

Bakewell Methodist Junior School



Newsletter November 2022

Living Life in all its Fulness

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Christmas Events

Please see our letter on the website that gives details about our Christmas activities.

5th and 6th December – Christmas Play - The Piper

8th December – Christmas dress up day.

16th December – In school Panto

20th December – Lady Manners Christmas Concert

21st December - Christmas Dinner Day

22nd December – Christmas Party Dinner and Disco (Thursday-Last day of term)

Back to school Mon 9th January

November Diary

Thu 17th Nov Children in Need 5k

Thu 17th Nov 'We Love Reading' evening 6.30pm

Fri 18th Nov Individual and family Photos

Thu 24th Nov Y3 and Choir trip to Derby

29th & 30th Parent/Teacher Consultations.

Children in Need

This year we will be raising money for the Children in Need by running 5km around the school field. If you would like to send a small amount of cash I'm sure this will make a difference to the work that this charity does.

All children will participate whether they bring money or not, as part of their PE lesson.

Individual and Family Photos

Friday 18th November. Families are welcome in school from 8.15am to have family photo. All children will have individual photos taken during the morning. There is no obligation to buy these photos.

Y3 and Choir trip to Derby

Thu 24th November is our trip to Derby. Please see the letter on our website and give consent via School Money.

Attendance and Punctuality

Unauthorised Holiday Leave

There is information under 'Policies' on the school's website about not taking holidays in term time. Some time away from school is unavoidable but the Government is clear that parents who take unauthorised leave of absence should be issued with a penalty notice.

Arriving at 8.45am

In the morning the whistle is blown 8.45- children are welcome and encouraged from 8.30am. We try hard to have the children sitting at a seat ready to learn by 8.50am. This means we can have 10 minutes quiet reading and do the register before formal lesson begin at 9am. Some children are not arriving at school in time.

If a child misses 10 minutes reading each morning, then over the year they are missing over 32 hours of reading. This is a significant amount of time. Let's see if we can get everyone in school at 8.45 and ready to learn by 8.50am.

Reading

Passionate, Proficient, Prepared.

Please see letter on website to solve Big Cat logging on issues

'We Love Reading' Evening

Thursday 17th November 6.30-7.30pm

Thank you for signing up. Please come along if you can even if you have not signed up. All children 11 or under are welcome

PE Uniform

Thank you for sending your children to school in the correct uniform. It creates a purposeful working ethos. PE uniform, that is worn on **Monday and Thursday** should consist of suitable black or dark shorts, joggers, or leggings, a white T shirt and a burgundy Jumper or hoody. Trainers should be mainly black. ***If this is not possible children may wear their black school shoes and change into trainers for PE.*** We have some spare bobbles at school to tie up long hair but children might prefer to bring their own.

Parent Consultation

Thornbridge Tuesday 29th Nov 3.30-5pm in school 5.15-7pm online
Wednesday 30th Nov 3.30-5pm in school

Eyam Wednesday 30th Nov 3.30-5pm in school 5.15-7pm online

More details about how to book an appointment will be sent to you shortly. Appointments will be 8 minutes long and the class teacher will tell you how your child has settled into the year and how well they are achieving in English and maths. If you think you will need longer than this, please phone the school office to arrange a longer appointment at a different time.

The Piper- Costumes

The children will be allocated parts and asked to provide a simple costume.
Villagers (poor)- shirts, trousers, flat caps, shawls, plain skirts and tops.
Rats plain tops, leggings or trousers in black, brown, grey or white.
Back stage crew should wear plain dark colours.

No one has to be part of the play. There are roles for people who do not want to be onstage and they can help with props, light and sound. Everyone can be fully included in our choir and everyone is welcome. If you think your child does not want to be included at all, please let me know.

The Piper- Tickets

Mon 5th 1.30pm and 6.30pm

Tue 6th 6.30pm

Tickets- adults £6 and children £1. These can be purchased in the School Money shop from today. The sale of tickets will close on Thursday 1st December at midday so that we can make sure we know who will be in the building.

Children should arrive at school no earlier than 6.15pm, when we will open the doors and register the children.

PTFA photos. **No photos or videos to be taken at the performances.**

i-Vengers- Online Safety

Monday 21st November 6pm Parent workshop.

I attended one of these workshops as a teacher, but it taught me so much about what is available online to my children. It meant I was able to ask the right questions and approach online safety in such a way that we keep the conversation about being safe online going. I recommend it to all parents- even those, like me, who think they already know what is going on! Sarah Owens.

PARENTS & CARERS

A parent and carers workshop is an essential part of the jigsaw, we can do amazing things in school, but we need this to be replicated at home.

This session considers what young people are doing online and how we can support them to navigate this space carefully.

We look at the pros and cons of parental controls, including tracking apps and the importance of engaging with our child's online life.

As part of the session parents will be directed to excellent sources of support that they can tap into, free of charge. Grandparents and extended family members are also encouraged to attend this informative session.

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