

The Buzz

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14th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term, I would like to thank all of the staff, children and parents for the focus they have given to our acts of kindness. We would like to acknowledge this together as a whole school. On Monday 17th December our whole school worship will be a celebration of the pledges of kindness that have been made; we would like to invite parents to join us for this.

We have had an eventful and stimulating week of learning. The children in Year 1 and 2 spent time den building and creating ephemeral art in Bouldnor Forest. Our Christingle making was very successful, followed by the service in church on Wednesday – it was fantastic to have the help and support of parents for this. It has also been a very musical week; we were treated to a carol concert by the pupils who learn to play the piano and the guitar – thank you to Judith and Rob for their supportive tuition and dedication to the school. The choir gave a very moving performance for the residents at Brighstone Grange, thank you to Mrs Jones, who has worked so hard on rehearsals to enable the children to have the opportunity to sing as part of the Christmas Choir. Well done to all of the children at Brighstone for their achievements and hard work. They have shown so much stamina, enthusiasm and energy as they have continued with the Christmas preparations and their learning.

Next week the events continue – we have our celebration of kindness on Monday morning at 8.35am, Mr Stroud has very kindly offered to come into school on Tuesday morning at 8.35am to hold a short assembly so that his pupils who learn a Brass instrument can perform for the rest of the school, parents are welcome to attend on both days. We have our school nativity play – ‘Christmas with the Aliens’ on Tuesday and Wednesday. A reminder that the last day of school this term for the pupils is Thursday 20th December; we have an INSET day on Friday.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have already returned your Parent Questionnaires. They are one of the many ways that the school can receive feedback and it is important that we are able to reflect on the way in which we do things to support our children and parents. If you have not done so already, please do try to return it. Spare copies are available from the office.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend and I look forward to seeing you at the various events across the final week of term.

Best wishes
Mrs Fox

Golden Book

Mars	Grover ~ for working so hard at his letter sounds.
Jupiter	Max C ~ making a big effort to concentrate for a sustained amount of time. Caspar ~ for his great understanding of 3D shapes.
Venus	The whole of Year 1 and 2 for their excellent behaviour on the Bouldnor trip and great team work, building dens.
Saturn	Charlie ~ for being a dedicated enthusiastic learner. Jasmine ~ for recreating the Annunciation really well.
Neptune	Austin and Ettienne ~ for always trying hard, being positive and smiley!
Pluto	Florrie ~ for her great thinking in Maths this week.
Mercury	Macy ~ for her good, thoughtful comments in RE lessons.

Collective Worship

Compassion

Dear God,

Thank you for Christmas.

Thank you for the wonderful gift of your Son, Jesus.

Thank you that you love us all.

Amen.

Heather's Healthy Hearty Menu

Mon	Chicken and red pepper pizza with jacket wedges, sweetcorn, mixed peppers, OR Five Bean chilli with rice, followed by rice pudding with mixed berries/ yoghurt/fresh fruit salad
Tues	Christmas Dinner - No Jacket Potatoes today.
Weds	Sausage/Veggie sausage and Mash, green beans, glazed carrots , followed by cheese and biscuits
Thurs	Battered fish with chips, baked beans, garden peas OR cheese and tomato pizza with chips, followed by cookies
Fri	No School - Merry Christmas!

Attendance %

Mars	100
Jupiter	98.52
Venus	100
Saturn	98.15
Neptune	95.06
Pluto	100
Mercury	100
Whole School	98.67

Congratulations to Years R, 2, 5&6 for their positive attendance this week!

DIARY DATES

December

Mon 17th ~ Kindness Assembly 8.35am
Tues 18th ~ Brass ensemble
Tues 18th ~ Nativity 6pm
Weds 19th ~ Nativity 1.15pm
Thurs 20th ~ Last day of term
Fri 21st ~ Development Day - No School

January 2019

Mon 7th ~ First day of School

July

Monday, 22nd ~ Development Day—No School
Tuesday 23rd ~ Development Day—No School

Communication

We are always open to receive any concerns, great ideas or feedback about anything to do with the School, please remember we have a suggestions box in the front foyer of the school so you can be anonymous if you would like. Alternatively; you can speak to Mrs Fox in the playground most mornings, make an appointment to see her or a teacher or speak to our Family Liaison Officer - Melissa Jones.

Christmas Fair

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair last Friday. We can't do things like this without your help so it was wonderful that so many people did help and come along to the fair. Some children in particular put in a lot of effort to help raise money for the school. Xander sold his own items and donated all the money raised to the School. Macy came up with the amazing Christmas jumper idea. They raised an awesome £54.19 between them!
- Well done to all!!

School Nativity

Performances at St. Mary's Church Brighstone

Tuesday 18th December at 6pm

Wednesday 19th December at 1.15pm

Admission is by Ticket only, please make sure you get your tickets from the office ASAP. It is a first come first served basis for the waiting list once all parents have received their 2 tickets per family.

Costumes

Reception class need: black/dark blue t-shirt and trousers/leggings/tights

Years one and two villagers and innkeepers need: black trousers/leggings/tights with a tunic top/old pillowcase with belt

Year 3 need: Christmas themed clothes

Year 4 need: plain white long sleeve top, black trousers/leggings/tights and a long piece of silver tinsel and a smaller piece of gold tinsel.

Year 5 and 6 need: bright coloured clothes with any alien accessories if you have them.

Please make sure costumes are in a named carrier bag and in School by Wednesday 12th December.

For the evening performance. Please take Children to their classroom to change into their costumes. Years 1&2 at 5.15pm and the rest of the school at 5.30pm. Children will be brought back to School after the performance to be collected from their classroom.

After School Clubs - Next week

CANCELLED

There are no sports after school clubs next week!

CHRISTMAS IS SAVED!!!

Last Friday reception class received a letter from Santa telling them that Rudolph had escaped! But fear not, this morning they donned their warm clothes and wellies and went on a reindeer hunt and we are happy to announce that they found him and he has been sent back to Santa to guide the sleigh on Christmas Eve. Well done Mars class!!!