



# Bishopstone C.E. Primary School

## Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday 10th December—Tesco shopping packing to raise money (KS2)
  - Friday 13th December—Infants Christmas play (with Junior choir)
  - Tuesday 17th December—Christmas carols in the village
  - Thursday 19th December—Christmas dinner/party for children (in school)
  - Friday 20th December— Rock and pop roadshow in school
- Finish at 3:15pm for Christmas holidays :-)

## STFC Taster session

All children had a session at lunchtime today which was 'being active' linked to football. Lots of smiles and fun was had by all. It was fast paced and the children got to compete by balancing the ball and various kicking ball skills. The tuition was excellent and the flyer from STFC was sent home on Friday in your child's book bag.



## Reminder—Carols

We are looking forward to sharing gifts with the local elderly of Bishopstone and will be singing carols as we go around. A final practice on Wednesday, then we shall be bringing Christmas spirit to Bishopstone village on **December 17th at 6pm.**



On Tuesday the children will be packing at Tesco's to continue to raise money for the school and to take part in a community event which highlights that Christmas is as much about giving as receiving.. Please make sure you have read the letter sent regarding this as key information is on there.

## Golden Rules

The staff and children continue to discuss issues that arise at lunchtime/breaks. We are looking closely at a new behaviour system which is embedded across the whole school and based on Jenny Mosley. Her 'Golden Time' ethos is a positive reward system that incorporates circle time. Having used this previously I have seen the benefits of the system. We are looking at integrating the wonderful current reward systems that we have, into her framework and then linking all of this to the structure of lunchtime in January. If you wish to look at her website:

<http://www.circle-time.co.uk/>

If you have any comments please let me know. More details of this will come when we have the final structure for January.



Children had extra information about the Christmas Play, in their book bags, on Friday. We look forward to seeing you there at 13:30.

Dear Parents/Carers

You will find attached the first draft of the new lunchtime plan. This has been shared with the children and we are now going to be fine tuning it. There will of course be a trial period where we will be closely monitoring it from both management and the children's point of view. Any thoughts then please let me know. Staff continue to be out and about making links with other schools including Mr Anley at Goddard Park, Mrs Steel at Siddington and Mrs Warrick on a dyslexia focused course, so that we continue to strive for best current practice within our school.

I look forward to seeing you all on Friday Miss Lindsay

## Current clubs finish on **Thursday 12th December** due to activities happening the following week

### Clubs from January

- Monday—Board Games with Mrs Steele—Rec/Yr1/Yr2
- Monday—Robotics programming with Mr Anley—Yr3-6
- Tuesday—Dance with Glen—Yr2-Yr6
- Thursday— Art - Y2-6 (will run for 6wks)

***Please let Sue know your child's choice***

The children have made their 'Christmas card postbox' which will be in the porch from Monday, if the children can post their cards into it, they will be delivered at the end of the day.



## Hampers

We are still collecting donations for the hampers we are creating for the local elderly residents, the more we collect the more we can donate to those who it will make a big difference to over Christmas. All donations can be dropped to the office in the morning.

Thank you for the continued support of the Bishopstone coffee mornings. The next one will be THIS **Wednesday 11th** and I look forward to coming along and joining you for a chat over a mince pie!



The school council have been busy planning a 'Christmas Spirit Week', see their attached flyer for all the events that they have chosen.

**Sticker book page one filled!!!**

Elsiana

**Work of the Week**

**Ollie**—Great concentration and timing during the shepherds song in the Nativity

**Tillyjayne**—For showing an increased level of tables knowledge in multiplication and division this week

**Oliver**—Focus, enthusiasm and clear understanding in maths club with the mean average experiment

**Oscar and Tillyjayne**—Determination and stamina in chess club

***How often do you ask your child “what did you do today at school?” and only to be told “nothing!”. When in fact their days are full of exciting learning opportunities here at Bishopstone. The children and I have decided to share our days with you, and each week one, or a number of children, will be sharing a short piece of writing (which they make notes for during the week) which describes some of the things that they do. These will be from both Infants and Juniors and the children are chosen at random on a Monday. We hope you enjoy reading this insight . . . next issue will feature Infants as well!***

### A week in the life of Year 6—Taran

**Monday**—I recorded a voiceover for my animated film, then moving on to learning ‘Twinkle Twinkle’ on the clarinet. In maths we calculated the mean average of lego cars that we built and sent them down a ramp that we devised.

**Tuesday**—I read about Jacob and Joseph from the bible, then measured the temperature of Mr Anleys coffee! That allowed us to record accurately the information on a line graph. In P.E we played hockey and my team won! Our homework was all about bird watching.

**Wednesday**—We rehearsed the Infant Nativity in the village hall and learnt the rest of the songs. I raced with Isaac, in a team against other children to find, understand and then spell ewe, certify and more! We looked at continuous data in maths and then had lunch. In P.E we worked hard at a circuit then completed our anti-bullying dances.

**Thursday**—I chose a topic for my survey, so that I can collect data for a bar chart. I completed my bird book which will now be judged.

**Friday**—Watched some of an animation of David Copperfield by Charles Dickens. Then it was time for speed maths. Using Excel I created a bar graph. Lunchtime was football skills with Beth from STFC including stopping, dribbling and much more. I had school council at lunchtime. We drew birds of paradise in art, assembly, then home for the weekend!!

# School Council



## ***Bishopstone Christmas Spirit Week***

**Monday**—In assembly—every child will say something that they are proud of this year. To think about this at home with their parents.

Start a Christmas sock tree to donate to the homeless in Swindon — adult socks, hats, scarf—we are sure everyone has one of these to spare lying around the house and they can make all the difference to someone who is sleeping outside in the cold winter weather!

**Tuesday**—lunchtime Christmas games (wordsearches, colouring, quiz) in the classrooms

**Wednesday**—selling Christmas cupcakes for 50p donation/make a snowflake to hang at home

**Thursday**—Christmas meal/partytime and games

**Friday**—Christmas dress in colour/twin day

## **Swindon Night Shelter**

The School Council is contacting Swindon Night Shelter to see if the donations would work best for them. They are a roaming night shelter which is located at various churches in the Swindon area.

## **Woodland Trust**

Special card collection bins will be in M&S stores\* from January 2 to January 31 2014. Money generated through the card recycling scheme will fund the planting of new trees throughout the UK. The school council will collect and then take them down to donate in the New Year. This will also feed into the school beginning 'Ecoschools' where the children have to focus on environmental issues within school—<http://www2.keepbritaintidy.org/ecoschools/>

***Thank you***

***Taran, Miya, Oliver, Eleni, Ruby***