

**Monday 16/12/19**

- Choir Tour

**Tuesday 17/12/19**

- Y4 Forest School for Cleveland and Pulteney

**Wednesday 18/12/19**

- Lower School Nativity Emmanuel Church: 9.30am
- Forest School for 2EO
- Upper School Concert: 7.00pm

**Thursday 19/12/19**

- Upper School Concert: 10am
- Christmas Lunch

**Friday 20/12/19**

- Christmas Decorations down
- End of Term 2

**Monday 06/01/20**

- Start of Term 3

**Tuesday 07/01/20**

- Year 6 to Panto
- Y4 Forest School for Windsor and Cleveland

**Tuesday 14/01/20**

- Y4 Forest School for Pulteney and Churchill

**Friday 17/01/20**

- 6A & Reception Cake Sale & Uniform Sale: 3.30pm

**Tuesday 21/01/20**

- Y4 Forest School for Windsor and Cleveland

**Wednesday 22/01/20**

- Disco Y3 & 4: 4.00pm - 5.00pm
- Disco Y5 & 6: 5.15pm - 6.15pm

**Monday 27/01/20**

- NPSA Meeting: 7.30pm

**Tuesday 28/01/20**

- Young Voices
- Y4 Forest School for Pulteney and Churchill

**Tuesday 04/02/20**

- Bee Class assembly
- Y4 Forest School for Windsor and Cleveland
- Child Exploitation and Online Protection meeting: 6pm for all years

**Tuesday 11/02/20**

- Ladybird Class assembly
- Y4 Forest School for Pulteney and Churchill

Dear Parents and Carers

We have just one week to go, but there are still many more activities to end the festive season in school. The remaining dates and times are all published in this newsletter.

**Lower School Nativity:** What a treat we had this week to see all of the Lower School children perform on stage in our school nativity, Babushka. The Year 2 children led the performances, with each class taking it in turn to act or be the choir. Their performances were magnificent and the children should all be recognised for their skills and courage. Their voices could be heard, they all took their roles very seriously and clearly enjoyed collaborating to put on the best show in town. Year 1, Bee and Ladybird classes had their very special moments too and it was so brilliant to see very young children enjoying the experience and coping so well in a large hall with bright lights and an audience of many faces. This year we were taken on a world tour with Babushka. We visited Ireland with Bee Class as they sang Jingle Bells in Gaelic, we headed to South Africa with Ladybird Class so that they could show us how much they love to dance, we dosey-dosed in America with our cowboys and cowgirls from 1R, and 1DE 'ruled the world' as they took centre stage as true stars. If you were able to watch the performance I am sure you will have enjoyed every moment. Well done everyone and to all of the staff for making this happen, each performance was another great moment in the life of Newbridge.

**Our choir perform again:** Our wonderful choir were again in action on Wednesday. Mrs Houston arranged for the choir to 'busk' outside Bath Abbey. This has become an annual highlight with 110 children performing this year! This was something new for our Year 3 children and I am pleased that they too were able to participate in such a rich experience. Having the opportunity to perform to a wider audience, whilst giving back to our community in a very special setting, is something I am sure they will not forget. Thank you to the parents who helped on the day and for all of the support we receive with musical activities across the school.

**More Christmas events:** Next week you are invited to join the nativity service at Emmanuel Church on Wednesday 18th December at 9.30am. The Lower School children all take part in this simple and beautiful performance, which is led by the Year 2 children.

If you only have children in the Lower School, you may not be aware of the annual Christmas Concert that takes place in the Upper School. These concerts are an opportunity for all of the children who learn musical instruments, who play in musical groups and who are members of the choir, to show off their talents. There are two concerts and the one on Thursday 19th December at 10am usually has seats available. Even if your child is not performing at the concert, you are most welcome to attend – you will be wowed by the talent of primary school pupils if you do. Please ask at the office for tickets.

**Outdoor classroom is in use:** Year 2 were able to use our brand new outdoor classroom for the first time on Wednesday afternoon in their Forest School session. The construction is now complete and the floor has been levelled. Once we get used to using it and understand the space, we will have the flue installed along with the fire pit. Thank you again to our whole community for enabling this project to happen and in turn, supporting outdoor learning.

**Arriving late for school:** Thank you to parents who have noted my concerns about the importance of being at school on time. We have seen an improvement this week and ask that this continues.

**Postponed Volunteers' Thank You:** I have decided to postpone this for good reason. I had really hoped that we could have held this in the new outdoor classroom with the fire lit. I felt it fitting that volunteers should enjoy using this space too, especially as the NPSA has funded it. As mentioned we are still waiting for this to be finished so once it is ready for use we

**Tuesday 11/02/20**

- Yr 3 We the Curious

**Thursday 13/02/20**

- Yr 3 Assembly: 2.30pm

**Friday 14/02/20**

- End of Term 3
- Inset 3

will publish a new date. This is likely to be in January.

**Pupils in the pantomime:** If you are planning to watch Beauty and the Beast at The Theatre Royal in Bath you should know that this year one of our pupils is performing. Alice from Year 4 has an incredibly busy schedule with many performances over the Christmas period. Alice was selected for the pantomime as she is a member of Dorothy Coleborn School of Dance and has committed many, many hours to her training over the years. Well done and good luck, Alice.

**Lost property:** All of the lost property needs to be cleared next week, please. There is a box in the Lower School hall and also there are many items on the pegs just inside the Upper School cloakroom. We also have a collection of lunch boxes that are not being taken home – please can these all be cleared too.

I hope you can have a restful weekend, in preparation for our final week.

With kind regards

Gill Kennaugh

# CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Our concerts next week are taking place on Wednesday evening at 7pm and Thursday morning at 10am.

We are super excited to perform them for you and letters went out last week to order tickets.

If anyone else would like to order tickets, please pick up a letter from the office.

Many thanks,

Lesley Houston

## CURRICULUM CORNER

### Super Spellings

This week, try writing your spelling words in block letters or bubble writing and then colour them in. You could also make them look more festive by adding glitter!

# STARS OF THE WEEK



**Bee** Whole Class

**1DE** Larell S , Whole Class

**2EO** Whole Class

**3OG** Edie B, Leonardo M-H

**4C** Jasmine H, Clement S

**5B** Reuben H, Zac L

**6B** Grace M, Rosie H

**Ladybird** Whole Class

**1R** Rufus O, Whole Class

**2G** Whole Class

**3KC** Freddie E, Seb K

**4H** Alfie T, Rufus K

**5H** Charlie G, Nat W

**6A** Harry D, Will P



## CALLING ENTHUSIASTIC SWIMMERS



TAKE YOUR SWIMMING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

TEAM BATH AS ACADEMY SWIMMING  
NEXT TASTER DAY

SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 2019  
At University of Bath 50m Pool

AGE 8-13 YEARS  
INCREASE FITNESS, REFINE TECHNIQUE  
HOW TO RACE & APPROACH COMPETITION  
DEVELOP ATHLETIC POTENTIAL

Places Limited – Book Now Email: [academy@teambathas.co.uk](mailto:academy@teambathas.co.uk)

TEAMBATHAS.CO.UK

Family Christmas  
Service  
Emmanuel Church  
Apsley Road  
15th Dec 9.30am



All welcome!



# AMAZING HOME LEARNING

## FINLEY'S CHRISTMAS THEMED BISCUIT HENGE!



As part of his Home Learning, Finley in 4C made this brilliant (and edible) model of Stonehenge using shortbread biscuits and icing. It looked and smelled delicious.

Well done Finley!



## HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH PHONICS

It was great to hear from so many children that they'd enjoyed playing Begins with Bonanza.

Here is another free to access game - Balloon Pop!

The idea of the game is to find the phoneme before the balloon flies away. This is another game which will help your child link the sound of a letter (phoneme) to its grapheme (the letter or letter that represents it). Play the game alongside your child and ask them to say the sound as they press the button. Please encourage 'pure sounds' – d not 'd-uh', p not 'p-uh'.

The game is suitable for all phonic phases, just choose the phonic phase your child is working

on. If you're not sure which phase or group of letters to pick ask your child's class teacher who will be happy to help.

Ms Rhodes



<https://www.phonicstracker.com/games/index>

# NPSA NEWS

## NATIVITY PHOTOS ON SALE UNTIL 10PM

If you have been to the nativity performances this year, you will have seen the gorgeous photos on display in the office. If you would like to order your own copy, you can do so by going here <http://buytickets.at/npsa>. **Orders will close at 10pm tonight, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.** They are being printed to order, so this deadline can not be extended. Thank you so much to Photographer Jesper Knapton for organising this and capturing such beautiful and high-quality images.

## HELP NEEDED ON FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Volunteers are needed after drop off next Friday to take down Christmas decorations and make sure the school is ready for the new term.

Please contact [npsabath@gmail.com](mailto:npsabath@gmail.com) if you can help, or pop along to the Blue Room after drop off.

## HELP NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT REFRESHMENTS

If you could help with the sale of mulled wine at the Christmas Concert on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, please get in touch as soon as possible by emailing [http://npsabath@gmail.com](mailto:npsabath@gmail.com).

## Wreath Making

### THANK YOU

Thank you so much to Emma Puzey for her donation to the NPSA raised from a wreath making event she held last week. £120 very gratefully received! Thank you!

## ANGLEPOISE LAMP TO BE WON

Unfortunately, the link posted in last week's newsletter didn't work so we have decided to extend the deadline for the lamp raffle. Neil Clews is running the Bath Half for Team Newbridge. If you donate to his fundraising page before 7pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, your name will be entered into a raffle to win an Anglepoise lamp – just like those that were in the raffle at the Christmas Fair. Follow this link to sponsor him now:

<https://www.wonderful.org/fundraiser/bathhalfmarathon2020-bde81014>

## The Giving Machine

One last seasonal plug for the Giving Machine! It really is very easy to use and has the potential to bring in some serious revenue for the NPSA. You can find out more here:

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/newbridge-primary-school/>



## Free School Meals Eligible by Benefit All School Years

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, and your child attends an LA maintained school or Academy in Bath and North East Somerset, please register for Free School Meals - Eligible by Benefit (EBB).

Registrations could attract Pupil Premium funding for your child's school, £1,320 per Primary pupil and £935 per Secondary pupil.

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
  - Income Support
  - Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
  - Income Related Employment Support Allowance
  - Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have an annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190
  - Working Tax Credit **Run-on** which is **only paid for 4 weeks** after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
  - The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
  - Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Please contact the team at [freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk) or call **01225 394317**

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