



## Newsletter: Friday 1st December 2017

### Message from the Headteacher

As we approach the end of term we have been busy with Christmas activities in school this week. The weather held for our very first key stage 2 'Carols on the Playground' event and the PTA kept us warm with hot chocolate. The children enjoyed their singing and helped us all get into the Christmas spirit! Thank you to Revd Sally Robertson from St Andrews Ridge for joining us and to the PTA for organising such a variety of successful stalls. Also this week, our youngest children took to the stage and performed the traditional nativity. They were so confident, singing and performing beautifully and ably assisted by some of their year 6 buddies. Well done and thank you to all the teachers and parents who helped put the performance together! I look forward to seeing you at the music recital and KS1 performances next week and don't forget your Christmas jumpers on Christmas dinner day on Wednesday!

Also earlier this week, the netball team enjoyed their match against Abbey Meads but were unfortunately defeated. Thank you to Miss Hulse for organising this. The teaching staff also met up with Orchid vale teachers on Wednesday, to share maths work with a focus on challenge for our higher ability pupils. This proved useful for both schools in sharing good practice and ideas for further improvements. Please also look out for the letter outlining the changes to the homework policy next week, which will take effect from January.

Well done to all our behaviour star winners who received their bronze, silver, gold and platinum awards from our guest visitor Matt Fides this week. The children should be very proud of their achievements and all the children can now aspire to achieve these star badges over the Spring term

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

### Responsibility

#### House points this week



Crocodiles: 213



Dragons: 167



Lizards: 168



Turtles: 147

#### Head lice

There have recently been several repeat instances of head lice in the same class, which of course is causing frustration to parents. Please may we ask that you check your child's hair regularly and ensure long hair is tied back securely.

#### Morning Bell

Please may we remind parents to leave the playground when the morning bell sounds at 8.55, as we need to lock the school gates to ensure all children in our care are safe.

#### After School Activities

If you would like to sign up to a club in Term 3, please do so by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December so that places can be allocated before the Christmas holidays.

#### First Aid

From January first aid reporting procedures will be changing. Letters will still be sent home to inform parents/carers of any head bumps, as is current practice. Minor bumps and grazes will be recorded in school, but no slip sent home. Please see separate letter which came home this week.

### PTA

'A big thank you to Toomers Garden Centre Lydiard Millicent and the owner Paul for the very generous donation of a real Christmas tree. For the second year running Toomers very kindly have allowed the PTA to pick a beautiful tree for all the children to enjoy.

Please help support a local business and pay them a visit to buy your

Christmas tree.' Please let Toomers know you are from the school.'

Thank you to the PTA for organising this.

### Lost Property

The lost property will be displayed on the playground after school on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Any unclaimed items will be sent to a local charity.

### STFC

A huge thank you to Charlie, from Swindon Town football club in the community, for coming into school to teach a range of football skills across the year groups.

### Behaviour Policy

Thank you to all parents who returned the behaviour questionnaire this term. The questionnaire highlighted that not all parents were aware of the changes and the new system, so here is the link again -

<http://www.bridlewoodprimaryschool.org.uk/downloads/policies/BehaviourPolicy2017.pdf>.

The questionnaire also highlighted that not all parents were aware of celebrations Bridlewood have for positive behaviour. Therefore, each week the house points will be on the newsletter for you to share with you child and we will keep you up date of any celebration events. Please also remember that photographs from our weekly celebration assembly are on the school's website <http://www.bridlewoodprimaryschool.org.uk/celebration.html>.

Our latest assembly to present star behaviour badges was on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, and again photographs of this event will be on the website. On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December our whole school behaviour treat will take place to celebrate all the pupils who have not received a time out this term. Thank you again for your feedback.

### Comments Book

We have a new comments book in school, which will be kept in the entrance area. Please feel free to leave us a comment with a positive feedback or areas where we can improve.

Thank you.

### Reminder

Your child's PE kit will be sent home over Christmas, please make sure it returns to school on the first day of term, and remains in school throughout the week.

12th Dec	9-.30-10.30pm	KS1 Christmas production
13th Dec		Christmas lunch
13th Dec		Christmas Jumper Day
13th Dec	5-.30-6.30pm	KS1 Christmas production
14th Dec		PTA Christmas Disco
	5.15pm –6.15pm	Rec, Yr1 Yr2, & Yr3
	6.30pm-7.30pm	Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6
15th Dec		School finishes at 1.30pm
2nd Jan		Teacher training day
3rd Jan		First day of term 3
4th Jan		Rock & pop roadshow
<b>5th Jan</b>		<b>Yr6 PGL meeting 5.30pm</b>
<b>10th Jan</b>		<b>Hockey Club Tournament</b>

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