



# Bowburn Primary News.

Friday December 17th 2021

## Christmas Festivities.

A huge **Thank You** to all parents /carers for your generosity this term. We raised an incredible £488.50 for books for our libraries from the Christmas hamper raffle. Here are the lucky winners!

- 1st prize: Joshua Lineham
- 2nd prize: Brooklyn Turner
- 3rd prize: Sophie Morris
- 4th Prize: Benjamin Davies

Thank you to staff and the Co-Op for their generous donations to help make up our amazing prizes.

Whilst we haven't been able to have all the Christmas festivities we'd planned, we still think we have helped children to celebrate all that's magical about Christmas. The year groups have produced their own performances, which you hopefully enjoy watching on Class Dojo. The nursery and infant children enjoyed a visit from Mr Merlin the magician this week, we've had a tasty Christmas lunch, lots of the younger children went on the Polar Express and all children have had their Christmas parties.

Our Christmas Jumper Day on Friday also raised money which we will donate to Save the Children. Thank you!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL THE CHILDREN AND STAFF AT BOWBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS TERM.**

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### School Christmas Holidays:

School closes on Friday 17th December.

School re -opens on

**TUESDAY 4th JANUARY 2022**

Breakfast clubs as normal from 8am.

### Parent /carer questionnaires.

*We would like to get your views on our school, so we have sent out a link to a parent /carer questionnaire which can be completed online, or on mobile phone via Class Dojo. It should only take a few minutes to complete and submit.*

*We appreciate you sharing your views about our school. This can help us see what we are doing well and what we might need to improve.*

*Parents/carers of children with SEND also have their own questionnaire to complete via Dojo.*

*Thank you for taking time to complete the questionnaires. We will share the results next term.*

### **Covid 19 updates- new variant Omicron.**

As you will no doubt have realised, there is increasing concern about the spread of a new Covid variant, Omicron, and the effect this is having across the country and in schools, as cases rise. The next few weeks will be telling, and school is receiving updates from the local and national government when guidance changes. However at present, the advice is that school will remain open until the end of term and all pupils will return on January 4th 2022.

**HOWEVER-** if this information changes over the holiday (as happened last year!) I WILL ENSURE PARENTS ARE UPDATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Please watch the website and Facebook page for any urgent updates. In the meantime, please continue to follow government guidance around mask wearing, isolation, testing and vaccination/boosters in order to keep everyone safe. We want to ensure we have as little disruption as possible to the children's education next term, as we are sure everyone does. Thank you to all parents/carers who are now wearing face coverings when collecting/dropping their children at school.

### PARENT GOVERNORS NEEDED:

We are looking for two parent governors to join our hardworking governing body. If you would like to apply or want more information on what this role entails, please contact Mrs Glass at school or speak to Mrs Simpson in the school office.

**Closing dates for applicants is 10th January 2022.**

### DURHAM FUN AND FOOD- Christmas holidays.

Please check out the link below or via our Facebook page to see what is happening for the children over the holidays!

[www.durham.gov.uk/FunAndFood/](http://www.durham.gov.uk/FunAndFood/)

### Applications for school places—September 2022.

We still have places for children starting Reception in September 2022. Please be aware that you need to apply, there is no automatic transfer from our Nursery.

Applications can be made for Reception school places via the admissions parent portal on the DCC website. Closing date for applications is **JANUARY 15th 2022.**

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

Please search for **BOWBURN** if you have difficulty adding the postcode or finding our school.

### School Dinners/Breakfast Club and Parent Pay:

A polite reminder from office staff that school lunches (and breakfast club) should be paid for the week before they are required, on Parent Pay. ( £10.50 for full week lunches.)

We have some parents who are not doing this, which means debts can quickly mount up. Please be advised that children will not be able to stay for lunch if they are not paid for in advance.

*Your support with this is very much appreciated.*

### Staffing updates:

There have been a few changes this term:

Congratulations go to Miss Noble—she got married recently and now becomes another Mrs Foster (and not to be confused with Mrs Forster !)

Mrs Richardson will begin her maternity leave shortly. Mr Soler will be in Swallows class until February then a new teacher, Miss Pierson, will be joining us. Mrs Mason in Nursery begins her maternity leave after Christmas. We wish them both well.

Mr Griffiths sadly left us on 4th December to start a new job. Mrs Smolaga (who many of the infant parents will know already) has been appointed to be a higher level teaching assistant. She will start in this role later in January. Miss Wilson has also been appointed onto our staff.

Miss Pratt has been appointed as a new cleaner, and Mrs Wilson and Miss Dalby are our new lunchtime supervisors.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: JANUARY 2022.

Teachers will be arranging clubs via Dojo to start after Christmas. The clubs will be single year group only:

Reception: Art/craft club- Mrs Foster ( Monday)

Year 1 : Mindfulness club—Mrs Lisle (Wednesday)

Year 2: Games club/Lego- Miss Overton/Mrs Hoyle ( Monday)

Year 3: Geography club- Miss Jarvis ( Wednesday)

Year 4: Singing club—Mrs Forster (Wednesday)

Year 5: PE club- Mrs Patrickson and Mrs O'Connor ( Monday), Art Club -Miss Falcus ( Wednesday)

Year 6: Booster Club- ( all pupils ) Mr Wilby, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Gowran. (Thursday)

*Please be aware that clubs may be subject to change or cancellation at short notice if there are staffing issues that we can't resolve.*