



Bonners' News



Bonners Church of England Primary School

"Inspire and Aspire!"

December 2017

A message from Mrs Radford

Dear Parents/Carers

This term the children have been following exciting projects and have undertaken a range of interesting tasks. This week for example our year 6's were completing their wonderful ginger bread houses. Each year the standard of presentation improves!

We know that within our community there are some of us who are experiencing difficult times over this festive 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.

We have had a number of visitors this term who have commented on the polite and engaged behaviour of our pupils. As a school we are working tirelessly to develop within our pupils a strong sense of commitment to learning. Visitors have commented on the pupils positive attitude to learning across the school.

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.

Staffing News

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Elshof is expecting a baby in the summer we wish both Mr and Mrs Elshof every congratulations on this lovely news. We are currently putting in place cover arrangements for her maternity leave. From next term Mrs Gomez will be reducing her class commitment by 1 day. We are pleased to inform you that Mrs Sarah Foot, who has been working at Buxted, will be joining our team here from January for two days a week. This means that Mrs Foot will teach for two days and Mrs Gomez for 3 days. Both teachers will be liaising closely to ensure progression and continuity for the class.

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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 8th December our Year 6 children sang Christmas Songs to The Lunch Club at Maresfield Village hall for their annual Christmas Lunch. My thanks to Mr Allison for making this such a wonderful event.

Christmas Celebrations at Bonners

On Wednesday 21st December we will be holding a Christmas Celebration Day. Children are asked to bring in a small game to play in the morning.



Wrap Around Care



We are so pleased to be able to announce to our parents and carers the offer of the wrap around care. Please contact the school office for your registration form . We are very aware that there is need for this facility locally and so hope you will consider supporting the school having indicated a use it. We are very fortunate to have recruited two very experienced staff; who I know will provide an interesting programme and environment in which to transition between home and school.

After School Club Term 4

After School Clubs programme will be released during the first week back. Unfortunately we will no longer be having Active Kids but hopefully a full range of club will be available.

Please watch ParentMail for details. Thank you.



Friends of Bonners 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. **Well done to the FOBs team for the amazing £950 that was raised, thank you.**

We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

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 and to the governors that attended.



Children's Charter

Last week we launched our Children's Charter in collective worship this has been created by pupils across our Federation from pupil voice. We are always so proud of our children when we read out their progress and achievements from their certificates each week. When we launched the charter with the children and our school community we were very aware that the content of the certificates truly reflect, the ethos and values that we, as a school, hold close. Please see attached our Children's Charter for your information.

Multi Skills

Years 1 & 2 were lucky enough to have a multi-skills session run by UCTC sports leaders in school time, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Following this session Year 2 were asked if they would like to participate in an after school session at Freedom Leisure Centre. The children who attended had a fantastic time working well with children from other primary schools to complete a series of multi-skills activities.

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School Attendance

At Bonners CE Primary we believe that good attendance is central to a pupil attaining well and making the best possible progress. For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education, it is vital that they attend regularly and are at school, on time, every day the school is open, unless the reason for the absence is absolutely unavoidable. Any pupil's absence or regular late arrival will undoubtedly impact negatively on their learning and progress.

No Absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of education	180 days of education	178 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80%
Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	
Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start!		Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress.		Your child will find it very difficult to make progress. May result in court action!	

Blythwood Shoebox Appeal 2017

Thank you so much for your fantastic contribution to this year's Blythwood Shoe Box Appeal. It was lovely that so many people were so generous in giving Christmas gifts to children and adults in desperate need.



Collective Worship

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



INSET Days



School will be closed to pupils on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd January 2018. Children will return to school as normal on Thursday 4th January.

Nativity—Jesus in a Manger



South Ashdown Schools'

Federation



"Inspire & Aspire"

Pupils' Learning Charter

At our Schools we will:

Treat others as we would like to be treated by being kind and helpful
We will show forgiveness
Tell the truth
Be a good friend
Be a good example to others
Be respectful to different cultures and religions
Be fair at all times

In our Learning we will:

Be the best we can be
Have a positive mind-set and try new things
Listen carefully to others
Ask for help
Learn from our mistakes
Work hard to improve
Never give up
Work in a creative way
Work with our peers to enhance our learning

'Embracing Christian values, we strive to develop a dynamic and inspiring culture of learning, working in partnership with all members of our community; we aspire to be the best we can be now and in the future'.