



## Newsletter: Friday 17th November 2017

### Message from the Headteacher

We have had another busy week in school with the house 'speed stacking' competition won by Dragons. We also finished the week with our spotty dress up day for Children in Need which has raised £213.81. Thank you for all your donations! This week has been Anti bullying week in school and we have had roadshows from Action works theatre and various assemblies and activities in class to raise awareness. The school council have also reviewed the child friendly anti bullying poster and policy to share. Our new year 5 'play leaders' have also taken to the playground at lunchtime to support with games, friendships and to look after the equipment. Thank you to Mrs Pipe for setting this up. Thank you to everyone who attended parent consultation meetings. If you have yet to speak to the class teacher about your child's progress please contact the school to arrange a suitable time. We received a great deal of feedback about homework and we will be reviewing this ready for a change in January. Thank you for completing our questionnaire; the feedback will be shared with you through the governor newsletter. We have some further staff changes from January – please see below for details.

### PTA Non-Uniform Day

The PTA would like to hold a non-uniform day on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December in return for tombola prizes which will be on offer at the carols on the playground event

### Staffing

We are pleased to announce that Mr Baker has decided to stay at Bridlewood, and will continue to teach year 3 until the end of the academic year. Unfortunately, with good news comes some sad news. Mrs Lukins, who has worked at the school since it first opened with a couple of mobile classrooms in 2003, will be leaving us at Christmas. We wish her well in her new career.

### PTA

Most recently the funds raised by our PTA have been spent on improving the quantity and range of books in our library. We hope that the children will all enjoy reading them.

Are you interested in joining our Parent Teacher Association (PTA)?

The PTA is an organisation of parents and staff. Its role is to encourage closer links between home and school.

Our PTA is best known for their fundraising work – discos, fetes etc. We are looking for more willing volunteers who may be to offer support. Please let the office know if you're interested. Any help is greatly received.

### Playleaders

Some of our children in year 5 have recently been appointed Play Leaders.

They will help the lunch time staff with equipment, monitor the Friendship Stop, actively seek children who are alone and encourage them to play, and teach games to children who would like to join in. We look forward to seeing them in action!

Our **Core Value and Assembly theme** for term 2 is **Responsibility**

### Speedstacking

We all had a fantastic time at the Bridlewood Speed stacking Festival 2017. The winners of the competition were Dragons, which was announced in celebration assembly today. Well done to all of the children for competing fairly and with enthusiasm.

### Operation Christmas Child

Please go on the link below if you would like to participate in this worthy cause.

<https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>

29th Nov	Yr3 Stonehenge trip
29th Nov	Open morning-maths
30th Nov	Choir to sing at Blunsdon House
<b>30th Nov</b>	<b>Yr6 &amp; Rec Heights &amp; Weights</b>
<b>1st Dec</b>	<b>PTA Non-uniform Day</b>
6th Dec 9.30-10.30	Reception Nativity
6th Dec 6pm	Carols in playground
7th Dec 5.30-6.30pm	Reception Nativity
12th Dec	9-10.30pm KS1 Christmas production
13th Dec	Christmas lunch
<b>13th Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>
13th Dec	5-6.30pm KS1 Christmas production
<b>14th Dec</b>	<b>PTA Christmas Disco</b>
15th Dec	School finishes at 1.30pm