

The

Bitham Brook Bulletin



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Dear Parents and Carers

THANK YOU

It has been another busy term with lots of great learning opportunities and activities for the children. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and encouragement and wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a great New Year! Special thanks to all of our volunteers and parent-helpers, to those who have offered lifts to sporting events and to other off-site activities and to our hardworking FOBBS Committee for another successful year.

THANK YOU FROM FOBBS

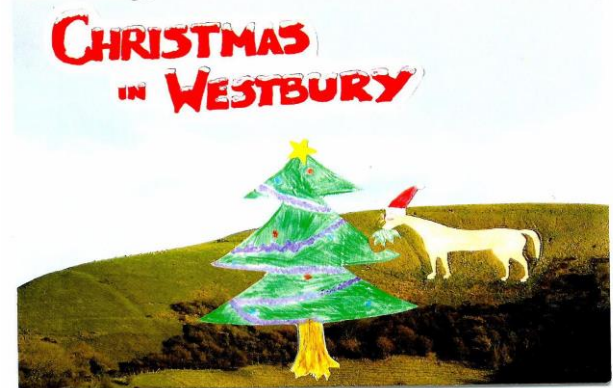
CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Children and staff have worked very hard on their performances and I hope you have enjoyed them. Thank you for your donations so far to 2 worthwhile causes - Shelter and Alopecia UK. We raised £95.10 for Alopecia UK and will let you know how much was raised for Shelter after the Year 5/6 performances next week.



MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Well done to Finley and Martha, who each won the Mayor's Design a Christmas Card Competition for their age groups. Their winning entries are below:



Martha's card (above) and Finley's (below):



FOBBS would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped, contributed and came along to the Christmas Fayre. We made a fantastic £1628.09 – more than last year - which will go towards equipment for the school – well done everyone!



Our Christmas Story Time Evening on Tuesday was a great success, with around 60 children attending. Thank you to Mrs Robertson for entertaining the children so well!



Well done to Mrs Hancock's class, who won the class prize for the best assortment of tombola. Well done also to Chelsea, Lilly, Freddie, Cadence, Rachael, Reece, Sarah, Toby, Darcy, George, Zachary and Archie, who won the Christmas Tree Decoration Competition for their classes!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH THANK YOU



A **HUGE** thank you to Brenda and Christine for providing more than 270 delicious Christmas lunches for children and staff! Thank you also to FOBBS for providing every child with a cracker!

Ever thought about volunteering?

Wiltshire's Primary Mentoring Scheme is looking for people who can spare a couple of hours of their time each week during the school day.

Wiltshire's Primary Mentoring Scheme is providing a mentoring program for primary school age pupils who are at risk of developing social, emotional and mental health difficulties. The aim of the scheme is to improve resilience and the emotional wellbeing of children by providing support, positive guidance and encouragement. This will help children to achieve their goals and aspirations. The volunteer mentor will support each child on the areas identified in their individual mentoring plan which could include areas like self-esteem, friendships, bullying, anxiety and transitioning to secondary school.

We are looking for people aged 18 and over with excellent listening and communication skills and an understanding of the issues facing young people today. The volunteer will need to be patient, flexible, committed, and reliable as well as having common sense, good empathy skills, a sense of fun and the willingness to try something new.

Our volunteers gain a great deal of satisfaction in making a difference to a child's/young person's life. It is also a great opportunity for volunteers to develop new skills and to gain experience in the field of working with children.

If you would like further information please contact Sue Nash, Volunteer Coordinator, Wiltshire Council. Tel: 01225 716623 or email: sue.nash@wiltshire.gov.uk



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EXTREME BAD WEATHER PROCEDURES



If we have extreme bad weather/heavy snowfall, we will make every effort to keep the school open, including gritting the paths on the school site. However, the safety of children and staff while at school and while travelling to and from school is of paramount importance. If we decide to close the school, we will send a text message to all parents who are registered with Parentmail PMX and put a message on the school website. We will contact BBC Wiltshire (103.5 FM 104.3 FM and DAB) who will include details of closures on its website www.bbc.co.uk/wiltshire. The school telephone will be manned or an answer phone message will be placed on it. School will be open if enough teachers and staff arrive to look after each class and if the essential infrastructure of the school (heating/lighting) is working. If it is impossible to supervise a class because not enough members of staff are present, the children in that class will have to be sent home. In such an emergency situation we ask that no child be sent to school until it is certain that their class will be open. *Please check!*

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.**

CLASS ASSEMBLIES TIMETABLE

Celebration Assemblies will take place at 2.45 pm on the Fridays when there is no class assembly. FS2 will hold their assemblies in the Summer.

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

BREAKFAST CLUB!



**7.45 AM TO 8.45 AM DAILY IN TERM
TIME 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**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

December	
Mon 18 th	Year 5 to Science workshop
*Mon 18 th	2 pm Years 5/6 performance
*Tues 19 th	6.30pm Years 5/6 performance
Weds 20 th	CLASS PARTIES TODAY
Weds 20 th	Break up at 3.15 pm
January	
Thurs 4 th	Term 3 begins.

CLASS PARTIES WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER



Wish lists are on classroom doors. A plate of party food will be provided by the kitchen but *no hot meals will be cooked on Wednesday.*

FINALLY...

The A350 Trowbridge Road will have road works on it from 8th January to 23rd February so there is likely to be some disruption to journeys.

David Ross
Headteacher