



BCPS Bulletin

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Dear Parents, Families and Friends of BCPS,

There is no doubting the mounting excitement in school as we step nearer and nearer to Christmas! Our inaugural and virtual 'Christmas Chocolate Bingo'

event has been a marvellous success. Thank you to everyone who took part so enthusiastically! It really transpired to be everything we hoped it would be—an opportunity for us to celebrate together and feel the strength of our whole school community.

This week, our final week, is packed with fun! May I please ask you, on Wednesday to provide a festive packed lunch for your child(ren). School will supplement with lots of added extras—crackers and hats and sweet treats etc. Thank you for your support in this; it is very much appreciated.

Please take a peek at our Facebook pages to enjoy our Advent Posada journey, which is quite beautiful. I thank everyone participating for embracing it so enthusiastically. Another uniting initiative, underlining the strength and determination of us all to stay connected as a family. I hope you've had 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.



DATE	EVENT
w.b. 14. Dec	Virtual Christmas Concert (whole school production!!)
Mon 14. Dec	Movie Monday (class Xmas Movie celebration)
Wed 16. Dec	Class Christmas Lunches
Thurs 17. Dec	Class Christmas Parties
Fri 18. Dec	Final day of term Christmas Jumper Day School closes at 12 noon

This week's Star Badges go to:



Nursery: Sebastian, for being fabulously engaged in all his activities.

Reception: Saladin, for working so hard and persevering.

Year 1: Ali, for working so hard and making super progress with his phonics work.

Year 2: Adam, for being extremely mature and asking such searching questions of our special 'Angel visitor' in R.E.

Year 3: Milana, for her outstanding test results.

Year 4: Jessica, outstanding effort and attitude towards everything she does

Year 5: Emma, for soldiering on with a sore head! Such determination and sticking power will take you a long way!

Year 6: Paddy and Caitlin, for achieving Music Theory Grade 2 standard with cracking marks! Well done to both of you—a super achievement for you to be very proud of!

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

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(John 1: 6-8, 19-28)



REFLECTION GOD'S MESSENGER!

The Jewish people had waited for generations for the Messiah, the anointed one who God had promised would save them. Some of them began to wonder if John the Baptist might be their saviour and went to ask him. John clearly tells them that he is not the Messiah. He is God's messenger sent to get everyone ready to welcome Jesus. It is Jesus who is the Messiah. Jesus is the light, the fulfilment of God's promise and all the years of waiting. Jesus is so important that John the Baptist is not good enough to even undo his sandals.

DID YOU KNOW?

This third Sunday in Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. 'Gaudete' is a Latin word which means rejoice. This week we are thinking about the happiness that Jesus brings. This is symbolised in the rose colour of this week's candle on the Advent wreath. Each candle brings us closer to the arrival of Jesus, the light of our world.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, please stay close to me so that I can always let your love and kindness shine out of me! Amen.

ACTION

Sort out your old toys and take any good ones to a charity shop.

Kindness Cup



The Kindness Cup this week is awarded to Leo for his wonderful attitude in sharing with and caring for his friends.

BETTY'S MASTERPIECE!



Betty thrilled us all this week with this wonderful and imaginative portrait of her family this week—all INSTANTLY recognisable! Well done indeed to our budding artist!

NATIVITY SUPERSTARS

What a glorious picture—bound to bring a smile to every face!

We were all super proud of the Nursery & Reception children who made a virtual Nativity this year.

There were definitely Oscar worthy performances from all involved - although there were two very questionable inn keepers!!!

Thank you for Mr & Mrs Taylor for being such good sports.

Wishing seasonal peace and goodwill from all our smallest children!



SCHOOL COUNCIL'S 'FRANCIS HOUSE' UPDATE



Dear Parents and Children,

Thank you so much for supporting us in our efforts to raise funds for the poorly children in Francis House. Our BCP's Francis House 'Pop Up Shop' has been hugely successful, so much so that we have had to replenish our stock!

We are proud to announce that we have smashed our original target of raising £100 but will save news of our final total until next week. In the meantime, new to our range of merchandise are:

- Christmas LED flashing slapbands (£1.50 each)
- Christmas baubles (£1.50 each)

We also have an extended range of Christmas cards and more Scratch Art Kits, which flew off the shelves!

Our shop will be open each day next week up to and including Thursday. Let's see how far our total can stretch!

Thank you, once again,
Your School Council

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