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Date: 18th December 2020

Newsletter

Dear Families

Term two has come to an end—what a busy time we have had in our new building! We hope you have enjoyed the video. Keep looking on the class pages and ILD for class updates too. Thank you to our school community for keeping us safe and healthy. We have been very fortunate and have not had to disrupt our learning with any closures. Please keep safe over Christmas.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year. We are excited to see what 2021 will bring for Badbury Park Primary School. Keep healthy and safe and enjoy this special time with your loved ones and family.

Mrs J Fraser

Executive Headteacher

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Christmas Production (Reception and Year 1) and Christmas lunch

We hope you enjoyed watching the children's performance of "Children of the World".

A big thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard to teach the children the words and songs and a big thank you to the help you have given at home practising songs and providing the costumes. But the biggest thank you of all to the children for being so confident and making us proud.



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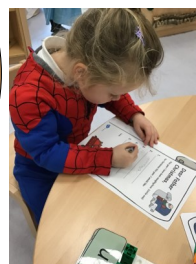


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What a wonderful week! At the beginning of the week the children wore their special nativity outfits and did a fantastic job with their singing and talking for the recording. We are all so proud of them. The rest of the week has been spent doing lots of lovely Christmas activities, including writing our special letters to Santa and creating our own loose part Christmas trees. We even got a special visit from Santa...we are so lucky! Well done for such a super last week of term.



Have a wonderful Christmas Cherry Tree Class!



The children at Badbury Park Primary School had a visit from Father Christmas! Thank you to the Friends of Badbury Park for organising. We have had fun making Christmas trees outside from loose parts and also made calendars and cards.



This week we have been preparing for Christmas. We had a very special visit from Father Christmas and he gave us all a gift to take home.

As part of their Design and Technology curriculum, the Year 1 children were set the challenge of creating a 'pop up' card. They have worked so hard and we are sure you'll agree, they are all amazing



We have been making our own decorations, calendars, and cards ready to take home.



Merry Christmas!

Hello and Goodbye



We wave goodbye to Mrs Humphries on Friday as she continues her teaching experience at Ferndale Primary School during term 3; she will return to Badbury Park after February half term. We will be welcoming Mrs Ramzan who will be joining us in January in Cherry Tree class. We wish them both well.

We will also welcome Miss Curtis into Cherry Tree Class as a new teaching assistant.

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We have been humbled by the number of gifts and cards we have received this week. Thank you so much for all the kind words of support. It is really appreciated.

Thank you to the parents who have returned the induction survey. We have enjoyed reading the comments and again have been overwhelmed by the support and feedback. We really do appreciate your views and will be looking to implement any suggestions for next year's induction, let's hope it can be face to face! Please continue to share with friends and family your positive views of our school as we still have a few places in all year groups.

Notices and reminders



- 🔔 Children return to school on **Wednesday 6th January**
- 🔔 **Parking:** we have had a complaint from a resident regarding parking on the pavement opposite the school; this is very dangerous as it forces children to walk in the road to get past the car. If there are no spaces in the designated parking area, please find a safe parking space away from the school.
- 🔔 There will no longer be '30 minute After School club' in the New Year as the Nursery timings are changing. This will leave 15 mins between collecting children from EYFS or Year 1 before collecting Nursery children at 3.15pm. As the school grows this will allow parents enough time to walk around the building from Year 1 and 2 and back to Nursery at the front of the building.
- 🔔 We will continue to offer the 'Short Breakfast Club'. Children booking in for this will need to arrive promptly by **8.25am**. Children arriving after 8.25am will need to arrive through the classroom gates at 8.45am with the rest of their class. Any children arriving after 8.15am will not be given breakfast as there is not enough time for children to eat, clear up and visit the toilet before walking to class at 8.45am. If you would like your children to have breakfast please arrive before 8.15am and pay the full price.
- 🔔 From 6th January Beech Tree class will walk round the back of the building and enter through the Year 1 classroom. Gates will open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. This will avoid the children having to queue and provide a smoother start to their day. Please continue to follow social distancing guidance and walk round and line up holding your child's hand. Bikes and scooters must be parked in the bike shed and siblings will need close supervision. Please do not allow your children to run around the playground.
- 🔔 Covid reminders- Please can we ask parents not to congregate at the front of the school and talk to other parents as we need to continue to social distance. If your child or family is ill over Christmas or you have to self-isolate please call the school number and leave a message. A reminder that if you need to speak to your child's class teacher please telephone the school to avoid speaking directly on the gate; it is hard for the teacher to not engage with questions when asked but let's continue to work together to keep our staff healthy and safe.
- 🔔 Phonics Walk- The sound cards will come home this week. Please decorate them and put them up in your window so children can spot them on their winter walks around the estate.
- 🔔 Over the Christmas break, please would you check all uniform is named (some names have faded). Please wash, check and name PE kits too.
- 🔔 Lettings: you may have seen that we will be letting some school facilities in the future. Rentals will bring in money to the school which we can use for additional school resources and is an important link with our local community. We would like to reassure you that lettings will not go ahead until mid to end of January, that all hirers will adhere to Covid procedures and rooms will be being cleaned before school use.
- 🔔 **We are recruiting for a Site Manager.** Please click on to this link <https://www.eteach.com/job/site-manager-1125896> to view the advert and job description or speak to the School office if you know anyone who might be interested

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School Diary

December 2020

11th : Christmas jumper day
16th : "Virtual nativity" uploaded to our private you tube channel
17th : Christmas lunch for all pupils
18th: Last day of term

January 2021

4th & 5th Teacher training days—school closed to all pupils
6th : Start of term 3
W/C 11th January : "Art on tour" Swindon Gallery are installing ten banners showing artworks from the Swindon Collection of Modern Art.

February 2021

15th—19th : half term holiday (school closed to pupils)

Teacher Training Days 202/2021:

- 📅 Monday & Tuesday 1st & 2nd September 2020
- 📅 Monday 19th October
- 📅 Monday 4th & 5th January 2021
- 📅 Friday 2nd July 2021