



BERNARDS HEATH INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Autumn Term Newsletter Friday 10th December

Contact us: governors@bernardsheath.herts.sch.uk admin@bernardsheath.herts.sch.uk



Happy Birthday

Abigail, Tim,



The penultimate newsletter of the term...

And here we are, still a long way from 'normal'. I would like to thank children, staff, governors and parents for their support over the autumn term. The resilience, patience and positivity of our school community have been welcome company as we continue to navigate our way through the pandemic. In an effort to safeguard the Christmas performances this year we have reduced the risk of transmission of Covid-19 as much as possible. **We have been advised that if we have a class with live cases then this performance should be recorded and shared rather than go ahead with a live audience.** Current dates of performances and live case end dates (this is based on no new cases being reported) means we are planning that all performances next week will go ahead. We will update you if this situation changes.

Applying for a Reception and Year 3 Place Deadline—January 15th 2022

Remember to [apply online](#) for your child's place for September 2022.



Reception Start Time—FS2

From January 2022 children in FS2 must arrive at 8.50am ready for the school day to start at 8.55am.

Children should line up outside their classroom doors and will all be welcomed in together—the casual start from 8:40am has now come to an end.

Saying Goodbye

Mrs Pengelly leaves us at Christmas as her family are relocating and Mrs Walmsley and Mrs Peat are taking on new career opportunities.

We are very sad to see them all leave Bernards Heath but will be keeping in touch!

Letters / Emails Sent Home

Joint Letter about Isolating Siblings 2
Joint Letter about Isolating Siblings
PTA Christmas Fun Fest

Christmas Performances



The reasons we have the no Under 5's rule for performances such as school plays/productions (Christmas Nativities/Y2 Leavers performances not Harvest Festivals/class assemblies where younger siblings are welcome) -

- Often, we have a videographer on site recording the event for families to purchase. This recording cannot be interrupted with noise/disruption in the audience as it would significantly affect the quality of the recording
- The children at school will have worked hard in rehearsals. Restricting Under 5's ensures the children on 'stage' are not distracted and can be clearly heard saying their lines by every member of the audience (without needing to compete with tearful/unsettled/chatty audience members)

This year we are in exceptional circumstances and are delighted to have a real-life audience. We are eager for all parents/carers to be able to attend.

So, whilst we continue to ask that you do have Under 5's looked after elsewhere, if you have no option but to bring babies/toddlers along, this will be permitted this time. We do ask that you sit close to the back of the hall so that you can easily step outside into our Exploring Garden and the performance can continue without disruption if your youngest children become unsettled. This year is also unique in that the videographer will not be on site, therefore we don't have the pressure of sound quality for the recording.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to school.



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.



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

PLEASE NOTE:

The Mitchell Class Christmas Nativity has been rescheduled for Friday 17th December at 9.15am

On Wednesday 15th December staff and children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers to school in order to raise money for Save the Children. You can choose to bring in £1 with your Christmas jumper or [donate online](#). Thank you



The deadline for ordering milk for next term is Friday 17th December. [Click here](#) to make your payment. After this date, the next opportunity to order milk will be half term.



We are pleased to welcome Mrs Rahman, one of our School Governors, who is joining Churchill Class as a Teaching Assistant in the New Year.

It is not too late to donate any unwrapped Christmas presents for families in our local community. Please leave these at the school office.



A BIG thank you to Ryder Class children.

They have been amazing in the hall at lunchtimes. They have helped to sweep the floor, stack the chairs and take the water bottles back to classes. What a kind and responsible group of children.

Raise money for our school whilst doing your Christmas Shopping. It takes just a few minutes to set up on Amazon Smile and The Giving Machine and each time you shop online they will donate to our school.



Next week will be Week 1 of our current menu.



We request that if a child in your household receives a positive PCR then any children attending the infants or Juniors isolates for 10 days. This decision has not been taken lightly and is in line with guidance from Public Health. We are aware that this decision will present challenges for both parents and school staff but is being made with the understanding that this will further protect our school community.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER.....

Mon 13th Dec	9.15am	Morpurgo Class Christmas Sing-a-long (Two Adults per Child) No Under 5's for this performance
Mon 13th Dec	2.30pm	Alban Class Christmas Sing-a-long (Two Adults per Child) No Under 5's for this performance
Tue 14th Dec	9.15am	Clarence Class The Christmas Story in Song (Two Adults per Child) No Under 5's for this performance
Wed 15th Dec	9.15am	Verulam Class The Christmas Story in Song (Two Adults per Child) No Under 5's for this performance
Wed 15th Dec		PTA Christmas Fun Fest Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Parties
Thu 16th Dec	9.15am	Heartwood Class The Christmas Story in Song (Two Adults per Child) No Under 5's for this performance
Fri 17th Dec	9.15am	Mitchell Class Christmas Nativity (Two Adults per Child) No Under 5's for this performance
Tue 21st Dec	1.20	End of Term
Christmas Holiday Wed 22nd Dec—Tue 4th Jan		
Wed 5th Jan		Staff Training Day School Closed
Thu 6th Jan	8.50am	Children Back to School



PTA Fun Fest
Wednesday 15th December
[Click here](#) to donate