

# BESSEMER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas lunch and party for Nursery, Year 1, Year 3, Year 5

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas lunch and party for Little Stars, Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6

**Children can wear their own clothes on their Christmas lunch and party day**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - last day of school, **finish at usual times**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Inset day for staff, school closed for children

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Inset day for staff, school closed for children

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January - first day back for children.

## News

### Face Coverings

As you know, we are doing everything we can in school to reduce the risk of infection and keep our bubbles open. This is especially important to some families at the moment as they hope to spend the holiday with family and need to avoid infection or a period of isolation. With this in mind we are now asking that parents and carers wear face coverings at drop off and pick up times as it is often impossible to maintain a two metre distance from other people. Staff at the gates are more able to remain socially distant, but if they need to approach you they will also wear a face covering.

If your child is wearing a face covering to school please ensure that they understand when they need to wear it and when it can be removed (e.g. in the playground) and how to remove and store it safely.

### Virtual Concert

As we are unable to hold our carol concerts this year we are producing a virtual concert instead. Each class has been practising a song which will be filmed in class. The songs will then be combined to form a virtual concert that will be added to our website. All of the songs are non-religious to make the concert as inclusive as possible, but if you have any concerns about your child taking part, or being on the website please email the school office. We will send out a message to let you know when the concert has been uploaded.

### Christmas Lunch

We will be serving our traditional Christmas lunch over two days this year. Please see the dates box above for the day that your child's class will be having Christmas lunch. If your child usually has packed lunch but would like Christmas lunch please make sure you have emailed the office about this.

### Christmas Parties

Children will have their class Christmas parties after their Christmas lunch. This year we are not asking for food for the parties, we will be focusing on games and dancing instead. Children can wear their own clothes on their Christmas lunch and party day.

### Christmas Cards

Unfortunately, we have had to make the decision not to exchange Christmas cards in school this year. Our risk assessment and Covid procedures have all been focused on avoiding cross contamination and unnecessary contact, so sadly we can not justify allowing the exchange of cards which would involve lots of contact among large numbers of children and the risk of cross contamination. We know that this is disappointing but hope that you can understand the reasoning behind it.

### House Winners

As we near the end of term we have all been waiting eagerly to find out which house has collected the most gems this term. To find out who has won, please see the celebrations page! While the winning house will not be able to go on a reward trip all together, we are organizing small outings to the park or adventure playground which the children in the winning house will go on in their bubbles. We will send out more information about this as soon as the trips are confirmed.

### Traffic Cameras

As we told you in previous newsletters, the road closure enforcement cameras are now live. During pick up and drop off times Nairne Grove is closed to traffic, starting from the signs by the entrance to the cul-de-sac, not from the barriers. Some parents have now received parking tickets, so please do not drive into Nairne Grove at all during drop off and pick up times.

### Millwall

Following the disturbing behaviour of Millwall fans at a recent match and the disappointing response from the club we have decided to discontinue our association with Millwall. At Bessemer equality is of the utmost importance and sadly we do not feel that Millwall meet the high standards to which we aspire.

### Christmas Jumper Day

It was lovely to see all the children dressed up today. If you would like to make a donation to Save the Children or the Albrighton Community Fridge please use the following links:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/albrightoncommunitycentre>

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200015430>

## Word of The Week

The word of the week is **Contemplate**. Please help your child to find out the meaning and origin of the word and to use it as much as possible! Gems will be awarded in school to children who can use the word of the week and explain its meaning.

## Celebrations

### House Winners

This term's house winners are.....Rubies! Congratulations to all of the children in Rubies, well done for all of your hard work and great behaviour that have earned you all those gems!

### Stars of the Week

The stars, writers, mathematicians and scientists of the week are awarded in Zoom assemblies every week. The winners are listed on the following page, well done to those children for all of their hard work!

### Competition Winners

The winners of the recent Mathletics competition were announced today and the winning classes were 1JM and 3LS. Well done everyone who took part!

An enormous well done goes out to Shante in 6YH. Earlier in the year Shante entered a competition run by the NHS to design a postcard to be sent to NHS staff. Shante's was one of the designs chosen from over 1800 entries and has been made into a postcard which has been sent out to around 4100 NHS staff. Here is her fantastic winning design, well done Shante!







Celebration Week  
7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> December  
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Class	Star of the week	Writer of the week	Mathematician the week	Scientist of the week per year group
Moonbeam	Faye	Kelsey	Felix	Matilda
Sunshine	Phoenix	Alex	Lina	
Rainbow	Wren	Leo	Louis	
1AM	Paul	Eve	Harry	Camila
1AS	Alura	Tobias	Harley	
1JM	Aoife	Daniel	George	
2LC	Tiger	Robhin	Jacob	Bryan
2ER	Florence	Carter	Cavalli	
2JW	Polly	Lori	Fox	
3AF				Sophie
3LS	Eisa	Lukas	Olivia	
3CB	Tom	Oscar	Tate	
3LM	Otis	Lara	Grace	
4HB	Lily	Rose	Lukas	Simba
4SB	Nyeem	Xavier	Dora	
4KL	Kate	Freida	Amelia	
5LC				Sophie L
5AC	Aleena	Aisha	Lois	
5JB	Arnold	John	Lex	
5RS	Evie	Sam	Ellie-May	
6BN		Jayden	Beyza	Abigail
6MS	William B	Katie	Lily P	
6YH	Emma	Alfie	Jonah	
6LT	Lila	Anya	Jayden	

Have a great weekend!

*Elizabeth*