit with lots of fantastic resources, delivered to your home.

The programme is an opportunity to share ideas and experiences with other families in a safe environment.

**Programme details**

Next course start dates are:  
 1.30pm 19th January - 26th March  
 1.30pm 26th January - 2nd March

Please note that each group has a maximum capacity of 4 families. Enquiries do get in quick if you would like to register as we will be able to give you more details on our programme.

**Get it FREE!** It's free to join!

**Contact Us**

Bookings on HENRY courses are essential  
 Telephone - Community Wellbeing Hub  
 on 0300 247 0050  
 Email - BATHNES.thehub@virginicare.co.uk

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 Healthy Families, Beyond Food

Term Dates for the Academic Year	2021-22
Inset Days	Thursday 2/9/2021 and Friday 3/9/2021
Term 1	Monday 6/9/2021 – Friday 22/10/2021
Half Term Holiday	Monday 25/10/2021 – Friday 29/10/2021
Inset Day	Monday 1/11/2021
Term 2	Tuesday 2/11/2021 – Friday 17/12/2021
Christmas Holiday	Monday 20/12/2021 – Monday 3/1/2022
Inset Day	Tuesday 4/1/2022
Term 3	Wednesday 5/1/2022 – Friday 18/02/2022
Half Term Holiday	Monday 21/2/2022 – Friday 25/2/2022
Term 4	Monday 28/2/2022 – Friday 8/4/2022

Easter Holiday	Monday 11/4/2022 – Friday 22/04/2022
Term 5	Monday 25/4/2022 – Thursday 26/5/2022
Inset Day	Friday 27/5/2022
Half Term Holiday	Monday 30/5/2022 – Friday 3/6/2022
Term 6	Monday 6/6/2022 – Thursday 21/7/2022

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

The newsletter is also available on our website <http://bishopsuttonstantondrew.co.uk>

