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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

We're almost there! It's been busy but lots of fun and now I'm looking forward to finishing off the term with our whole school Carol Service at St Peter's Church on Wednesday 14th December. There will be two performances at 1.45pm and at 6.30pm. All children are expected to attend both services but if for any reason your child cannot attend then a letter should be sent to me on Monday. Please make every effort to come along - it's always such a beautiful service and helps to remind us all of the true meaning of Christmas.

We all enjoyed a lovely Christmas Lunch yesterday. Thank you to Izzy and Laura from Nourish for working so hard and cooking such a delicious meal. Thank you also to the PTFA for providing crackers for all the children which made it an extra special occasion!

Our School Christmas Fayre last Friday raised an amazing £1602!!! Thank you to everyone who came along and sent items in for all the different stalls. This money will go towards our Outdoor Classroom which will hopefully be built in the Spring.

I would also like to thank the children who sang and played at the District Carol Service on Tuesday. It was a beautiful service and I was very proud of all our children who sang with such vibrant enthusiasm. With this in mind I am delighted to tell you that BBC Radio Oxford will be coming in to school on Monday to record our School Choir! Their singing will then be played during their Breakfast Show on the run up to Christmas. We will let you know the date as soon as we hear!

On Friday 16th December I have decided to have a MUFTI and children don't have to bring anything!! It will be a treat for what has been a very busy term.

Finally, this is the last Newsletter before Christmas so I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas. I look forward to welcoming back the children on Wednesday 4th January 2012!

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BJS Carol Concert Arrangements – The whole school will be rehearsing at the church on Tuesday 13th December in both the morning and afternoon. We need parent walkers both to and from the church (you do not need to stay). If you are able to help please see the office. On Wednesday 14th December children will walk to the Church for the afternoon Carol Concert and again we will need walkers. Children will all return to school after the service to collect bags and belongings and will then be allowed to leave with parents who have been at the service and wish to take their child a little earlier. All children should return to church at 6.15pm apart from instrumentalists and Nativity children who should return at 6.00pm. Please note that all children should wear smart school uniform including their red school sweatshirt. Thank you.

Winners! - Thank you and well done to all our children who entered the Design a Christmas Card Competition run by Infinis Energy Services last month. Entries were submitted by several schools across the country. Three winners were chosen from our school and Millie Ell was the national winner! Congratulations also go to Theo Lee who won the Year 3 /4 category and Shannon Benson was runner up in the Year 5 /6 category! They will receive their prizes in January and as the school of the national winner we will receive a donation of £1,500 to spend on a school project. Many thanks to Mrs Boynton, an Infinis employee, who invited us to enter the competition.

Calendars – We still have a few calendars for sale. If you would like one please send £3.00 to the office. Thank you.

Year 3 Swimming – If you have not yet returned your child's consent letter and payment for swimming next term we would be grateful if you could do so as soon as possible. Please note that we will not be banking any cheques until January.

Bikeability – Due to the strike children in the Wednesday Group will be completing their final session on Thursday 15th December. Please remind them to bring their bike, helmet and warm clothing to school. Thank you.

Fair-trade Tea Party – On Thursday 15th December, in the morning, the Upper School will be completing their project on Fair-trade. Mike and Ceinwen Barlow will be giving a talk on Fair-trade at 9.30am and sharing products from the company Traidcraft. Following this there will be a small tea party for everyone and products will be on sale from the Traidcraft catalogue too. Other activities will run throughout the morning. We hope you can join us.



After-school/Lunchtime Clubs – Clubs will not start until the week beginning Monday 23rd January as some new clubs will be available. More information to follow next term!

Enrichment Term 3 – Letters will be sent out at the start of next week, to those who will be taking part in enrichment activities in the upper school in term 3.

Woodwind Lessons – Mr Planas will now be in school on Wednesday 14th December and not Tuesday 13th as previously arranged. Apologies for another change of date but please remind your child to bring their instrument. Thank you.

Guitar Lessons – Mr Taylor was ill yesterday so he will be holding a catch-up lesson on Thursday 15th December. Please remind your child to bring their instrument. Thank you.

Christmas Post-box – This is up and running again this year – please make sure children name envelopes clearly and put which class they are in.

Nourish Meals – All orders must be sent to school by Monday 12th December for next term's meals.

Cartridge Recycling – To help raise funds for BJS, please pop any empty printer cartridges into the envelope provided and send them either into school or post them to the FREEPOST address.

Clothes Bank – You may have noticed our big blue bin just inside our school gates. Please drop off your unwanted clothing, linens, bags and shoes to help make money for Brackley Junior School. Please let your friends and family know it's there too for them to use!

Sallywags – The shop will be close at 6.00pm on Thursday 15th December and re-open at 9.00am on Thursday 3rd January. Online and phone orders close at 6.00pm on Thursday 22nd December and re-open at 9.00am on Tuesday 3rd January.

Language4kids – This club will restart on Wednesday 11th January.

The Gold Award Winners for this week are:

3JD – Gemma Naylor and Josh Adams Cook

3MW – Megan Trigg and Max Allen

4PS – Theo Lee and Julia Kubior

4CT – Emma Ranson and Ellie Sadler

5JB – Rojda Dogan and Amy Markham

5MM – Niamh Murphy Willis and Shannon Richardson

6SS – Amy Lloyd and Ben Purnell

6LT – Kierran Willie and Georgia Cummins

Next Week

Monday – Year 3 go to see WIS Xmas show – 9.00am

- BBC Radio Oxford coming to record Choir!!!

- Year 4/5/6 Choir to go sing to Blind Association

- Final Saints Study Centre – Literacy Enrichment pm

Tuesday – Church Rehearsals for Carol Concert – 9.00am and 1.00pm

Wednesday – BJS Carol Concert – 1.45pm and 6.30pm

- Woodwind catch-up lesson

Thursday – Fair-trade Tea Party - 9.30am – Yr 5/6 parents invited

- Guitar catch-up lesson

- PE Enrichment - pm

- Bikeability catch-up lesson for Wednesday Cyclists

Friday – End of Term – 3.10pm

Attachments

Flyer re Clothes Bank – sent Tuesday

Free School Meals Letter – sent Tuesday

Used Cartridge Envelope

Attachments by email

PTFA letter re Internet Shopping – sent Wednesday

DECEMBER FAMILY MATHS CHALLENGE

Christmas Bells



The first bell rings every 6 minutes,

The second bell rings every 7 minutes,

The third bell rings every hour.

If all the bells ring together at noon, at what time will they next all ring together?

Put your answers in the box on the Reception desk by Friday 16th December – make sure you have your name and class attached. If you have the correct answer you may win a prize as one name will be drawn out at random.