**Biggin C of E Primary School**

Newsletter 8 for Autumn Term One

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It’s hard to believe we’ve nearly completed our first half term of this year. We’ve crammed so much learning in, too. Last week school was buzzing – children out at cheerleading and mini sports events, children having fun acting out the Three Billy Goats Gruff story and carefully working in teams to create Ancient Egyptian sarcophagus lids. All part of a normal, exciting week at school.

Thank you for your generosity for the Harvest Festival. We’ve had lots of thank you messages from grateful recipients including Buxton Food Bank. We look forward to being in church again on Friday at 9.00am. Please join us if you can.

We have two vacancies for Parent Governors. The paperwork attached looks a bit daunting but this is a real opportunity to help school and be involved in decisions affecting the future of the school and the type of education we offer. You don’t need special qualifications and the time commitment is not very great. You just need a willingness to look at what’s happening in school and ask some good questions. If you think this may be you but would like to talk more about it first, please pop in. Nominations need to be returned by Monday 5th November, please.

A big part of our sporting curriculum is offered through events during the school day but at other local schools such as QEGS, etc. These trips are within the normal day and children are escorted by staff from this school. Transport may be by coach, minibus/community transport or private staff car with appropriate insurance. Please can you complete the attached permission form to cover this. Again, if there are any questions, please let us know.

At long last work is starting on our leaky roof. Majority of the work will take place over the half term holiday but during term time before and after the holiday there will be scaffolding and skips on site. These will be roped off and pathways indicated but please take extra care when at the front of the school, dropping off and collecting children.

Wishing everyone a lovely, sunny half term break. Term starts again on Monday, 5th November.

Reminders for this week: 22nd – 28th October

Monday 5th of 10 swimming for those in years 3 – 6

 After-school STEM club for those who requested a place

Tuesday KS1 to Ashbourne Leisure Centre for the ‘Personal Best’ event

 After-school Construction club for those who requested a place

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

Thursday ‘Show & Tell’ for Archie, Chloe-Mae & Isabelle

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

Friday Church 09:00, all welcome to join in the friendly (and short!) service

 Y6 after-school cookery club (3rd of 3) ***until 5.00 pm***

 Break up for the half-term holiday

Pre-school request – if you are having a clear out before Christmas and have anything in good, clean and safe condition that you were thinking of donating to a charity, please can they ask to be considered? The pre-school is in particular need of:

* Small world farm animals, toys and set-up
* Playdoh
* Dressing up items
* Role play items (tea-sets, first aid kits etc)
* Good quality, age appropriate books.

 **Biggin Pre-school Quiz night**

* 8.00pm ***Thursday 1st November 2018***
* The Waterloo Inn, Biggin.
* Eat, drink & test your brain!
* Homemade beef stew included in the price of £7.50 per team member
* Maximum of 4 members per team.
* Tickets available from Biggin Pre-school and The Waterloo Inn
* Raffle on the night too
* Teams to be booked in by Friday 26th October (last day of half-term), late entries: please contact Anne Bunting or Claire Homer

Congratulations to Tom Fentem who has won this week’s Bonus Ball draw with number 49 on Saturday 20th October. We have 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.

General reminders:

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

 *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

31st Parents of year 6 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

1st Pre-school quiz night at The Waterloo Inn, beef stew & raffle

5th school re-opens note: NO swimming today

7th library van due to call

 FOBS meeting

9th KS2 off to Derby Museum for the day

10th years 5 & 6 may take part in this Saturday Cross-country event at Q.E.G.S.

 Hartington Village Hall – music and dance in memory of WW1 & WWII

12th Anti-bullying week

 National school meals week

14th years 5 & 6 to Lady Manners for tag-rugby

19th KS1 & KS2 parent consultations

20th KS2 parent consultations

27th whole school to Tissington’s ‘Neverland’

29th years 5 & 6 to Hartington for a RE conference

December

5th library van due to call

6th years 3 & 4 to an after-school Basketball festival at Q.E.G.S. (transport provided)

9th Biggin Village Hall ‘Sing-along-Christmas-Carols’ with Warslow Silver Band, ticket required

18th Christmas concert

19th Christmas lunch in the village hall

20th ‘Dick Whittington’ 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, 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?

***Saturday 17th November*** – Biggin Village Hall – **‘Crossings’** (a play with music)

Tickets £10.00 from Janice Wooliscroft – School House, Biggin or call 01298 84907 ***more information can be found on the leaflet sent home this evening***

**Any last orders for the 2018 Real Advent Calendar? £4.00 each** the only Fairtrade calendar to include a Christmas story-activity book with a page for each day in Advent. The calendar is a great way to count down to Christmas. The chocolate in the calendar is a creamy Fairtrade blend and the whole calendar is foiled to ensure that the chocolate remains fresh. You can read more about the Real Advent Calendar at [www.realadvent.co.uk](http://www.realadvent.co.uk)

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to order \_\_\_\_

calendars @ £4 = £\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parental permission for sporting events off school premises

Sporting events will occasionally be held off school premises either during the school day or after school. Transport will be provided for those events within school hours and those outside of school hours may be by staff/parent transport or commercial dependent on numbers attending. The events will be printed on your weekly newsletter and are on the website calendar.

I give permission for my child to take part in sports events off school premises

Name of pupil/s: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*If you have any concerns and/or do not wish to give permission, please state the reason/s here and/or pop into school for a chat* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**What’s on round and about**

**1918 Parliament: 'A Snapshot in Time’ evening on Friday 26th October** Why not join us for a special Museums at Night evening to mark 100 years since the end of the First World War? 'A Snapshot in Time' enables you to experience a certain day in 1918, 19th November. *Eight days after the Armistice, King George V visits Westminster to address both Houses of Parliament. Having served on the Western Front, Winston Churchill is back in government as Minister of Munitions. The first General Election in which some women could vote and stand for Parliament is just a few weeks away. Nancy Astor is getting ready to support her husband Waldorf with his campaign to be re-elected as an MP for Plymouth. Perhaps most importantly, thousands of weary soldiers are returning home after four long years of war. Throughout the evening, actors playing the roles of the King, Churchill, Nancy Astor and a returning soldier will share their experiences of the conflict, and its impact on them and their loved ones. Our Visitor Engagement Assistants then take the characters’ stories forward and explain what happened to each of them after 19th November 1918. Your 1918 evening begins in Westminster Hall. You will meet the characters in the Lords Chamber, Central Lobby, Members Lobby and the Commons Chamber. Throughout the evening you are welcome to purchase refreshments from the bar off Westminster Hall.* Adults tickets: £20.00 must be booked in advance. Each ticket includes an entry time - every 30 minutes between 6pm and 8pm. Bookings can be purchased [online](https://visit.parliament.uk/houseofparliament/shop/viewItems.aspx?cg=TOURS&c=MAN), by calling +44 (0)20 7219 4114 or in person from the Ticket Office at the front of Portcullis House. Last entry is 8.30pm with last orders at the bar being 10.30pm.

**More about Museums at Night -** the UK-wide festival of Lates in museums and galleries, produced by Culture24, the Brighton-based arts charity dedicated to shining a light on Britain’s sparkling culture and heritage. [Find out more about Museums at Night](http://museumsatnight.org.uk/)

**More about Parliament and the First World War,** Parliament is commemorating the centenary of the First World War with new information added each year between 2014 and 2018. [Discover historical and educational resources and more about Parliamentarians and the roles they played in the First World War](https://www.parliament.uk/about/living-heritage/transformingsociety/parliament-and-the-first-world-war/)