

# The Buzz



Brighstone C.E.  
Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Carols, Christingle and cheerful children – what an incredible week we have had! The school has been buzzing with enthusiasm and anticipation as our preparations for Christmas and the end of term have gathered pace. Only five school days of this term left and there is so much to pack into them!

This week our Christingle Service helped us to focus on the message of God's love at Christmas. Our Christingle making was very successful – thank you to all of the children for bringing in their oranges and to all of the parents who joined us on Tuesday morning to make the Christingles. It was fantastic to have the help, support and collaboration of parents for this. There was a great family atmosphere and this continued during the service in church on Wednesday.

It has also been a very musical week; on Monday afternoon we were treated to a carol concert by the pupils who learn to play the piano and the guitar, it was great to hear the progress they have made – thank you to Judith and Rob for their supportive tuition and dedication to the school.

Australia Class (Reception) have had an extremely busy time this week, the focus of their achievements has been on helping others: they raised an amazing £70 at the fayre selling home-made dog biscuits, reindeer food and bird cakes. This all went to the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital in New South Wales, where they are setting up water stations, rebuilding environments and setting up breeding programmes to protect endangered koalas. Nearer to home they have been helping other families on the island by doing 'Reverse Advent' and have collected a box of food and products for the IoW Food Bank. The climax of their week was to save CHRISTMAS! They successfully found Rudolph, who had escaped from Father Christmas, on their 'Reindeer Hunt'. Thanks to their amazing problem solving and great detective work all of Santa's reindeer are now safe and back where they belong ready to deliver presents on Christmas Eve.

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 Assembly

R	Freddie C, Allina, Myles ~ for trying really hard to listen and working at their blending in Read Write Inc. Lillian ~ for always
1	Emily ~ for having a good focus and writing in Read Write Inc.
2	Lainey ~ for showing great enthusiasm with her Maths; even wanting to continue her learning at home!
3/4	Molly ~ always persevering, working hard and being helpful. Tobias ~ for linking his learning and being enthusiastic. Sam R ~ for super work in Maths.
5	Sienna ~ for her perseverance and concentration.
6	Darcey, Lily J, Tobey, Xander, Eloise, Olivia and Evie ~ for volunteering to sing in Church in aid of Sway.
Sports Bee	Florrie ~ great hat trick in the football match. Avy ~ Great teamwork and including everyone in the game.
Bee-Behaviour	Oliver ~ for being so helpful with the younger children always.

## Collective Worship

I count the days to Christmas and I watch the evening sky.  
I want to see the angels as to Bethlehem they fly.  
I'm watching for the wise men and the royal shining star.  
Please may I travel with them? Is the stable very far?  
I count the days to Christmas as we shop and bake and clean.  
The lights and tinsel sparkle and yet deep inside I dream That as we  
tell the story of Lord Jesus and his birth,  
The things of everyday will fade as heaven comes to earth.

## Attendance %

Australia	93.33
Italy	97.04
Kenya	98.69
India	96.88
Japan	98.77
Brazil	93.57
Whole School	96.46

Congratulations to Japan  
Class for their positive  
attendance this week!

## DIARY DATES

### December

Tuesday 17th - Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 17th - Nativity, 6pm - Ticket Only

Wednesday 18th - Nativity, 1pm - Ticket Only

## Heather's Healthy Hearty Menu

Monday	Cheese and tomato pizza with new potatoes OR vegetable tagine with couscous, mixed peppers, sweetcorn, followed by fruit and yoghurt station
Tuesday	Christmas Dinner—NO jacket potatoes.
Wednesday	Beef lasagne OR vegetable lasagne with garlic bread, mixed salad, peas followed by followed by banana loaf
Thursday	Sweet chicken curry OR Lentil and sweet potato curry with rice, sweetcorn, green beans followed by mandarins and ice-cream
Friday	Battered fish with chips OR vegetable pasta bake, baked beans, garden peas followed chocolate shortbread

# Nativity Costumes

Year 2 Characters	Provided by home, please	Provided by the school
Hosts	Own smart party clothes	
Voiceover	Own smart party clothes	
Smallest sheep	Sheep costume (school can provide this if required)	
Funky camel		Camel costume
Caesar		Roman costume
Mary		Blue dress
Joseph		Tunic
Shepherds	Tea towel	Shepherds costumes
Wise men		Wise men costumes
Star of Bethlehem		Star dress

Year	Characters	Costume
R	Stars	Black leggings, tights or trousers Black long sleeved top
Year 1	Roman soldiers or Sheep	Roman soldiers: White t-shirt (e.g. PE t-shirt) and black or navy shorts Sheep: White long-sleeved top, black tights, leggings or trousers and a colourful pair of shorts or skirt
Year 2	The children have been allocated parts following the auditions	The school is providing costumes for most of the main characters. See the reverse of this letter for further information.
Year 3/4	Angels	Black trousers/leggings Long sleeved white top Silver/gold tinsel
Year 5	Nazareth towns people	Dark jogging bottoms/leggings White or brown t-shirt/long top or a tunic made out of a pillowcase A tie for a belt
Year 6	'Flapper' dancing camels and Disco dancers	Brown, tan or yellow top Black trousers/leggings Beads and/or feather boa, waistcoat/braces AND Glitzy disco top, hairbands/deely boppers/sunglasses

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Week Commencing Monday 9th December 2.45-3.45pm:

KS2 Indoor Athletics - Monday  
KS2 Football - Tuesday

## Have you got yours?

December is a very busy time for all, so to make things a little easier, please see below:

**Available now from the School Office:**

**Secret Room**—Tuesday 17th December—gifts for all the family

**To remember:**

**Christmas Play Costumes** - Please ask your child's teacher if you are unsure.

## Football Report

On Tuesday, the U11 Girls football team travelled to a muddy and wet Shalfleet in their third league game of the season.

Despite the conditions, the girls were straight into their stride, Florrie taking just 14 seconds to score the opening goal, before doubling the score in the fifth minute.

Olivia M made it 3-0 before half time, before Florrie grabbed a deserved hat-trick in the second half and Lily W finished the scoring in the final minute to wrap up a 5-0 victory.

Another great performance from the girls means that the team have now qualified for the semi-finals with a group game to spare, and will try to keep up their 100% record against St Blasius next half term before heading for the knockout stages.

Squad: Darcey, Tilly, Olivia M, Olivia J, Lily W, Lily R, Sonya, Florrie, Ruby, Sydnie, Gemma

