

## **BOLTON-LE-SANDS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# **December 2023 Newsletter**



Please find below our latest news of events and things going on in school. If you can't find the answers you are looking for, please don't hesitate to get in touch through the School Office!

#### **Collective Worship**

For the remainder of this term, we will continue to explore the value of COURAGE in relation to ADVENT. We will look in particular at the foretelling of the Birth of Jesus and the how the knowledge of this brought faith, hope and courage to others.

#### **Christmas Enterprise**

Our children will be busy making lots of Christmas crafts to sell at our Christmas Enterprise on Friday 15 December 3:30pm -5:30pm. Children will be dismissed as normal to family members, we then ask that you enter via the school hall to enjoy looking at (and buying!) everything that has been made. All Christmas Enterprise items will be sold in Classes 3, 4 and 5. In the hall we will have festive refreshments and a small raffle. Children can also visit Father Christmas in our Santa's Grotto! All funds raised continue to support our amazing school!

#### **Christmas Performances**

Our children are busy learning and rehearsing their Christmas performances! We are looking forward to seeing parents at these events:

KEY STAGE 1: A Midwife Crisis at 2pm on 11 and 12 December in the school hall. Tickets limited to two per family in the first instance.

**RECEPTION:** Christmas Sing-a-Long at 2:15pm on 13 December in the school hall.

KEY STAGE 2: Carol Service at 2pm and 6pm on 18 December at Holy Trinity Church. Tickets are limited to two per family.



#### **Payments**

We are unable to offer the exciting trips, visitors and experiences without your contributions, so please ensure your ParentPay account is up-to-date.



#### **Absence and Holidays**

We continue to see an increase in the Our Christmas Dinner for pupils number of Leave of Absence Applications for family holidays. As per our Attendance Policy, family holidays are not routinely authorised and any unauthorised absence of 5 days or more will result order slip and pay for the lunch in the penalty notice procedures being processed. To help avoid a penalty notice, we strongly encourage parents to book family holidays out of term time, to avoid dental and medical appointments being booked in school time (where possible) and to ensure that your child is punctual in their arrival to school. If your child does require time out of school, our 'Application for Leave of Absence' forms are available on the website. Please complete these thoroughly and provide a minimum of 14 days' notice.

#### **Christmas Dinner**

will be on Thursday 21 December where we also invite children to wear their Christmas jumpers. Please ensure that you return the via ParentPay (Key Stage 2).

### **Parent Engagement Events**

Our LKS2 and KS1 Parent Engagement afternoons that took place this half term have been superb! Thank you, parents and family members, for joining us. The children have thoroughly enjoyed showing off what they have been learning! UKS2's event is on the afternoon of Wednesday 6 December.

#### **M&M Productions**

M&M Productions will be visiting our school on Tuesday 9 January performing A Christmas Carol. Please make your contributions & give consent via ParentPay.

#### **Earrings and Hair Reminder**

We politely remind parents that long hair (girls or boys) should be kept tied up in school and only **small stud** earrings are acceptable in school. Please also note that children should be able to remove earrings independently before sporting activities.

## **School Shoes**

As the autumnal weather has set in, we understand that girls' school shoes are often unsuitable for wet and cold weather. Although it is not part of our uniform policy, plain, black ankle boots are acceptable for such weather. However, we politely remind parents that trainers are not part of our school uniform, apart from during sport sessions. Therefore, please ensure that your child is wearing suitable, school footwear.





As a Voluntary Aided Primary School, we have to raise 10% of our school funds independently. As such, our FOBLES partnership is crucial in order to help improve our facilities and support the education for our children. Therefore. we need your help as we need more volunteers who are willing to attend meetings or be a class representative or just simply help out at events. If you are willing to help, voice your enthusiasm by emailing: fobles@bolton-lesands.lancs.sch.uk Our upcoming FOBLES events are:

15 December Christmas Enterprise Sale 3:30pm until 5:30pm in school

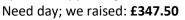
11 January 6:30pm at The Royal our next FOBLES meeting to discuss the Cinema Night

25 January Cinema Night after school

8 February Class 7 and 8 Cake Sale after school

#### **Children in Need**

Thank you for supporting our Children in





#### **Choir Competition**

Well done to our School Choir who came 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Carnforth Rotary Junior Choir Competition on 24 November, winning £25 towards music at BLS! A particular shout out to Olly and Evan for their duet!



## **Key Stage 1 Swimming** Class 4 will begin their

swimming sessions on Thursday 11 January. There is a parental contribution of £15 towards the cost of this swimming, payable via ParentPay.



#### **Christmas Parties**

During the last week of term, each phase will host a 'Christmas Party' during the afternoon where children will participate in party games and Christmas fun. On this day, your child is permitted to ditch their uniform and wear 'Christmas Party Clothes'. Please see the diary dates for your child's party afternoon.

#### **Dates for your Diary**

Fri 1 Dec: Holy Trinity Advent Fair 7pm Christingle

Development Team Athletics Tournament at LMC

Tue 5 Dec: 1:30pm Holy Trinity First Tuesday Hub

Year 5/6 Glow Dodgeball Tournament at Lan Uni

Wed 6 Dec: Classes 9, 10 and 11 Parent Involvement Afternoo

Y1/2 Athletics Tournament at LMC

Thu 7 Dec: St John's Hospice Choir by Candlelight, The Priory

Sat 9 Dec: Rotary Santa Sleigh 4:45pm - 8pm Sun 10 Dec: 9:15am Second Sunday Service Mon 11 Dec: 10:30am KS1 Dress Rehearsal

2pm KS1 Nativity

Tue 12 Dec: 2pm KS1 Nativity

Wed 13 Dec: 2:15pm EYFS Christmas Sing-a-Long Fri 15 Dec: **FOBLES Christmas Enterprise after school** 

100 Club £100 Draw

Mon 18 Dec: KS2 Carol Service 2pm and 6pm

Tue 19 Dec: KS1 Party afternoon Wed 20 Dec: EYFS Party afternoon

Thu 21 Dec: Christmas Dinner (wear a Christmas jumper!)

LKS2 Party afternoon

Fri 22 Dec: Whole School Worship in Church

**UKS2** Party afternoon School Closes at 3:25pm

Mon 8 Jan: INSET TRAINING DAY

Tue 9 Jan: M&M Productions A Christmas Carol

Thu 11 Jan: **Class 4 Swimming Lessons** Sun 14 Jan: 9:15am Second Sunday Service Fri 9 Feb: School Closes for February Half Term

Mon 19 Feb: School reopens

#### **Change of Details**

Should your contact details (including emergency contact) change, please inform our School Office and also update your ParentPay account, to ensure that you continue to receive notifications. Email us at: changeofdetails@bolton-le-sands.lancs.sch.uk





#### **Holy Trinity**

Holy Trinity welcomes all to attend their Sunday services at 10:30am. They also host a mid-week service on Wednesdays at 10am. See our diary dates for Holy Trinity events (in blue). For further information, please email: parishblsnews@parishbls.co.uk

> Kind regards Mr Daniel Hargreaves (Headteacher)