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Last week was another fun-filled week of learning and the children are working really hard. On Friday we had a real treat with the MAST Puppet Assembly who retold the story of Ruth and Naomi – perfect as we approach the Harvest Festival this week. Children loved watching the puppets perform and have also enjoyed thinking about the meaning behind the story, too.

Also on Friday there was a ‘Harvest’ feel to the classroom as Year 6 started Cookery Club making delicious, warming soups. A big ‘thank you’ to Mrs Wotton for running this club and teaching the Year 6 children such a valuable life skill.

On Friday this week we are looking forward to celebrating Harvest Festival in Church. You are all warmly invited to join us. We will leave school at 9.00am to walk to church and our Year 6 children will be an important part of the service when they perform the readings. Please drop in to support them if you can. Donations of Harvest baskets will be taken into church and left there over the weekend. Please feel free to make a donation of a basket or an item of non-perishable food if you can, however small. If you know who your box is intended for, please let Mrs Williams or Mrs Farren know. We will ask you to kindly distribute your box after school on Monday 15th - any problems, please don’t hesitate to ask. Thank you in anticipation.

Biggin Church will be open on Saturday 13th October between 1pm and 3pm if you would like to put harvest donations in church or if you would like to decorate a window for the Harvest Festival on Sunday 14th when all are welcome to join the congregation at 10:30am. We hope some children from school will be able to take part.

As you may already know, we are having a real push on Reading in school. Please help your children by hearing them read as often as you can. This continues to be important, even into upper Key Stage 2 and can have a massive impact on children’s fluency and confidence. Several short, enjoyable sessions are better than one long one. Try to choose a time when neither you nor your child are tired. Children will be able to bring their reading book back and forth between home and school as well as their library book. Our Reception children are tonight bringing home a gift pack from the Book Trust. Please enjoy this gift and especially enjoy reading with your child, hopefully finding a quiet space to do this.

Very well done to our gorgeous Preschool who achieved a ‘Good’ judgement from their recent Ofsted visit. This reflects the wonderful teamwork and support given to children in their care. You can find the report online if you wish to read it. In the meantime please make sure that everyone who has very young children knows what a fabulous setting for preschool children we have right on our doorstep.

Congratulations too to Jane Sutton who achieved her Level 3 ‘Childcare in Education’. Jane gives such amazing care to all the children she works with and gaining this qualification is just recognition of all her hard work and very well-deserved. We are all very proud of her.

School photographs have been sent home tonight. If you would like to order, please remember that your order form and payment must be in the office by Monday 22nd October. You can also order online.

School meal menus for autumn & winter are also coming home this evening, meals are £2.10 per day per pupil.

Finally, you have some vouchers for the SeaLife centre in Manchester who are presenting ‘Ascarium’! from 20th October to 4th November. Don’t forget to pre-book online to get the 50% discount.

Congratulations to Jo Fentem who has won this week’s Bonus Ball draw with number 5 on Saturday 6th October. We just four ‘free’ numbers if you would like to join in? Payment is due in advance, either weekly, monthly or however you prefer. You may also pay by cheque (to Biggin School) or by cash. Thank you.

***Information from Key Stage One***

1. Tuesday’s visit to Chatsworth: -
   * 1. please ensure your child has a packed lunch in a rucksack that they can carry themselves (*plastic bags are lighter than a box*), drink to be in a plastic bottle
     2. children need to wear comfortable shoes (not wellies) as we will be walking along paths not across fields
     3. travel will be by minibus within school times
2. Model making –can you please send in boxes etc. for model making?

Reminders for this week: 8th - 14th October

Monday 3rd of 10 swimming for those in years 3 – 6

After-school STEM club for those who requested a place

Tuesday KS1 visit to Chatsworth – packed lunch required (see note)

After-school Construction club for those who requested a place

Wednesday Library van is due to call

After-school music club for those in years 4 – 6

Thursday ‘Show & Tell’ for Edie, Charlie & Amy

After-school sport coaching for those in years 1 – 6

Friday School’s Harvest Festival (see note) – all welcome

Y6 after-school cookery club (2nd of 3)

Saturday 13:00 – 15:00 church open for harvest donations

Sunday St Thomas Harvest Service 10:45 all welcome

***Biggin WI*** - **Monday 8th October 2018** - Aquabox  speaker John Dolan talk on how they provide safe drinking water to wherever disaster strikes in the world, whether it is natural/man-made.

Meeting starts 7.30pm at Biggin Village Hall tea/coffee biscuits included after talk £2.50 to visitors.

Please remember:

1. To use easyfundraising to help raise money for Biggin CE Primary School, you can register using this unique link – just search for 'Biggin CE Primary School ' and click ‘support us’ - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/3DFJ49/392CEE/> Plus, once you’ve signed up and raised £5 in donations, easyfundraising will give us an extra £5 donation. There’s no catch or hidden charges and Biggin CE Primary School will be really grateful for your donations.
2. That small batteries will soon be around in all sorts of season items (Christmas jumpers and lights, Halloween things etc). These are so dangerous. You may realise that it is not good to swallow foreign objects but did you also realise that a battery will react with bodily fluid and burn, and burn as it travels down which of course ends up being fatal. Please take care xx
3. St Thomas's will be open during the 1st week in November to commemorate the Fallen on Biggin's war memorial.  We would like to fill the church with as many poppies as possible.  Can you knit or crochet? Patterns can be collected from Mary at school.  Poppies made from other materials would be very welcome as well.
4. Do you have any photographs of the men named on the war memorial?  Please could St Thomas's have a copy?  Also any other information or images about men and women who served during the World Wars would be really helpful.  Information and photos can be left at school or given to Kay Clayton, Rita Lamb or Julia Hewgill.
5. The Armistice Service is at 2.30pm on Sunday 11th November. If you would like to make poppies of any kind or have time to spare on the afternoon of the 10th please speak to Kay, Rita or Julia.

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‘Show and Tell’ rota Autumn 1

October

*11th Edie, Charlie & Amy*

*18th Ebony*

*25th Archie, Chloe-Mae & Isabelle*

November

*8th Finley*

*15th Sophia, Jorge & Eleanor*

*22nd Erynn*

*29rd Eddy, Ethan & Elsie*

December

*6th Jacob W, Harry & Casey*

*13th Chloe, Carrie & Jacob S*

*Yr6 twenty minute presentation*

*All others to talk about one item for five minutes*

October

17th St Thomas Harvest Supper & auction

26th 9.00am church service

break up for the half-term holiday

31st Parents of year 5 pupils (those born

between 1st September 2007 – 31st August 2008) you will need to apply for a place at secondary school by midnight on 31st October 2018. Call 01629 533190 or go to [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions)

November

5th school re-opens

7th library van due to call

December

6th library van due to call

18th Christmas concert

19th Christmas lunch in the village hall

20th Pantomime at Buxton Opera House

21st Christmas party

break up for the Christmas holiday

Return to school Monday 7th January 2019

To contact school and/or reply to messages: - send a note via pupil-post (or leave it in the letter-box), email [info@biggin.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@biggin.derbyshire.sch.uk), pop into the office, or leave a ‘phone message on 01298 84279

Please see the school’s website on [www.biggin.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.biggin.derbyshire.sch.uk) for the weekly newsletter, calendar and lots of information. Is there anything in particular that you would like to access on here?