



Bonners' News



Bonners Church of England Primary School

"Inspire and Aspire!"

A message from Mrs Radford

This term has been exceptionally busy, but highly successful. We have been delighted to share with parents and carers our Learning Journeys at our stay and share afternoons, alongside the myriad of Christmas activities we have been undertaking during the past two weeks. It was lovely to welcome so many to our Nativity and Christingle Service. Your support for our children really helps them feel valued and the content of each performance and service has helped us as a community reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

We know that within our community there are some of us who are experiencing difficult times over this festival period; please can we remember them in our prayers in the coming days. The Uckfield Food Bank provides help to those in the community who are in need. Please be aware this service is open over the Christmas period both for donations and to support you. Should you need any help please see Mrs Birkbeck, in confidence. Please see the link to St Bartholomew's for services to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ where Rev. Nick Cornell would be delighted to welcome you.

My thanks to the staff who have worked tirelessly this term to ensure our pupils feel inspired to learn and aspire to be the best they can be. May I take this opportunity to wish you, and your families, a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mrs Anne Radford—Executive Headteacher

Friends of Bonners Christmas Fayre

Wow what a fantastic Christmas Fayre! Friends of Bonners would like to express their thanks to all who volunteered, donated and attended the Christmas Fayre. We would also like to thank all the organisations, who supported us by donating raffle prizes. A total of **£1085.96** was raised for school funds. **Well done FOBs team and massive thank you.**

Merry Christmas from the School Governors

This has been a superb term for Bonners School, with a number of fantastic opportunities for the children. With imaginative and inspiring Learning Journeys, the exciting science day shared with Buxted School, athletics and football tournaments and of course a visit from Santa.

We have been constantly impressed by the ongoing enthusiasm and commitment of both staff and children in this longest of school terms, when illness, cold and Christmas performances often create extra challenges and demands.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for all the hard work they put in week-in, week-out, to ensure our children have a brilliant learning experience. We would also like to thank all the parents and carers, and in particular FOBs, for the superb fundraising efforts which enable purchases and experiences for the children which could not be financed in any other way. Their efforts, and yours in supporting them, are hugely appreciated by the children, the staff and by all the Governors.



Special Thanks

The school hall is hosting a magnificent Christmas tree courtesy of Mrs Stevens-Smith, and its beautifully decorated and adorned with our very own staff baubles!



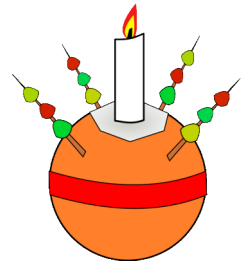
Maresfield Lunch Club



On Thursday 1st December our Year 6 children sung Christmas Songs to The Lunch Club at Maresfield Village hall for their annual Christmas Lunch. My thanks to Mrs Ball and Mr Allison for making this such a wonderful event.

Christingle Service

Our Christingle Service took place on Thursday 18th December at St Bartholomew's Church. During the Christmas service the children received their Christingles they made during the day. This year Tesco provided all the sweets and fruit for the Christingle oranges.



Christmas Lunch at Bonners

A massive thank you to Jo and Heidi in the school kitchen for such a lovely Christmas Lunch. Thank you also to everyone who helped set up the hall, the children and staff had a wonderful time.



Christmas Party at Bonners

This year we are very fortunate that Mrs Foley has arranged for Tesco to donate all the food and drink for our party! The children had a fantastic time.

A massive thank you to Mrs Foley for arranging this.

Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you so much for your fantastic contribution to this year's Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal. It was lovely that so many people were so generous in giving Christmas gifts to children and adults in desperate need. The Blythswood representative told us that this year's boxes will also be sent to help Syrian refugees. They will bring a smile to the faces of the many people who haven't had much to smile about recently.

This year we have collected 114 shoeboxes, 7 blankets, several boxes of dental supplies and over 100 hats from Maresfield and Nutley churches, community and schools, a wonderful achievement which far exceeds last year's record of 72 shoeboxes.



Artytime

We warmly welcomed our younger friends and family from Bonners, Buxted and the surrounding area, to share Artytime with Bev in the school hall. The children had a fantastic time exploring new sensations and created some wonderful pieces of artwork and mark marking with new friends. These sessions were extremely well received and we are looking into the possibility of providing more sessions in the future



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Collective Worship

Our Christian theme in collective worship this week has been the birth of Jesus.



INSET Days

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School will be closed to pupils on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th January 2017. Children will return to school as normal on Thursday 5th January.

Nativity

Foundation and KS1 children performed *The Party* to everyone last week. This brought the true meaning of Christmas to our school community.



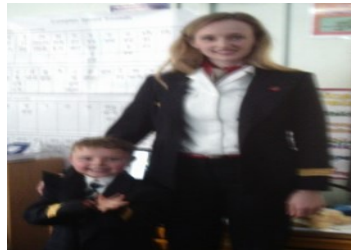
Wrens

Wrens have been busy celebrating the birth of Christ in their very own stable in their classroom. There have been plenty of angels, animals and Bible characters acting out the greatest story ever told! The children have also loved using the mini disco dance floor made by Mr Barbarossa to become super stars and singers. Our Wrens are most tuneful! Forest school has been fabulous this term and the children sat round the campfire singing songs and making decorations for a Christmas tree using materials resources. Miss Vickery was delighted to receive parents at "stay and share" and the children proudly showed how much progress they have made work to mums dad and family.



Robins

This term in Robin Class we have been Galloping Globe Trotters journeying around the world exploring transport past and present. We developed our writing skills when exploring the magical book 'The Journey' By Aaron Becker. During our topic, we were thrilled to have a visit from a real pilot who told us all about her experiences flying aeroplanes. We also had an amazing adventure to St Lucia on our flight from Robin Class airport with the help of our very own British Airways Air Stewardess! Our topic ended with a journey to Bethlehem with a wonderful performance of the Nativity 'It's a party'



Woodpeckers

This term, our learning journey, 'In the Spot Light!' has involved a lot of great science and art work. We began with a 'hands on day.' The children explored light boxes, made Newton spinners and blew bubbles in the sunny playground, in order to begin to explore how light behaves and works. After this, they learnt about transparent, translucent and opaque materials and made window pictures and stained glass windows to reinforce this knowledge. Next, the children looked at and explored shadows. The weather wasn't favourable in helping us explore this outside, so we make foil figures and used torches to create shadow figures instead. Our Fabulous finish involved having a premiere for the wonderful shadow puppet shows that the class have been working on for a few weeks. They developed group skills whilst creating their own Fable play scripts and designing and making their theatres and puppets. We have filmed these performances and they are fantastic. They really enjoyed this! Please look out for these on the Learning Platform early next term.



Kingfishers

Kingfishers' learning journey this term was North American, a mix of Geography and History.

Our WOW starter consisted of reading the legend and then making dream catchers which are hanging around our classroom. Children learnt about the continent of North America, wrote Native American legends, newspaper reports about the Gold Rush and we even wrote and video recorded our own 'Kingfisher's News at 10' programme. Children particularly enjoyed the art aspects of this learning journey and developed Native American weaving techniques and make giant totem poles. As our fabulous finish, we showed our Native American tribal dance to parents who then stayed to look at children's work.



Owls

In Owl Class this term, through our learning Journey 'Northern Lights' we've found out all about Scandinavia. The children have learnt about how the Northern Lights are formed, and done some lovely art work on them. They've researched one of the 5 Scandinavian countries and made a poster about it. We've found out that Tromsø, in north Norway, gets no sun for 6 weeks, and we've written an article on how to survive the long, cold, dark winters there. We've been reading the book 'Northern Lights' by Philip Pullman, and the children have done some brilliant writing based on this about a girl called Alma who disappears. We've done an oil pastel of 'The Scream' by Edvard Munch' and as our fantastic finish, have made and decorated gingerbread houses, as is the Norwegian custom.



Safeguarding is always of paramount importance to us. If you have any safeguarding issues you would like to discuss, please come and see us.