



BERNARDS HEATH INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Autumn Term Newsletter Friday 16th November 2018

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Happy Birthday

Rowan, Matthew S, Charlie B, Jasmine, Beatrice M, Talhah, Orla, Emily, Edward B

With many parents needing to drop children at more than one school before getting off to work, and as a parent of two myself, I fully understand the time pressures on parents and the challenges involved in getting children to school on time.

I was delighted to meet with the head teachers of both the Infant and Junior schools recently to discuss safety issues as children travel to and from school. I was even more delighted to see the new patrolled crossing in action and the children using it so responsibly and so proudly.

I know the schools help the children to develop their road awareness skills with targeted programmes in each school year, including using the patrolled crossing, encouraging responsible parking, and the dangers of texting and wearing headphones while walking.

I particularly applaud the Junior School's encouragement of independence as children move through the school. Children making their way to school by themselves, wherever possible, as they reach years 4, 5 and 6 is a fantastic way to boost road awareness, independence, self-confidence and fitness. These are benefits we all want for our children, and lower car usage would reduce congestion and parking problems that affect health, our streets and local residents.

Teachers, parents, children and the local community all have a role to play in school journey safety and I look forward to **continuing to support the schools' efforts to make our streets safer for all. We can all contribute to this by walking, cycling**, scooting or using public transport wherever possible; car-sharing; parking further away, and parking safely and responsibly.

Most importantly, encouraging children to become road-aware and self-sufficient and to use the crossing would not only **increase their independence, it would reduce reliance on cars and that's got to be good for everyone.**

Helen Campbell, District Councillor, Marshalswick South

Our New Blogs

You need to click on your class/classes name, enter your **email address** and **follow your class blog**.

This is where all updates for your class, their learning and useful links will be added.

[Heath Class](#)
[Verulam Class](#)
[Clarence Class](#)
[Heartwood Class](#)
[Mitchell Class](#)
[Spencer Class](#)
[Churchill Class](#)
[Alban Class](#)
[Morpurgo Class](#)
[Ryder Class](#)

Spencer Class Assembly

This morning we enjoyed being entertained by Spencer Class, who shared their learning with us. Some of their favourite moments were:

Obi: "I loved sharing my learning and speaking into the microphone."

Freya: "I like singing the maths song, I liked doing the actions."

Maria: "My favourite part was showing my English Book and all the hard work I have been doing."

Kerr: "I like doing the end bit where I said have a nice day."

Noah: "I liked holding the microphone."

Andy: "I liked talking about my lego model of Rama and Sita's Palace."

Tanzeela: "I liked doing the shapes song and showing my English Book."

After School Club - If you wish to make a booking please contact Lindees 01727 848355

Global Families

Wow! What a spectacular event Global Families was yesterday afternoon. The hall was heaving with excited children and adults immersing themselves in cultures from around the world. There was food tasting galore, music, dancing, outfits and photos! We greatly appreciate the record number of families who contributed.

Talhah- "My favourite thing was having food"

Maya- "I liked dressing up in my outfit from Bulgaria"

Ella "I got a chocolate"

Phonics Workshops—for beginners

Tuesdays 9.15- 10.15am
15th, 22nd and 29th January

or

Wednesday 27th February at 7pm

This year, once again, the school is collecting presents to pass on to the youngest members of our community. We are asking for gifts to go under our Christmas tree that will go to a child whose family may be struggling to make ends meet and therefore find it difficult to find the extra money for presents at Christmas. If you would like to participate please send a gift to school, wrapped and with a tag showing the age (and gender if you feel it is relevant) of a child who might like to receive it. A volunteer from Vineyard Church St Albans will collect gifts on Thursday 6th December and we will deliver the rest ourselves on Friday 14th December.



Singing at the Christmas Fair



FS2: 11.30 - led by Miss Arnold
and Mrs Parker

Y1: 11.50 - led by Mrs Birchall

French Club: 12.20 - led by Madam Zolynski

Y2: 12.40 - led by Mrs Rimmer

Please [register here](#) for Everbridge Schools Closure Notification System (ESCNS) the system we use in the event of school being closed due to weather or a public emergency.



Our local radio station 3 Counties will also update you on school closures.

Letters/Emails Sent Home

Letter from the Governors

Christmas Performance Letters

Christmas Performance DVD Booking form

PTA Raffle Tickets

PTA pre-Christmas Shopping Event



REMEMBER, REMEMBER.....

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Fri 23 Nov	9.05am	Mitchell Class Assembly (One Adult per Child)
Tue 27 Nov	9.15am	FS2 Tour for Prospective Parents for Sept 2019
Fri 30 Nov		Non Uniform Day
Fri 30 Nov	9.05am	Verulam Class Assembly (One Adult per Child)
Sat 1 Dec	10.00am-2pm	Infant School PTA Christmas Fair
Mon 3 Dec	9.05am	FS2 Tour for Prospective Parents for Sept 2019
Tue 4 Dec Wed 5 Dec Thu 6 Dec	10.00am 2.00pm 10.00am	Foundation Stage Christmas Performances
Fri 7 Dec	5.00-6.30pm	Film Night
Mon 10 Dec	2.30pm	Spencer Class Christmas Celebration
Tue 11 Dec	9.05am	Mitchell Class Christmas Celebration
Wed 12 Dec	9.05am	Churchill Class Christmas Celebration
Wed 12 Dec		Christmas Lunch Day

PTA News

Raffle Tickets have gone home today. Make **sure you check your child's** book bag.

PTA Panto Tickets have gone home today. Apologies Alban Arena are no longer providing ice creams at Intermission.



How exciting to see the children wearing their non school uniform items today for Children in Need. We will let you know how much we raised next week.