

Buxton Primary School

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Newsletter



Issue 8

We are entering that time of year which children love – our tree is going up on Thursday, the Christmas family learning day is this week (Thursday), the Plays are sounding amazing, the school hall will be buzzing with the wonders of the Christmas Fayre – and Santa is going to visit too!! What a fun time; please do make sure you make a note of all the dates – there are lots.

I am very aware that this is an expensive time of year for families – we plan very carefully when and how we ask parents for donations etc for school and charities. Our Christmas Hospital Gift collecting is instead of our usual Shoe Box appeal, and our PTFA is funding the school panto performance in school again (from Sponsor money), whereas in the past parents have contributed to our visit to Sheringham Little Theatre. We do appreciate your support with all donations, and I am sorry if some of you feel over-whelmed with requests. Please never feel compelled, all contributions/donations are voluntary. In light of feedback, we will plan our annual sponsor event for a different time of year next year. I just wanted to let you know that we plan carefully any requests we make of parents.

Finally, please do come along and enjoy the Christmas Fayre this week; It is PTFA events like this that raise lots of money for our children: the PTFA paid for our whole school trip to Bewilderwood, paid for pantomimes, had 3 wooden teepees build and the extension to the trim trail, extended the resources children use for forest schools AND purchase gifts for children at Christmas and Easter!! So please do support our events. If you can help on the day – let Mrs Spence know please.

Please remember, school staff are always around should you have a query or concern.

MISS LEAHY

30th November 2015

SICKNESS BUGS

Just to let you know that we have had several children absent from school with sickness bugs – particularly in the lower classes. Children must be off school for 48 hours from the last time they were sick! This stops the bug from spreading. Please encourage children to wash their hands regularly – particularly before eating and after going to the toilet. We are having a purge on this in school. Thank You.



FAMILY LEARNING DAY

THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER



Just a reminder that parents are welcome to join us for an art and craft day this coming Thursday. Parents are invited to all of the day – attending a whole session, part of a session or a number of sessions. Sadly we do not have the space for parents to stay for lunch. Please sign in as previously entering via the Hall door, ensuring you wear a visitors badge. Monica and Eleanor will be around to sign you in etc. Coffee and Tea will be available throughout the day. Siblings, grandparents, aunts and uncles are very welcome also. May I remind you all to use the staff toilets (in the school entrance), for younger siblings too. The times for the day are:

Session one 9.15 – 10.15am

Session two 10.45 – 11.30am

Session three 1.15 – 2.45pm

Children are requested to wear home clothes for this day – very handy as some art activities may be a little messy!! In exchange, we ask each child to bring in a tombola prize for our Christmas Fayre: a packet, tin, bottle (not glass please) of something – if possible!! No pressure and please do not feel obliged.



I will also be undertaking a parent questionnaire on this day – please do complete one. We continually strive to provide the best possible education and school experience for your child, your views are so important. As ever, thank you for all your support – we look forward to seeing you on the 3rd December.



**BUXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS FAYRE**



**Saturday 5th December 2015
1 – 3pm**

Children will be selling lots of items they have made, and there will be external stalls too. Lots of games to play, refreshments . . . And an owl!! Christmas Trees (real) will be on sale.

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Tins/jars/bottles/games etc for the tombola;



We also need:



- Raffle prizes

- Cakes – homebaked for the cake stall!!
(deliver THIS Thur/Fri please)

-HELP ON THE DAY – let Mrs Spence in the office know if you are available to help on a stall.

This is a fantastic Community day, which gets very busy with lots of items to buy and games to play – please come along!!

PLAY TICKETS

All tickets for our Plays were sent home last week. We find these 'FREE' events very popular, so the hall fills up very quickly. Can I please kindly remind you of a couple of items:

- Any spare tickets need to go to Mrs Spence please, so these can be redistributed.
- Extra tickets will be obtainable from the school office; first come first served!!
- All children in school have the opportunity to watch the performances, they do not need to come to the evening showings please.
- A Creche is offered for younger siblings on Thursday 10th December for the evening performance of Alice in Wonderland. Please book places through the school office. We are restricted to 20 places, so please try alternative child care if you can.
- We record a DVD of both performances – all on one DVD; and these will be available to order on at the Christmas Fayre – delivery before Christmas holidays; £6. Therefore we ask that there is NO photography during the performances. Parents are able to take a picture of 'THEIR' child/class at the end of the shows. This is important, as some parents have not given consent for their child to be photographed publically.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS



OPEN THE BOOK ASSEMBLY



Just to let you know that as part of our collective worship, Rev Deb and Colleagues are coming into school to share some bible stories with the children. They are very interactive and these are a good opportunity to establish a community link, as well as increase the childrens awareness of the Bible. We had the first assembly yesterday focused on the story of Creation – it was great fun.

**Please return any
Unwanted raffle
Tickets – or payment –
To school. Thank You**

DATES FOR CHRISTMAS!!



- 3.12.15 Family Learning Day; parents welcome all day – not lunch! non uniform day – bring a tombola prize!
- 4.12.15 All Costumes MUST be in school Cakes for fayre in today
- 5.12.15 Xmas Fayre 1 – 3pm
- 8.12.15 Filming of KS1/R Nativity Play
1.30 - Tickets Available
5pm Performance KS1/R Play
Tickets Available
- 9.12.15 Filming of 'Alice' Rehearsal; 1pm
Tickets Available
- 10.12.15 Evening performance of 'Alice'
6pm – Tickets Available
- 14.12.15 Travelling panto Co perform Cinderella to the whole school
NO COST (*paid from sponsor money*)
- 15.12.15 Xmas Dinner Day – Wear a Xmas Jumper – please order dinner in advance; form attached
- 16.12.15 Older children singing at N & N Hospital AM
- 18.12.15 End of Term Nativity Service 2pm in church led by Ladybirds

