



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.

### 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.**

### 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 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 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

Our Christmas Dinner for pupils will be on Thursday 21 December where we also invite children to wear their Christmas jumpers. **Please ensure that you return the order slip and pay for the lunch via ParentPay (Key Stage 2).**

### 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.



### 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.



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-le-sands.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:fobles@bolton-le-sands.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



### 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!



### Children in Need

Thank you for supporting our Children in Need day; we raised: **£347.50**



### 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 Afternoon**  
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](mailto: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: [parishbbsnews@parishbbs.co.uk](mailto:parishbbsnews@parishbbs.co.uk)

Kind regards  
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