



Diary Dates

Bewick Bridge Community Primary

School

Dear Parents/Carers,

There is a lot of information about the Christmas Fair on 7th December this week and I would be grateful if you would give some thought to both attending with your child and also contributing to the list of items we are looking for. Whilst this is a key fundraising event for the school, we do also want you and your children to have some fun.

In the last 2 weeks, we have had a number of visitors to the school and all have mentioned the excellent behaviour of Bewick Bridge children. One of our visitors provided coaching on Speed Stacking. There are some great pictures in the newsletter of pupils taking part in the activity and one of Miss Plater, our Year 2 Kingfishers teacher, who clearly enjoyed the competitive aspects of the day!

Speed stacking is an individual sport where children all over the world compete to beat their best time. A number of schools across the county are introducing this skill and research indicates that there are range of benefits linked to reading and writing. Pupils have mentioned that they would like their parents to have a go and with this in mind we will be running a Speed Stacking competition at the Christmas Fair. Please look out for the stall and come along and have a go – it's not as easy as it looks.

I know that Mrs Simister thanked parents for attending the recent parent consultations. However, having spoken to teachers this week, I know that some of you were not able to come along. It is important for teachers to be able to update parents on their pupils' progress and wellbeing so please contact the school office or speak to the teacher to make an appointment.

Kind regards

Mr Richardson
Assistant Headteacher

6th December

Christmas Lunch
Cinderella Pantomime
Christmas Jumper Day

Reception Christmas Performance

Wednesday 12th December 9:30

Thursday 13th December 2:00

KS1 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 5th December 2:00

Thursday 6th December 9:30

Christmas Fayre

Friday 7th December



Stars of the Week



The following children are our Stars of the Week this week, and were presented with certificates in our Celebration Assembly today.

Wrens – Ezzah

Robins – Harlee

Jays – Isla

Kingfishers – Pepe

Woodpeckers – Lillie

Hérons – Megan H

Goldcrests – Soloman

Lapwings – Khaled

Buzzards – Hayden

Maths Home Learning Questionnaire

We are keen to gain parents/carers' views on maths home learning and would be grateful if you would complete our short online questionnaire. <https://goo.gl/forms/DNOiPcN0adZsocXI1>

Flu Jabs (Year R – 5)

As you will be aware, there is an opportunity for your child to have a flu jab which will take place during the school day on Thursday 13th December. A letter is attached to this newsletter with information on how to register your child. The closing date to register is **Thursday 29th November**. Please note, if you **do not complete the registration via the link then your child will not have a flu jab**.

Speed Stacking

On Tuesday, Miss Plater organised a speed stacking day! In addition to our regular lessons, all classes had expert training in speed stacking, even the staff were involved. Everyone enjoyed it and we managed to capture some of the moments throughout the day.



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need last week. We have raised a massive **£296.24** which will all go to Children in Need!

Toys In School

There has been a few occasions where pupils have brought toys from home into school. We do ask children not to bring their own toys into

Attendance

Week ending - 23rd November 2018

Dippers – 93 %

Wrens – 96.4 %

Robins – 94.3 %

Jays – 97.8 %

Kingfishers – 95.6 %

Woodpeckers – 94.4 %

Hérons – 98.9 %

Goldcrests – 92.2 %

Lapwings – 94.7 %

Buzzards – 97.1 %

What to do if your child is unwell

It is important to inform the school if your child is going to be absent. On the **first day** and **all subsequent days** you need to contact the school office. You can:

Call
01223 508772

01223 508774

E-mail
office@bewickbridge.com

Please give NAME, CLASS and a CLEAR REASON for absence

school as this can cause upset. We do have plenty of playtime equipment and activities for children to enjoy.

School Photographs

This week pupils should have brought home their school photographs. We have used a new company this time and so far the feedback has been good. The deadline for ordering is 2nd December and you should have all the details of the on line ordering options on the sheet with the picture proof.

Year 5&6 Rail Safety Talk

Pupils in years 5 and 6 were visited by Network Rail on Tuesday to talk to them about the importance of rail safety. Andrew and Kevin from Network Rail have praised the behaviour of the children, their respectful attitude and how attentive they were.



Free Trees For Babies

Cambridge County Council would like to gift families who have children 4 years old or younger a tree to plant. This is to promote the many benefits that trees bring to Cambridge and the tree will be a mark of your child's birth. More information is attached to this newsletter if you would like to apply for a free tree.

Cherry Kids' Club Vacancy

Would you like to work for a local breakfast and after school club dedicated to putting children first? Do you enjoy playing with children, keeping them happy and safe? We are looking for caring, enthusiastic and motivated Playworkers (qualified to level 2 or above) and Assistants (unqualified) to join our team to provide a safe, stimulating and fun environment for children. Training will be provided and training for a relevant qualification will be positively encouraged.

Rates of Pay extremely competitive, plus Holiday Pay.

After School Club 3pm – 6pm daily (Term Time only)

Christmas Fayre 7th December, 3:45pm to 5:30pm

We are pleased to say that plans are progressing for the fair and Father Christmas has confirmed he is attending.

We have had some offers for baking and purchasing cakes and cookies but still need more, so if you have some time before the fair

Milk Bottle Tops

For some time we have been collecting milk bottle tops for Arthur Rank Hospice. In the hope that you will support the collection we will have a collection point outside the school office.



Empties Please

We are working with the company 'empties please' who collect and recycle used ink and toner cartridges. There are two collection points outside the school office where you can drop off any empty ink and toner cartridges you have. Each item recycled, Empties Please will donate funds to the school which will be used to buy new books for our library!



for baking or shopping do please think of us. The cake stall is a great fundraiser for us so the more we have the better we will do.

The coloured class boxes are filling up with some classes on their second box! We want to get them wrapped in good time and pupils will want to know which class has won the prize so will finish taking donations on 27th November. A final reminder of the colours below:

Dippers	Green
Robins	Gold
Wrens	Red
Kingsfishers	Purple
Jays	Blue
Woodpeckers	Silver
Hérons	Orange
Goldcrest	Pink
Lapwings	White
Buzzards	Black

Many thanks for the stall enquiries. We have a good mixture and hope that families will enjoy having the opportunity for some pre-Christmas shopping.

The very popular wine bottle stall will be running again. If anyone has a spare bottle of wine (full or empty with a screw top lid) please drop it off at the school office.

Tickets for Father Christmas will go on sale from the school office from 3rd December. Tickets will be £2.50 and include a small gift and a picture with Father Christmas. As with last year we will run a timed, ticket system to reduce the time families have to queue. Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis from the school office. As we no longer hold cash in school we will not be able to give change so correct money will be much appreciated.

Christmas Lunch & Panto

We have been featuring the 6th December in our diary dates and now it's time to share the details of our plans.

The whole school will be having lunch together on 6th December and after our festive celebrations we will all be attending the Cinderella Pantomime.

We hope that you will consider having the pantomime come to school is a great treat for the children and that you will feel able to contribute towards the cost of the event. We are asking for a voluntary donation of **£2.00 per child** and would be grateful if this could be brought into school by 30th November. There is also the option to pay online via SIMS Agora.

Term Dates

Autumn 2018

Tuesday 4th September to Wednesday 19th December

Term finishes on 19th December, 2018

Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3rd January to Friday 5th April, 2019

Half-term 18th February - 22nd February
School Training Day: 25th February School Closed
Pupils return on 26th February
Term finishes on Friday 5th April

Summer 2019

Tuesday 23rd April - Wednesday 24th July
School Training Day: 23rd April School Closed
Pupils return to school Wednesday 24th April
May Day: 6th May, 2019 School Closed
Half-term 27th May - 31st May School Closed
Pupils return to school on 3rd June
The last day of the Summer term is 24th July, 2019



FREE TREES FOR BABIES

Claim a free tree to mark the birth of your baby

To encourage the planting of trees in peoples gardens and to promote the many benefits that trees bring to the city, Cambridge City Council will gift you a tree to plant in your garden to mark your baby's birth.

Anyone who lives within the Cambridge City area can apply on behalf of their child up to four years old, we also welcome those who wish to celebrate an adoption or to commemorate a loved one.

If you live in Cambridge, have room in your garden and want to apply for a free tree please go to our website to register your interest; scan the QR code below or head to www.cambridge.gov.uk



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#FT4B
#FreeTree



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School Age Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme 2018/19

Reception and Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

Dear Parent/Carer

The school-based nasal flu vaccination programme helps protect your child against flu. Flu can be a dangerous illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Your child is entitled to the vaccination free, from the NHS.

Please access and submit the Consent Form

<https://immunisation.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/Flu?id=a357b8a7-f4b5-4aa0-af8c-ad5b46f9594e>

The consent form portal will close on:

29th November 2018

There is an option to decline the vaccination

PLEASE NOTE:

- If your child has **severe asthma** and/or takes high dose inhaled steroids or steroid tablets, (or requires the injectable vaccine) please arrange to have the vaccination at your GPs.
- After you have submitted your consent, please let us know if your child has taken **steroid** tablets because of their asthma in the two weeks before to the vaccination, or if their asthma medication has been increased.
- If your child is **wheezy** with asthma on the day of the vaccination, please inform the school.
- The vaccine contains **gelatine**; there is no suitable alternative for healthy children.
- If your child is **absent** on the day of the vaccinations, a second attempt will be made to offer the vaccination to your child, usually in a clinic setting.
- Your **consent** will be valid for the flu immunisation school session. If your child receives the vaccine elsewhere, or you wish to withdraw your consent, please contact us.

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE PERSON WITH LEGAL PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CHILD (EITHER BIRTH PARENT OR AGREED THROUGH COURT).

Further information can be found in the attached leaflet, or online [here](#). The medical information can be accessed [here](#), a child-friendly film can be viewed [here](#).

We provide this service to help protect the health of your child as part of our public task as a health service provider. Your child's school has provided us with your contact details. We will update your child's electronic health record and notify your GP of the immunisation.

We may contact you via SMS; if you do not wish to be contacted via text, please let us know.

If you require further advice or information, please contact the School Immunisation Team:

Tel: 0300 555 5055

Email: ccs-tr.cambsimmsteam@nhs.net

We value your views on our service. Please leave your feedback [here](#) or scan this QR code:

Yours faithfully



Schools Immunisation and Screening Lead
Childrens and Young Peoples Health Services

