



BCPS Bulletin

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Head's Corner



Dear Parents, Families and Friends of BCPS,

There's no avoiding it!! Christmas is surely on its way and at school, we are certainly beginning to feel its sparkly fingers enticing us towards its magical grip! Please read on in this newsletter for information about exciting plans to celebrate the festive season. We may be apart, but we can certainly find ways to mark such a special time together!

I must offer heartfelt congratulations to Year 6 children who this week have been informed of magnificent success in the Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School examination. I am exceptionally proud. More terrific exam success for us at BCPS.

Have a wonderful weekend! Best wishes, Miss Farrow

This week's Star Badges go to:



Nursery: the whole class, as they have all been acting and singing superstars this week as we prepared for our Nativity

Reception: Maysa, for her fabulous reading and attitude to work.

Year 1: Erin, for helping others during 'quiz night' at the expense of her own tally. Such kindness!

Year 2: Corey-J, for his wonderful radio advert about his 'Real Life Teddy Bear'

Year 3: Aribah, for always sitting quietly and working hard!

Year 4: Haroon, for his excellent use of mathematical language this week.

Year 5: Amy, for showing every day what a 'growth mindset' looks like. Well done!

Year 6: Amelia, for her super progress and attitude this week, across the whole curriculum. You always give 100%, Amelia and now you are reaping the benefits!

DIARY DATE ALERT!

You will appreciate that diary dates are particularly hard to set under current circumstances, but here are some that, at least as we go to press, we have set for this half term. They are, of course, subject to change, should Government guidelines alter.

We shall continue to keep you informed and up to date with details of all the events below. Please keep an eye on this weekly newsletter.

Dates for the Diary:

Proud DATE	EVENT
w.b. 30. Nov	Posada Advent Journey begins
Fri 4. Dec	Non Uniform Day. Please bring a Christmas chocolate donation
w.b 7. Dec	Virtual Nursery Nativity (details to follow)
w.b. 14. Dec	Virtual Christmas Concert (whole school production!!)
Fri 11 Dec	Virtual Christmas Bingo Night! 6.00pm
Mon 14. Dec	Movie Monday (class Xmas Movie celebration)
Wed 16. Dec	Class Christmas Lunches (details to follow)
Thurs 17. Dec	Class Christmas Parties (details to follow)
Fri 18. Dec	Final day of term School closes at 12 noon

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN FROM A VERY SPECIAL PERSON...HOW EXCITING!!



Dear children of BCPS,

I am so very sorry that I shan't be able to come and see you in person this year at school. I must behave myself and obey the Government rules. Even my reindeers are in quarantine (until Christmas Eve!!).

Of course, I do want to hear all about your Christmas wishes. I have talked to your teachers and they have promised to make sure that your letters reach me in my snowy home.

I Can't wait to hear from you. I have lots of friendly elves here to keep me company, but their constant chatter does get a little wearing!

With festive cheer from Father Christmas!

FAITH CORNER

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(Matt 13: 33-37)

REFLECTION **STAY AWAKE!**

Jesus is talking to his disciples about what it will be like when he returns. He describes it as being like a man going on a journey and leaving his servants in charge. The master has given each of his servants a job to do. The doorkeeper's job is to stay awake so that he can let the master in when he gets back. Jesus' message is simple: we must be alert and ready. We do not have to literally stay awake all the time, but when we are awake, we should be trying to do what God wants.

DID YOU KNOW?

This week we begin the season of Advent. The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin word 'adventus' which means arrival. There are four Sundays in Advent. It is the time of year when we think about the coming or arrival of Jesus.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, the circle shape of the wreath reminds me that your love goes on forever. It has no beginning and no end. Please fill me with so much love that I never run out of it! Amen.

ACTION

Make an Advent wreath with greenery, three purple candles and one pink. Find out what these colours symbolise.



Lunch

Please see the tips below for preparing a healthier lunchbox. We have noticed recently that some children are bringing in chocolate bars & unhealthy options. Please also remember that we are a nut free school.



What to include in your child's lunch box.

A healthier lunchbox should:

- be based on [starchy carbohydrates](#) (bread, potatoes, rice, pasta) include fresh fruit and vegetables/salad
- include a source of protein such as [beans and pulses](#), eggs, fish, meat, cheese (or dairy alternative)
- include a side dish such as a low-fat and lower-sugar yoghurt (or dairy alternative), tea cake, fruit bread, plain rice/corn cakes, homemade plain pop-corn, sugar-free jelly
- include a drink such as water, skimmed or semi-skimmed milk, sugar-free or no-added-sugar drinks

The [Eatwell Guide](#) shows you how to have a healthy balanced diet and can help you decide what to put in your child's lunchbox.

Find healthy lunchbox ideas at [Change4Life](#)

JOIN US FOR SOME FESTIVE FUN!

'Virtual Festive Bingo'

TWO FAT SNOWMEN...88!



With the support of the PTFA, I am delighted to announce that we shall host a 'Virtual Family Bingo' event on Friday 11th December at 6.00pm. This will be a free event and I really hope that as many families as possible will join us for what promises to be a fabulous evening of fun and Christmas laughter.

Prizes will be sumptuous baskets of Christmas 'deliciousness', and in order to help us to stock these, we shall have a non-uniform day for the children on Friday 4th December. Please can I ask children to bring a chocolate donation with them on that day in return.

Should your family wish to join in, please email me at year6@burycatholicprepschool.co.uk.

On the big day, then you will receive a 'Zoom link' for 6.00pm. You will also receive bingo cards and all the accessories you will need to take part, including some Christmas refreshments!

Let's have some fun, whilst remaining loyal to our mantra - together whilst apart!

Kindness Cup



The Kindness Cup this week is awarded to Jaanvi, for being a good friend and helping others.

POSADA ADVENT JOURNEY!

Our Posada Advent journey is almost upon us!

At the start of next week, participating children will bring home their box of Posada treasures, attached to which will be a gift tag, with the 'warning'....**do not open until** Please don't be tempted to open your box until your given date. Then, once your special date has arrived and your box of treasures is open, please be kind enough to email some photographs of your family celebrating the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem via your house to year6@burycatholicprepschool.co.uk . Please also email a short report about your celebration and a greeting for our school community, or a special prayer, or both! I will share these amongst our school community on our Facebook page. Thus, we shall be able to track and enjoy the Advent journey around the homes of our school family. How beautiful! Thank you for supporting this initiative so enthusiastically. Your response has been overwhelming!

