

The

Bitham Brook Bulletin



Dear Parents and Carers

THANK YOU TO CUT'N'CLEAR



Our Christmas tree is has arrived this week, courtesy of Dave Gordon of Cut 'n' Clear Landscapes, so thank you very much to him! The children have made decorations and staff and FOBBS committee members kindly put them up yesterday.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS AND ACTIVITIES

Thank you all for your patience earlier this week queuing for tickets! Unfortunately we have to be careful not to exceed maximum permitted numbers in the hall to comply with fire safety regulations. If you haven't picked up your tickets please come to the office as soon as possible, so that we can start to offer spares. Thank you for all of your support at this busy time of year.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

11 AM TO 1 PM

Come and Join our Festive Activities

Visit Santa's Grotto
Face Painting
Homemade Cakes
Refreshments
Tombola
Toys, Books and
and Lots, Lots More... Nearly New

FOBBS

**Christmas Story Time Evening
with Mrs Robertson**

Tuesday 12th December 2017
Foundation Stage & KS1 5pm - 5.45pm
KS2 6pm - 6.45pm

£1 per child - to be paid on the door please

Come dressed in PJ's/dressing gown with teddy if you wish!

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SILVER HEALTHY SCHOOLS AWARD



Congratulations Everybody! We received our Silver Healthy Schools Award last week at the Civic Centre. Mrs Brisland attended on our behalf to collect the award, which is now in our front entrance area. Some of the activities we did to achieve this award were as follows:

- Training for MDSAs on the Healthy Lunchbox Initiative;
- Tasting Thursdays - where the children tried new tastes;
- Raffle tickets for children with extra fruit and vegetables in their lunchboxes or for eating everything on their plate. Prizes were awarded at Celebration Assembly;
- Cooking sessions in school;
- Work towards being a Rights Respecting School;
- Global Learning sessions;
- Understanding the Eatwell Plate;
- Questionnaires, surveys and assemblies;
- A noticeboard for children;
- Ambassadors;
- The Walking Bus (for a short while at least)!

And there were many more! We are looking forward to maintaining this and also working towards our Gold Award next year. In the meantime, all children are currently decorating a

FOBBS EASY FUNDRAISING REMINDER



Are you doing your Christmas shopping online? Friends Of Bitham Brook Primary School can benefit from your online shopping without any extra cost to you. There are 3 easy steps -

1. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and **sign up for free**. Now you have your account and you have chosen which good cause you are supporting (Bitham Brook Primary School) you can do the second thing...
2. **Start shopping**. Every time you shop online, head to Easyfundraising first. We have over 3,000 retailers on board, so simply pick the one you want to visit and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a free donation to FOBBS and it won't cost you a penny extra!

All you need to do is **remember** to come back to Easyfundraising before you shop to keep on collecting donations for the school. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 14TH DECEMBER

Please order your child's Christmas Lunch on the usual lunch order forms which you can find outside the office. *The lunch is FREE to all pupils this year, but you do need to order it in advance!* If you have already filled in an order form for the whole term you do not need to re-order.



plastic pot which they have been given to go in their lunchbox or alongside their school dinner. We are hoping to reduce the amount of waste materials and packaging that currently go to the landfill site. So for example, we are hoping that you might buy a large bag of raisins, use the pot to put some in and save yourself some money by not having to buy ready-packaged boxes. A chunk of cheese in the pot would also be cheaper and healthier than cheese strings - with a massive reduction in plastic packaging. The children will bring them home at the end of term. Many thanks for all your support so far - the difference in one year is quite remarkable!

ROTARY CAROL CONCERT

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children represented Bitham Brook at the Rotary Carol Concert on Monday evening. Mervyn Harris, the organiser, thanked us for our participation, adding that everyone did brilliantly, singing with enthusiasm and attention. There was a good atmosphere within the church and a clear intention to enjoy the evening. Very well done!

BREAKFAST CLUB 7.45 AM START FROM 4TH JANUARY 2018

Following feedback from parents, our Breakfast Club will start at 7.45 am from 4th January 2018 and will remain at £3 per child per day. The club will run every school day until the end of Term 6 and will then be reviewed for September 2018. Please can we remind parents that all places must be booked and paid for in advance at the office no later than 3.15 pm the day before, so that we know who to expect. We will not be able to accept children who arrive on the day who haven't been booked in. Thank you.

BREAKFAST CLUB!



8 AM TO 8.45 AM DAILY
(WILL START AT 7.45 AM FROM 4TH JANUARY 2018)

ONLY £3 PER SESSION FOR A
2-COURSE BREAKFAST

PLEASE BOOK AND PAY AT THE
OFFICE

ADVANCE BOOKINGS ONLY PLEASE -
NO DROP-INS

FLU SPRAY VACCINATION 12TH DECEMBER

The flu spray vaccination will take place in school during the afternoon of Tuesday 12th December for all children in FS2 and Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 whose parents have returned consent forms.

If you haven't returned your consent form it's not too late - please bring it in on Monday. Also, if you have returned a consent form and your child has since had the vaccination, please make sure you let us know. Thank you.







CLASS ASSEMBLIES TIMETABLE

Celebration Assemblies will take place at 2.45 pm on the Fridays when there is no class assembly. Class assemblies are listed below:

Friday 19 th January	Miss Cooper
Friday 9 th February	Mrs Robertson/Mr Bold
Friday 9 th March	Mrs Roff/Mrs Woodward
Friday 23rd March	Mrs Hancock *NEW DATE*
Friday 27 th April	Mrs Marshall
Friday 18 th May	Mr Wood
Friday 15 th June	Mrs Clinch/Mrs Sinnott
Friday 6 th July	Mrs Reynolds

FS2 will hold their assemblies in the Summer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

December	
 *Mon 11 th	2 pm Years 3/4 Christmas performance
Tues 12 th	Flu spray vaccinations Years R-4
Tues 12 th	FOBBS Storytime with Mrs Robertson from 5 pm £1 on the door
 *Weds 13 th	2 pm FS2/Key Stage One Christmas performance
 *Thurs 14 th	10 am FS2/Key Stage One Christmas performance
Thurs 14th	Free Christmas Lunch to all pupils (please order in advance)
 *Thurs 14 th	3.45 pm Years 3/4 Christmas performance
Mon 18 th	Year 5 to Science workshop
 *Mon 18 th	2 pm Years 5/6 Christmas performance
 *Tues 19 th	6.30pm Years 5/6 Christmas performance
Weds 20th	CLASS PARTIES TODAY
Weds 20 th	Break up at 3.15 pm

STAFF TRAINING DAYS 2017-2018

The school will be closed to pupils on: **Monday 19th February 2018 and Monday 4th June 2018.**

We break up on **Wednesday 25th July 2018.**

HOMERUN PHOTO COMPETITION

Very well done to Yazmin-Rose and Connor-Jay! Their photo of their journey to school was the overall Wiltshire winner in HomeRun's recent HomeRun Week competition. For more details about HomeRun and how to download the app please visit www.homerun-app.com



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