




# BESSEMER GRANGE NEWS

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Nursery Parent Workshop 9.15am - Maths

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Play Street 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Pantomime performance 3.30-4.45pm

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Pantomime performance 3.30-4.45pm

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December - F@B Winter Fair - time TBC

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Children's Christmas Lunch

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Nativity Performance 2.00-3.00pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Nativity Performance 10.00-11.00am

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Year 2 Winter Performance 2.00-3.00pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Winter Carol Concert at St Faiths Church 6.00-7.00pm

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Year 2 Winter Performance 10.00-11.00am

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1 Winter Sing-along 3.00-3.30pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Class Parties 1.00-3.30pm

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of term - closing at 2.00pm**

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of term. We hope that you have had a nice rest and that the children have recharged their batteries for the busy term ahead!

### Pantomime

*West End in Schools* will be performing Aladdin on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of December from 3.30-4.45pm in our top hall. Tickets will be on sale through Parentmail only and will cost £5 for adults and children aged 4 years and over. Tickets will be free for children aged 3 years and under but they will have to sit on their parent or carer's lap. Please look out for the flyer in book bags to know when tickets will go on sale.

### Congratulations

Well done to our school Junior Travel Ambassadors, Mark O'Sullivan, Shiloh Ford, Imogen Garner and Oliver Brogan who won the 'Outstanding Achievement for Contributing to the Local Area' award at last week's JTA conference!

### Exciting Assemblies

So far this term we have been treated to a range of exciting assemblies. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 were lucky enough to have a live musician come in and perform using his electric guitar, keyboard and drum kit. Year 1 received cardboard cars during their road safety workshop and the *Mad Science* team visited and taught an assembly about air and gases.

### Card Payments

We are now the proud owners of a card machine! Payments for school trips, uniform, lunch, afterschool clubs etc. can now be paid at the office. However, there is a small percentile charge when using credit cards.

### Stand Up To Cancer Charity Collection

A huge thankyou to all of the children and parents who contributed to this worthy charity; we raised a staggering £1,950.

### Christmas Cards

We are expecting the delivery of your child's cards by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. If you have purchased cards, tags and any other items, we will deliver them to your child's class. If you have any problems, please come and speak to the school office.

### F@B News

Members of F@B will continue to open the nature garden on Fridays when there is no Play Street for children to play in after school. This session is only for children who are accompanied by their parents or carers. There will be weekly activities for the children to participate in. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the F@B team at [fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk](mailto:fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk).

The Winter Fair will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Look out for more details from the F@B team. There will be a Winter Fair planning meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am in the lower hall. Please come along if you are interested in helping out, want to offer support or to enquire about having a stall.

### Sickness

If your child is unwell and will be absent from school for the day, please ensure that you contact the school office as soon as possible, preferably by 8.30am. If there is no answer, please leave a voice message clearly stating what class your child is in and the reason for their absence.

### Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding Policy along with many other policies are available for you to download from the school website.

### Birthday

Just a reminder but please do not bring birthday cakes or party bags to school. There are several reasons for this: allergies, parent preference, religious beliefs and teacher time. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### Afterschool activity clubs

The Spring Term afterschool activity clubs list and booking options will be available from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. A letter explaining the new booking process and club choices will be sent out in due course. Bookings will only be available on Parentmail. If you have not yet signed up to Parentmail, please do so. If you need some support with the application process, please come and ask at the school office.



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