



BIDSTON VILLAGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we come to the end of the Autumn term 2022, I am writing to update you on events and achievements. Once again, we have had a very busy, successful term.

I am sure that you will agree with me that the Christmas performances from children in Foundation, Y1/2, EIB1, Y3/4 (including EIB2) and Y5/6 were all excellent. The children really enjoyed being able to perform to a live audience again. At Bidston Village we place great emphasis on the importance of team work and we strive constantly to develop children's confidence, resilience, self-esteem and the general belief that they can do anything, if they put their minds to it! All performances this year showed the importance of having such aims. I was so proud of the children. They displayed excellent behaviour, magnificent narration and acting skills and impressive singing voices. Most importantly, the children clearly enjoyed performing for you (just as much as you enjoyed watching them).

On behalf of all the staff in school I would like to thank you for your support this term and to wish you a very merry Christmas!

Yours sincerely,

L. Hazeldine

Stars of the Term

As you will be aware by now, this award is given, at the end of each school term, to the child whose behaviour and attitude towards all aspects of school life has been an example to others in the school. As usual, in many cases this was a very difficult choice, since we have so many 'stars' at Bidston Village! The following children were eventually chosen and they will be presented with a certificate and a book at our celebration assembly on Tuesday at 9am. Parents and carers of these children will be invited to this assembly. Congratulations to them all!

Nursery (F1)	Blaise-Gunner Edwards (F1am) and Theo Kearney(F1pm)
Foundation 2	Hallie Thompson (F2KJ) and Georgia Albiston-Bryan (F2S)
Year 1	Harley Ashcroft (1J) and Joel Wood(1MK)
Year 2	Holly Ashby (2L) and Jaycie-May Boylin (2G)
Year 3	Carter Beacall (3JW) and Jake Keegan (3B)
Year 4	Lillie Gillison (4VJ) and Myla-Rose Taylor (4DJ)
Year 5	Miah Mellor (5B) and Layla Gillison (5O)
Year 6	Aka Ewuga (6GT) and Kaylam Hayden (6A)
EIB classes	Melody Jebb (EIB1) and Amelia Johnson (EIB2)

Behaviour Awards

Once again this term we have been delighted with the good behaviour of the majority of children in school. **299 pupils have never moved their name from the green zone all term.** These children will be presented with certificates in our celebration assembly. They are a credit to our school and to their families! Congratulations to all these children for setting such a good example to others, making the right choices and keeping our code of conduct consistently throughout the term.

Attendance Awards

After a year of disappointing attendance outcomes in 2021-22, we have relaunched our attendance policy and come up with a range of new rewards to encourage children and families to support us in our efforts to reach our attendance target. These new rewards have been well received, especially the £5 for 5 days in school each week. The children can't wait for the spin of the wheel during Monday assemblies to see who will win the £5 in each department in school. As detailed in our new attendance policy, we will be awarding a prize (chocolates and a £25 cinema voucher) each half term, to one family of any pupil with 95%+ attendance. The winners will be determined by a spin of our wheel in assembly.

Congratulations to 41 pupils who have had an impressive 100% attendance this term. They are due to be presented with certificates, badges and pencils in our end of term attendance assembly. They will also be invited to attend afternoon tea with me in January. Certificates and badges will also be awarded to another **150 children with good attendance (95% and above).**

In total this means that 191 pupils reached our target of 95%+ attendance. This is a great achievement and we could not let this go unrecognised. **We will also be awarding badges to several children with greatly improved attendance.** Thank you for supporting us to work towards achieving our overall attendance target for the year. This is set at 95% and, to date, our overall attendance figure for this term is 92.25%. I am aware that many children have been unwell this half term and this has had a negative impact on our overall attendance figure. In the spring term we will continue to encourage children to attend as regularly as possible and we will be working with children and families of children whose attendance has been a cause for concern this term. I am sure that you will appreciate the fact that **good attendance leads to good achievement in school.** For this reason, you are politely requested to refrain from booking holidays during term time, in line with Local Authority guidance. **Parents of Y6 pupils, please note that the week beginning May 8th 2023 is Year 6 SATs test week, so please do not book holidays for this week as tests cannot be taken at any other time.**

End of Term Activities

Children enjoyed our school Christmas lunch recently on Christmas Jumper Day.

Last Wednesday, all children in school were treated to a fabulous pantomime 'Charlotte's Web' from Altru Theatre Company.

Our Christmas discos were well attended and all the children had a good time. Proceeds from the discos will go towards subsidising our Y6 residential trip as the accommodation and transport costs have risen so much this year that it would have been extremely expensive for us to charge every pupil the full amount.

Before the end of term, all children in school will be taking part in our annual ELF run, which is a sponsored event to raise money for St Johns Hospice, Wirral.

On Monday we are all going to attend church for our Christmas services with Reverend Joe. On Tuesday afternoon we will be providing free parties for all children and I am sure that they will have great fun!

Nurture Group

Just to inform parents/ carers that Bev Cowley, our Family support worker, is due to start a 10-week Nurture programme in the New Year. Sessions will be held in school every Wednesday morning from 8.50am – 11.30am starting on January 11th. If you are interested and would like further information, please call in and ask to speak to Bev.

PLEASE NOTE

School closes for the Christmas holidays on **Tuesday 20th December 2022**

School re-opens on **Wednesday 4th January 2023**

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

