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Date: 13th December 2019

Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The whole school is looking very festive this week—including the children today!

I have been really impressed by the children's phonics learning this term and how they have retained so many sounds. This week it was "oo, ar, or."

Yesterday we had a visit from Jeff Hart on behalf of the Department for Education. He spoke to myself and Mrs Dance, observed lessons, looked at books, spoke to our CEO and Chair of Governors and some parents. Mr Hart seemed really pleased with what he saw and a report will be issued shortly. We also received our pre opening Ofsted report from last term, which is attached. The report states the school is 'likely to meet' each of the requirements for opening. This is Ofsted terminology to explain that the school has shown how it will meet each area and once the school opens and puts these things in place, the requirements will be met. We have now met these requirements.

We are really looking forward to sharing out little nativity with you next week and hope the children can also join us at the Badbury Park Street Party next Thursday at 5pm to sing some of our songs for the local community.

Mrs J Fraser

Executive Headteacher

Mrs L Dance

Head of School



SKITT student

We wave goodbye to Mrs Critchley next Friday as she continues her teaching in Abbeymeads Primary School gaining experience with older children. She will return to Badbury Park Primary School after February half term. We will be welcoming Miss Miller in January who has been working at Ferndale Primary School. Miss Miller will be popping in to school next week to meet the children.

Nativity

The children have been practising very hard for their starring roles next week; we hope you all have your tickets but there are a couple spare for the afternoon performance if anyone would like one (first come, first served). Just a reminder that we are asking for siblings not to attend on this occasion and that no phones or cameras are used during the performance as this is very distracting for the children. We will take some photos to share with you.

We are sure you will thoroughly enjoy it and it will be a fond memory for years to come!

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Christmas at Badbury Park— Thursday 19th

The Badbury Park/BBC Wiltshire street party is nearly here. There will be a brass band playing, choirs singing, mince pies, hot chocolate, face painting and even a visit from Father Christmas (we hope you were able to hear the interview with the children on BBC radio Wiltshire).



Friends of Badbury Park will be setting up a stall at the front of the school selling mulled wine, Christmas goodies, tombola/hamper tickets and a children's lucky dip. All proceeds will go to the school.

We would be very grateful if you would support the Friends by donating:

- **Christmas cake slices, mince pies or Stollen bites**

And/OR

- **An item for the tombola**

(Please bring your donations to the school office on Wednesday 18th December)



BBC Radio Wiltshire are also very keen for Badbury Park Primary School children to sing a song or two from their nativity; they have reserved the 5pm slot for this and will be recording it to be broadcast on the morning programme on 20th December. Please bring your children along to sing —we will be **meeting in the playground just before 5pm.**

Thank you for your support.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper day

What an amazing array of Christmas jumpers we saw today—we even had a Christmas shark on one to match our phonics sound this week!. Money donated will be sent to the Save the Children charity who support children in more than 100 countries around the world tackling problems like pneumonia, hunger and protecting children in war, while making sure each child's unique needs are cared for.

Thank you everyone for your donation.



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📌 School finishes next Friday 20th December at the normal time of 3pm. Children return to school on Tuesday 7th January at 08.50

📌 We will be sending children home with P.E kit and waterproofs on Friday. Please could everything come back in to school on 7th January.

P.E news

- A big thank you to Mr Hicks who came in to Badbury Park Primary School to teach children P.E over the last month
- Next Wednesday (18th) we will be welcoming a member of the Swindon Town FC Community foundation who will run a P.E session encouraging children to develop their balance, coordination skills, as well as a love of sport.



A word from Dorset and Wiltshire fire service:

Keep your family fire safe this Christmas...

Smoke alarms:

"Beep beep beep, test once a week". Test your smoke alarms to make sure they are working
Make sure you have enough batteries for Christmas Day – do not be tempted to take them out of the smoke alarm.

Get out, stay out, call 999:

Keep escape routes clear of trip hazards (escape routes may change if you block doors with Christmas trees)
Make sure keys are near doors and windows

Fairy lights

Check your Christmas tree lights conform to the British Standard (BS EN 60598) and are in good working order
Turn off fairy lights when you leave the home or go to bed
Do not overload sockets
Always use an RCD (residual current device) on outdoor electrical equipment
If you have a real Christmas tree; keep it watered so it doesn't dry out

Cooking

Keep the area around the cooker clean and tidy
Do not leave cooking unattended
Turn off the cooker when you have finished

Candles

Never leave lit candles unattended, keep away from children, pets and make sure cards and wrapping paper can't fall on them

The chimney

Make sure the chimney is swept so Father Christmas can get down if he is coming that way! (also sweep before you have a fire)



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School Diary

December

2nd : School nurse in school for height and weight checks
3rd: Open morning for prospective parents
9th: Open afternoon for prospective parents
13th: Christmas Jumper Day
13th: "Aladdin Pantomime" at New College
17th: Christmas nativity/songs : 9.30am & 1.30pm
19th : Christmas lunch
19th : Christmas community and PTA event (5pm-7pm)
20th: Break up for holidays
23rd December—6th January 2020 Christmas holiday.

January 2020

6th: Teacher training day (school closed to pupils)
7th: Children return to school
9th : Open morning for prospective parents
15th: Applications for primary school places close
24th: Teacher training day (school closed to pupils)

February 2020

14th: Break up for half term holiday
17th—21st February : Half term holiday—no school for pupils

Reminder of future Teacher Training Days when the school is closed for the children:

- Monday 6th January 2020
- Friday 24th January 2020
- Monday 20th April 2020
- Monday 1st June 2020
- Wednesday 22nd July 2020

New dates in red