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Date: 9th December 2022

Newsletter

Dear Families,

Term 2 has nearly come to an end and this will be our final newsletter this term. We hope that parents of children in our Nursery and Reception classes have enjoyed watching the children's performance of "Going on a Baby Hunt" and "A Wiggly Nativity". A big thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard to teach the children the words and songs and a big thank you to the help you have given at home practising songs and providing the costumes. But the biggest thank you of all to the children for being so confident and making us proud!

Just a reminder that there is a Christmas singalong in the playground next Monday (12th) starting at 2pm for parents of children in years 1, 2 and 3—mince pies and mulled wine (non-alcoholic!) will be provided by Friends of Badbury Park. Please come along and support your children who have been perfecting their songs over the last week (wrap up warm!).



We also look forward to seeing you from 2.30pm next Thursday at our Open House session; this is a chance for you to come into your child's classroom to view their books and class displays.



We saw an amazing array of Christmas jumpers yesterday. Thank you to everyone who has donated on the Just giving page—we have raised nearly £500 for the Save the Children charity. If you would still like to donate, please click on this link: <https://rb.gy/xkuxkf>

Thank you to Friends of Badbury Primary for all the hard work and time spent making the Christmas Fayre a huge success. We had a great turn out and raised £797!

You will have heard in the news about the increase in Strep A and Scarlet fever cases nationally and locally. A letter was sent out earlier this week and we are attaching further information to this newsletter.



We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to welcoming you back on 4th January—we are excited to see what 2023 will bring for Badbury Park Primary School. Keep healthy and safe and enjoy this special time with your loved ones and family.

Mrs Dance

Nursery: Christmas has arrived in Apple Tree Class! Last week we met Stick Man when he came to visit us in class, we investigated stick man numbers and built our own 'family tree' outside. This week, we have been finding out about the first Christmas, what happens in winter and making decorations for our classroom.



The children have all worked so hard learning our songs and words for our Christmas songs. We were so proud of how well they coped being in the 'big hall' and performing for lots of people. A massive thank you to all of our amazing parents for your continued support.



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Reception

We are so proud of Ash Tree and Oak Tree class this week for their fantastic performances in our Wriggly Nativity. The children sang beautifully and all had lots of fun - thank you for coming to watch it!



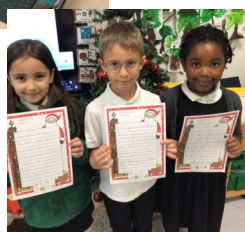
As well as practising for our nativity we have been very busy with lots of Christmas activities. We have been making Christmas cards, decorating the tree, writing letters to the cheeky elf and learning how to make paper chains and snowflakes.



Year 1/2 Over the past two weeks, Years 1 and 2 have been working hard on our Batik art project. We evaluated existing Indian art pieces and then we used these for inspiration to create some of our favourite designs. After drawing some designs, we picked our favourite one to design our batik art piece and then put the wax onto fabric tjanting tool. For our DT project, 'making a simple samosa', we evaluated samosas. Some of us didn't like the smell of these or the look, but some of us thought they were very tasty!



We also began computing this week and worked in partners to play a quiz game on Kahoot to show us another way that technology is used. We are excited to show Year 1s how to do this next week and work with them to explore a picture app on the I pads.



In Forest School this week we created Christmas works of art from nature—we made "snowmen" with logs and leaves and even found a frozen puddle to make a beautiful centrepiece with conkers and pine cones.



Year 3: Over the past few weeks, Maple Tree Class have been beginning their child-led projects which has been focused on board games. The children have used their topic in English to learn about instructions and explanations so they can apply those skills when creating instructions for their very own board game. To ensure instructions are clear, we have looked at time conjunctions and imperative verbs to see how they can help make rules easy to understand.



In Maths, we have finalised learning about column addition and subtraction using exchanging. Children have used Base 10 resources as well as counters to gain a concrete understanding of the process of exchanging before answering reasoning and problem-solving question. We have also looked into land use in the UK, building on from the Romans aspect of our topic to see how they have influenced urban and rural areas across the UK.

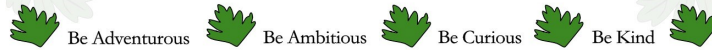


Finally, it has been a great joy to see the hard work every child has put in this Autumn term and the great progress they have made in their learning. A big well done to the children of Maple Tree Class!

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Pupil safety outside schools has been prominent in the local news recently and we are aware of a “near miss” outside our own school. Globally, around **186 300 children under 18 years die from road traffic crashes annually**, and road traffic injuries are the leading killer of children aged 15-17 years worldwide. Two times as many boys as girls die in road traffic crashes.

To keep children safe if you are walking:

- ✓ hold your child’s hand - don’t let them run ahead
- ✓ look out for and encourage your child to be aware of hidden entrances or driveways crossing the pavement
- ✓ make sure your child walks on the inside of the pavement, away from the traffic, and avoid walking behind parked cars outside the front of school

If you are driving:

- ✓ reverse into the drop off space
- ✓ do not to park across resident’s driveways, even for a few minutes
- ✓ avoid parking on the pavements or corners and do not park in such a way as to block the road and prevent emergency vehicle access



You might like to share this video with your child to open a discussion about road safety <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfcvnbk/articles/z62nxyc?scrlybrkr=7c81828e>

Attendance reminders

Attendance has a direct link to attainment. Achieving at school builds a child’s self-esteem, as well as enhancing their prospects. Attending school and being part of the school’s community gives a child a sense of belonging and promotes their social development and if a child is not in school regularly, they are not fully accessing the curriculum and learning opportunities available to them. Our school attendance levels are reported every week to the Trust and Swindon Borough Council and are very carefully monitored. As a school we are always striving to meet or exceed the national average of 96%

Attendance percentage per class for the first two terms:

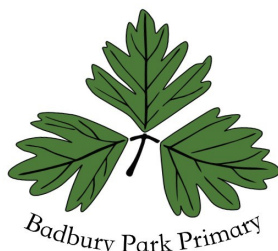
Apple Tree	92%
Ash Tree	92%
Oak Tree	93%
Beech Tree	93%
Pine Tree	95%
Yew Tree	97%
Maple Tree	95%



You will be informed of your child’s individual attendance next week as part of the Pupil update Cards and letters will be sent out where there is concern. Please note we do not authorise any holidays; several families have already received a fixed penalty notice from Swindon Borough Council as a result of unauthorised holiday.

There are only 190 school days each year which leaves 175 days not at school for shopping and holidays !

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Staff changes in Beech and Maple tree classes



Mrs Cannings will be joining Badbury Park in the New Year and will be teaching in Beech Tree class on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; Mrs Christmas will continue to teach on a Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Cannings is an experienced teacher who is returning to teaching after some time away to raise her own family. She has a passion for the outdoors; she thrives on being creative and is looking forward to finding new ways to excite children in the classroom and outside.



Mrs Hayward joins Maple Tree class every Friday. She is also a very experienced teacher and has worked in several schools in Berkshire and Wiltshire. She spends part of her week as a Learning Officer at Steam Museum. Mrs Hayward has a life long passion for the arts and she enjoys exploring the countryside and National Trust properties.

After School Club

Bookings for After School club for the new term have just opened on ParentPay but they will close again once sessions are full. If you are experiencing any issues with bookings, please contact the school office.



Message from Wilts & Dorset Fire Service

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service would like to wish everyone a safe and happy festive season.



Our main safety messages this season are:

- ✚ Have working smoke detectors - do not be tempted to take the batteries out
- ✚ Know your escape route -especially if staying away overnight remember: Get out, Stay out, Call 999
- ✚ Take care when cooking
- ✚ Do not overload electrics
- ✚ Turn Christmas lights off at bedtime and when leaving the home
- ✚ Take extra care with candles and keep candles, matches and lighters out of children's reach

More safety advice can be found on the website: www.dwfire.org.uk including advice and signposting to seasonal safety [Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Seasonal Safety: Winter Wonderland \(dwfire.org.uk\)](https://www.dorsetandwiltshirefireandrescue.org.uk/seasonal-safety-winter-wonderland)

Admissions policy and Consultation

The Blue Kite Academy Trust now comprises of 11 Swindon Schools (Infant, Junior and primary) and a new admission policy has been written to incorporate all the schools within the Trust. As a result it is necessary to consult on this policy for 6 weeks between the dates of 1 October and 31 January.

The BKAT admission policy for 2024/2025 has not significantly changed any of the original individual school policies. There is one change of PAN and this is for Colebrook Infant school. It has been agreed with Swindon School Admissions that this will reduce from 50 to 30. The consultation will run from Wednesday 30 November to Tuesday 31 January 2023. If you have any comments regarding the Admissions Policy for 2024/25 please email Anna Richardson, Head of Governance, Richardsona@bluekitetrust.org.uk.

Please click on this link to view the policy <https://bluekitetrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/BKAT-Admissions-Policy-2024-2025.docx>

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Cost of living bulletin from Swindon Borough Council

A Warm and Welcome Space is a council or community venue available to residents to visit to spend time, stay warm and feel safe. These spaces are open to anyone. Visitors won't be asked why they are there or and won't have to take part in any activities if they don't wish to. The facilities at each venue will vary – some venues may offer hot drinks, free Wi-Fi or activities may be taking place. Click on this link to find out more: [All spaces | Swindon Borough Council](#).

Cookable

Free online cookery class and courses: Cookable have launched a free monthly online cookery class. The classes will cover kitchen basics and low-cost, hearty dishes such as egg fried rice. Go to: <https://cookable.co.uk/free-class/>

Ofgem have launched a central hub for advice, support and information about energy bills. It also includes links to other resources such as Citizens Advice and Energy Savings Trust, and to webpages where eligible consumers can apply for financial support. You can access the page here: [Energy advice for households | Ofgem](#)

LLAYRS –(available as an app for iPhone and Android) is the new pre-loved fashion marketplace app that puts good causes at the centre of everybody's wardrobe. When you list an item for sale you donate proceeds of your sales direct to charities and causes closest to your heart (including Feeding Britain!). You decide how much you want to donate and where you want the money to go to.

There is more cost of living advice available on the Swindon Borough Council website : https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20013/benefits_and_swindon_money_matters/1260/help_if_youre_struggling_with_living_costs

WINTER HAF
Holiday Activities & Food Programme
MONDAY 19TH - THURSDAY 22ND
DECEMBER
DROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
DROVE ROAD, SWINDON, SN1 3AH
Session One: 9am - 1pm
Session Two: 1:15pm - 5:15pm
£20 per session
FREE sessions for HAF Voucher recipients
BOOKING NOW Limited Availability

the national sleep helpline
Does your child suffer with sleep issues?
Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?
Will your child not sleep in their own bed?
WE CAN HELP
03303 530 541
Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 9am - 11am

the national sleep helpline
50%
Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?
In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?
• Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
• Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
• Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
• Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
• Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change






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School Diary

December 2022

7th & 8th YR Christmas production
8th: Christmas jumper day
12th: Christmas singalong at 2pm—Y1, Y2 and Y3
15th: Christmas party (am)
15th : Christmas lunch—whole school
15th: Open House—parents are invited in to school from 2pm
16th: Last day of term 2 (3pm/3.15pm finish)
19th Dec—3rd Jan: School Holiday

January 2023

3rd January : TD day—no school for pupils
4th January: Start of term 3. All children return to school
9th January : Curriculum meetings at 5pm Reception-Y3

February 2023

13th—17th half term holiday (no school for pupils)

Teacher Training Days 2022/2023

- 📅 Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- 📅 Friday 7th July 2023

School closure day

- * Thursday 4th May 2023 (Polling Day)