

BERNARDS HEATH INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL



Autumn Term Newsletter Friday 4th December 2020

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Happy Birthday

Benjamin B, Bronwyn, Isaac, Annie, Rajan, Lew, Alexander and Edward H



Parent Consultations

As you know, the impact of Covid-19 has made long term planning almost impossible. We don't look far beyond the end of a half term as changes are so frequent. This week we have been starting to think about our next round of consultations with families and have decided that these will take place early in the Spring Term.

These consultations will be a chance for class teachers to share the end-of-term updates with you, based on the assessments they have made. For KS1, this means a written end-of-term report alongside your conversation with the class teacher. For FS1 and FS2, we will be sending Learning Journals home for you to share. FS2 will also receive a brief written end-of-term report focused on reading.

The appointments will be open for bookings on Monday 7th December at 8pm via the [parents evening system](#) and will close on Thursday 7th January at 9am.

Please make sure you put the contact number that you would like to be called on in the comments box and remember to answer calls from 'no number' too.


If you are unable to book a slot, please contact the school office.

Mr Desborough has been hard at work decorating our school Christmas Tree. It is a welcome sight—especially during these darker days—with all its twinkling lights. He is keen to finish off the display with an **outdoor light up festive decoration**, which we are hoping one of our parents or carers may be able to lend us for the next 2 weeks only. If you are able to help, please let us know.


[Click here](#) to order your Christmas Tree from Treasy.



School Lunches

Wednesday 9th December is Christmas Lunch day. Mrs Donagher will be very busy preparing over 290 meals. This is a very special lunchtime when children and teachers get to enjoy their lunch together. 


Our current school menu is being continued throughout the Spring Term. Mrs Donagher will be reviewing the menu and we will keep you updated of any meal changes that may occur.

Please allow a **minimum of two weeks** for lunch changes to take place. Over the last month we have been inundated with over 80 changes. It is not possible to make lunch changes on the day—please let your children know the change will take place as soon as it can. 

Windows and doors are open all day. Please can you ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing - layering up with thermals or polo necks under uniform is more comfortable than them needing to put on their coat.

Christmas Funfest starts today with The Big Elf Hunt!

From today until the 14th December, cheeky elves with letters are hiding in windows around Bernard's Heath. Find them all, complete the trail sheet, and return to the special post-boxes in school for a chance to win vouchers for DJ Jungle! The trail sheet with all the details is coming home in bookbags today.

All children will be able to take part in the Christmas Funfest, which includes The Big Elf Hunt and The Fun-Filled Classroom Extravaganza on the 16th, however if you are able and have yet to do it, please make your £10 donation on [School Gateway](#)—thank you. 

Letters/Emails Sent Home

School Photographs

Christmas Cards



Breakfast Club—to book a place [click here](#)
Bernards Heath Childcare—to book a place [click here](#)

The Hertfordshire 'Neglect Matters' campaign is being launched in early 2021 in partnership with the NSPCC and will focus on intervening at the earliest opportunity to prevent neglect and the impact that it has on children, young people and families

In order to help shape the campaign and the services we later develop countywide to support families we'd be grateful for your views.

We're asking parents and carers to complete a survey to help us understand what neglect means to you. The survey is very short (only 8 questions in total) and takes only 3 minutes to complete. All answers are completely anonymous, and you don't have to have experienced neglect to take part.

We really want to hear from a variety of parents and carers – whether you're biological parents, adoptive parents, grandparents, fosters carers and so on. We would like to hear from people of all ages, communities and backgrounds.

Your feedback will help to build up a clearer picture and ultimately shape a campaign that will be most relevant to Hertfordshire and the people living here. Protecting children is everyone's business, so please do help us by completing the survey [here](#)



Please remember, if someone else is collecting your child from the Christmas Film Night on Friday, they will need your child's password.



Important Reminder

You **must not** send your child to school if somebody in your household is unwell and getting tested for Covid 19. Only when a negative result is returned, can the household resume ordinary activities.

If a positive test is received, the isolation period continues—[Click here](#) for more information from Herts County Council re: local isolation updates.

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.



Important School Uniform Information

[Click here](#) to see the Christmas and New Year Opening Update from Stevensons



REMEMBER, REMEMBER.....

W/B Mon 7th Dec		Foundation Stage Christmas Performances (recording will be shared by the end of term)
Wed 9th Dec		School Christmas Lunch Day
Fri 11th Dec	3.15 - 4.45pm	Film Night
Mon 14th Dec		Nasal Spray Flu Immunisations (for children not already immunised)
W/B Mon 14th Dec		Y1 and Y2 Christmas Performances (recording will be shared by the end of term)
W/B Mon 14th Dec		Santa Dash
Wed 16th Dec		Christmas Parties Christmas Jumper Day Fun Filled Classroom Extravaganza
Fri 18th Dec	See below	End of Term



Christmas Holiday
Mon 21st Dec—Fri 1st Jan



Mon 4th Jan

Staff Training Day
School Closed

Tue 5th Jan

Children Back to School

We are collecting presents for children whose families may be struggling to find the extra money for Christmas this year. Please bring any new, unwrapped gifts to the usual collection points from Monday 7th December



Staggered timings for the last day of term—Friday 18th December
FS2 and Year 2—1:10pm
Year 1—1:15pm FS1—1:20pm