

Bishop Road Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Celebrations

We are all looking forward to welcoming you to school in the next few weeks for Christmas celebrations. The children are excited and preparing hard for these very special occasions. When you arrive for performances please use the wide entrance to the left of the office where the gates will be opened approximately 10 minutes before the start. This will leave the office entrance free for other visitors. If you need early or supported entry and seating please telephone the office staff beforehand so that we can ensure you have ease of access.

We will continue to try to allow as many children as possible to see sibling practices but it is very unlikely that this will include everyone. Please refrain from asking staff to allow children to attend the main events. I would remind you also that we cannot allow buggies into the buildings. In order to be fair please do not take more than 2 seats in the front row. These arrangements are designed to ensure things flow smoothly for everyone involved.

This season the classes are performing a mix of titles as seen below.

Tuesday 4 th Dec	Year 3 Babushka	9.15am 3T 10.15am 3L 1.45pm 3A 2.45pm 3H	Silverthorne Hall
Thursday 6 th Dec	Year 5 Silent Night	9.15am 5T 10.15am 5H 1.45pm 5B 2.45pm 5P	Silverthorne Hall
Friday 7 th Dec	Year 1 A King is Born	9.15am 1WI 10.15am 1Y 1.45pm 1MS 2.45pm 1WA	Edgar Hall



Tuesday 11 th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Around the World	9.15am 2W 10.15am 2SH 1.45pm 2KA 2.45pm 2SA	Edgar Hall
Thursday 13 th Dec	Year R Gifts at Christmas	9.15am RM 10.15am RB 1.45pm RS 2.45pm RK	Edgar Hall
Tuesday 18 th Dec	Year 6 Christmas 1914	9.15am 6U 10.15am 6E 1.45pm 6O 2.45pm 6P	Silverthorne Hall
Thursday 20 th Dec	Year 4 Home for Christmas	9.15am 4G 10.15am 4T 1.45pm 4U 2.45pm 4H	Silverthorne Hall

This year all the children are collecting for the same two worthy causes – Water Aid and Age UK Bristol.

Clubs

Please note that clubs end on Friday 7th December 2018 and do not run in term 3. They will resume in the week commencing Monday 25th February 2019.

Christmas Dinner

A reminder that Christmas dinner for those who have booked is on Wednesday 12th December 2018. **(Bookings are now closed)**. If you haven't booked a Christmas meal please send your child in with a packed lunch. All children (and adults) are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper in place of their normal school jumper on that day.

Children in Need

Thank you for taking part in Children in Need fund raising. This year the total was £720.46. Well done everyone!

Class Parties

The last day of term Friday 21st December 2018 is toy and party day. We ask you not to send in electronic toys but rather games that children can share, teach and enjoy with a group of friends.



PAN (Pupil Admission Numbers)

You may be aware that following years of growing pupil numbers in our area schools are experiencing a fall in applications for entry in Reception classes. Unfilled places can have challenging consequences including a significant drop in budget, the possibility of larger or mixed age classes or other complications for children and parents and staff. North Bristol is predicted to see a further decline in numbers from 2020/21. Along with other schools in the city we are proposing to reduce our intake to 90 pupils from September 2020/21. This reduction would provide increased stability of places and funding which is a key priority for all schools.

The Local Authority welcomes parents/carers and staff contributions to the corresponding consultation – which can be found at:

<https://bristol.citizenspace.com/people/copy-of-school-admission-arrangements-for-2020-21/>

Closing date is 21st January 2019.

The governors have agreed that we will remain flexible and would return to 4 forms if demand increases at a later date. Admissions criteria means there would be no impact on siblings who are prioritised for places. Of course this has no implications for pupils already in school.

Dates – A Reminder

School finishes on Friday 21st December 2018. We return on Monday 7th January 2019. We break up for half term on Friday 15th February 2019 and we return on Monday 25th February 2019.

I am sure everyone will enjoy all the activities of the last weeks of term. Thank you for all your support of these opportunities.

Yours sincerely,



Gillian Powe
Head Teacher

