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Happy Friday!

I knew it was going to be a good week when a picture of the Year 3 hockey team pinged onto our twitter timeline on Sunday. They had a fantastic day by all accounts, played superbly, showed tremendous team spirit and really did us proud. Thank you to all of the parents who supported, to Sally Potter for her continuous dedication and enthusiasm and of course to the children themselves who represented the school so brilliantly. And the good times have kept on rolling this week! On Thursday we welcomed three of our governors into school for a 'learning walk'. This involved walking around the grounds at lunchtime and then throughout the school, and the focus was on behaviour. The children across the school were exemplary, with calm and kindness the order of the day. It was great to take a step back and proudly see the school 'buzzing' on a normal Thursday afternoon. The day ended with a fantastic orchestral performance in the Bath Abbey as part of the Bath Primary School Advent Concert. The children played 'Walking In The Air' to a packed Abbey full of pupils, staff and parents from across Bath and were calm and composed throughout. I was so proud of them, and extremely grateful to Jeni Reid who has worked incredibly hard to give them the confidence to perform. And the cherry on the cake for me this week has been the fantastic effort children are putting into their learning. So many children have been to see me with fantastic writing or brilliant maths this week, and there are sketched caricatures in Year 5 which have left me speechless. More of those to come soon, but I will leave you with a few highlights of the week. Have a great weekend, Andy Bowman



Important Reminder..... School Christmas dinner, Wednesday 16th December.

If your child would like a school dinner on this day, please hand in a completed order form no later than **Wednesday 2nd December** to enable our cook to order the correct amount of food.

Please note – if your child normally has a dinner, you still need to place an order if they would like a dinner on this date. Please send in £2 for each dinner, along with your order form. If you need another order form, please contact Reception.

Thank you.

Road safety..... Please could you remind your children to take care when walking home from school?

Particularly along Richmond Place, several children have been seen recently stepping off the pavement to go around other people, or walking out across the road in front of a slowing car without waiting for it to stop. We do our best to 'police' this, but if you can help us by also reminding them, I would be grateful.



ParentPay..... Thank you to everyone who has signed up to ParentPay and are now receiving school communications this way. As ParentPay has now replaced Parentmail, if you have not yet signed up, please could you do so as soon as possible to enable us to keep you up to date with school news. This is particularly important at this time of year when the weather can cause disruption. Even if you do not pay dinner money you still need to register with ParentPay for school communications. You should have received an activation letter however if you have mislaid it, please just give the office a ring or drop in and we can issue you with another one. If you have any queries, please contact the office. Thank you for your support during this change over.

PTA News.....Christmas Fair, Sat Dec 5th, 2-5pm

Thanks to all your hard work the Christmas Fair is shaping up to be a real treat! This year's (loose!) theme is North Pole/Frozen, so let's hope it snows! You can expect games for all the family, delicious refreshments, a children's cocktail bar (with music!), performances from our amazing choir and orchestra, the ever popular jam jars packed with little gifts, lovely things to buy from stalls, The Rock Project (try out guitars, drums etc), Lorraine Nevill's fun-filled photo booth, a gorgeous raffle, Tombola, Christmas crafts to make, yummy biscuits to decorate, and Santa's Grotto and lots more!

Lorraine Nevill Photograph Booth..... Come along to Lorraine's festive booth next to Santa's Grotto and have your photo taken as a family, siblings, best friends, in festive hats or just as you are! Lorraine has more than 27 years of experience capturing those beautiful moments. All photos back in time for Christmas!

Donations for the fair are coming in - thank you!

Just to remind you these are for:

Raffle, Tombola, Presents for Parents, Toys and Books. We would love some cakes and mince pies nearer the time, Friday 4th Dec or on the day itself.

Helpers - still required for cider bar, raffle table, photo booth and Santa's Grotto - thanks.

Carols on the Green scheduled for 17 December has been cancelled, apologies.

The Christmas Decoration Competition has been sent this year by ParentPay - looking forward to seeing your children's wonderful creations!

Have a great weekend and thanks for your support.

Angela

Diary dates reminder.....

Coming up in December

5th - PTA Christmas Fair 2 - 5pm

9th - Phase 1 Dress Rehearsal

10th Phase 1 Nativity Performances

10 am - parents of Forms 1,3 &5

2 pm - parents of Forms 2,4 &6

11th - Phase 1 Nativity Performance

10 am - parents of forms 7 & 8

14th - 18th Week of Christmas parties

15th - Phase 2 Christmas Concert

6pm - 7 p.m in Church

16th - Carols by Candlelight 6pm

18th - End of Term Service 9.45am

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Bath Cantata Group's Diamond Jubilee concert....

Saturday 28th November 7.30pm at St Stephens's Church.

Tickets £15 (including a glass of wine) Students £5 and Children free.

The choir will be singing Handel's *Messiah* and will be accompanied by a period orchestra.

For more information on tickets etc. please visit bathboxoffice.org.uk or ring Bath Box Office on 01225 463362.

Congratulations..... to Vince Lee from F7 who finished his gold reading detectives challenge this week. His medal and certificate were handed over in assembly today.

