



BCPS Bulletin

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Dear Parents, Families and Friends of BCPS, There is definitely a nip in the air this week, and the dreary days we have experienced have not dampened our spirits in school as we move ever closer to the festive season. The gradual build up of the children's excitement is almost tangible, and so very beautiful! We launched our Posada Advent journey early this week and participants were delighted to take home their boxes of treasures in preparation. Please follow the journey on our Facebook pages. Take my word for it, it is truly delightful and you will really enjoy a daily glance!

Please note that bookings are still being taken for our 'Virtual Bingo Event' next Friday evening. Please join us – it is sure to be great fun! Mrs Horford has been practising her bingo calling all week! Thank you for all the chocolate donations which have come in today. Prizes are now guaranteed to be **STUPENDOUS!**

One final message...Father Christmas is anxiously awaiting post...please see his letter below!
Have a wonderful weekend! Best wishes, Miss Farrow

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:

DATE	EVENT
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

This week's Star Badges go to:



Nursery: Hudson, for his determination when writing

Reception: Betty, for being incredibly thoughtful towards her friends.

Year 1: Eve, for super-speedy sentence writing in English this week!

Year 2: Kaif, for fabulous maths work all week.

Year 3: George and Tafara, for their incredible team work in gymnastics; 'Together We Can Achieve More'

Year 4: Saameya, for being a first class school councillor!

Year 5: Imaan, for a beautiful and reflective prayer card celebrating the sacrament of marriage

Year 6: Rafi, for becoming so much more careful in his approach to tasks, and appreciating the value of 'checking strategies'. Keep it up, Rafi!

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

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Mark 1: 1-8)

REFLECTION

PREPARE!

Mark tells us right at the beginning of his Gospel that Jesus is good news! God has kept his promise and is sending Jesus to save his people.

John the Baptist is God's messenger getting everyone ready to welcome Jesus, the saviour promised by God. Mark's description of John makes it clear that John is a prophet speaking God's message. God wants us to turn our lives round. If we are going to be ready to welcome Jesus, we need to live as God asks, to say sorry for what we've done wrong and to try to put other people first.

DID YOU KNOW?

Mark's Gospel is the first written account of Jesus' life. Some of the first Christians were suffering because of their faith and Mark wanted to encourage them. He wrote down Jesus' story, the good news full of hope, love and new life for us all.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, help me to get ready to welcome you in a new way this Christmas. Help me to prepare by helping at home, having fun with my family and being kind to anyone who is sad. Amen.

ACTION

Do something helpful at home or at school this week. Make someone smile by your kindness.



Kindness Cup

The Kindness Cup this week is awarded to everyone who brought chocolate donations today! Thank you.



NURSERY TURNS FESTIVE!

Christmas has arrived in Nursery! This week we received a very special letter from Father Christmas, who sent us a tree from his very own garden. He asked us to work together to decorate it nicely.



The children also completed a challenge to make a decoration for the tree. It wasn't easy as they had to use scissors to cut around their baubles, then thread string to hang them up. Father Christmas will be very impressed



We also welcomed Tinsel McJingles, a cheeky elf who has arrived to make sure we are all being extra kind and caring. Tinsel picks somebody each week to be his special Elf buddy, this week he chose Hudson.



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!