**Biggin C of E Primary School**

Newsletter 7 for Autumn Term One

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I was so proud of all of our children in church celebrating the Harvest Festival on Friday. It was lovely to see everyone respecting and enjoying this important tradition. Our Year 6 children shared the thoughtful and inspiring readings they had written working with Mrs Wotton and did a great job. The Year 3 and 4 children shared their ‘Vegetable Rap’ and prayer which went down well and has hopefully encouraged us all to enjoy more vegetables! A special ‘Well Done’ to our Reception children who behaved beautifully on their first visit to a church service with school. Thank you very much to Mrs Wotton for leading the service and helping the children prepare.

The donations of Harvest Baskets were amazing and very generous. Thank you! Lots of people will enjoy these and there are two baskets on their way to Buxton and New Mills Food Banks, too. Thank you also to parents and friends who supported the children by coming to church to join the celebration.

Key Stage 1 enjoyed a marvellous - and sunny – day at Chatsworth looking at sculptures and then compared these with the sculptures at Biggin Hall. I can’t wait to see their own creations which will have been inspired by these trips. Thank you to Mrs Eaton and Mrs Williams for inspiring the children.

The unwanted textiles collections raised £24.80 from Beaumonts plus £6.20 has been donated to the Starlight charity on our behalf. Thank you for all your efforts. We’ll be spending this money on resources to support our learning in school.

Lots of children in Key Stage 2 are becoming really excited about their reading and looking forward to taking their quiz using the Accelerated Reading scheme. Please continue to hear your child read as often as you can at home and encourage your child to read their book more than once so they understand it really well.

Leading up to and the week following half term we will be thinking about Remembrance and especially focusing on the centenary of the end of World War I. Please share your family stories if you have any. We are beginning to get quite a collection of local stories to help us with our work on this topic.

Congratulations to Mrs Woodroffe who has won this week’s Bonus Ball draw with number 38 on Saturday 13th 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.

Reminders for this week: 15th – 21st October

Monday 4th of 10 swimming for those in years 3 – 6

 After-school STEM club for those who requested a place

 ‘Blue Sky’ fashion show raising funds for Pre-school and Women v Cancer

Tuesday Flu inoculations for those in Reception – Y5 with parental permission

 After-school Construction club for those who requested a place

Wednesday Cheerfest for years 3 & 4, transport provided

 Mini sports at Fitzherbert for KS2, transport provided

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

 Harvest Supper and Auction, Biggin Village hall

Thursday ‘Show & Tell’ for Ebony

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

Friday School photographs please remember to order a.s.a.p. or online

 Y6 after-school cookery club (2nd of 3) ***until 5.00 pm***

***'Blue Sky’ Fashion Show***

Monday 15th October - 7pm to 9pm - £3.00 entrance - Biggin Village Hall

All funds raised will be split between Women v Cancer and Biggin Pre-School.

Tickets available from Sandra on 01298 84434.

**The 2018 Real Advent Calendar - £4.00** 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)

**The Real Advent Calendar makes a real difference,** as well as helping people to engage with the Christmas story we also pay a Fairtrade Premium to our farmers while supporting charitable and educational projects. Over the past four years, with the support of schools and churches of all denominations, at least £80,000 has been raised for charitable causes from sales of the Real Advent Calendar.

Money raised from this year's calendar will help The Funzi and Bodo Trust provide more than 600,000 eggs a year to feed children in Kenya, buy books for schools and supply medicines. We are also proud to promote the work of Traidcraft Exchange. You can read about the work of the Funzi and Bodo trust here <http://www.funzi.org.uk/>

Unfortunately, we need to order them by the boxful, which is 18 calendars but the good news is, if we can order 2 boxes before 20th October, we qualify for a 10% discount! Please let the office know a.s.a.p. and definitely ***before* Thursday 18th October** how many you would like – don’t send any money as we may not receive enough orders to be able to order!

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to order \_\_\_\_ calendars @ £4 = £\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

*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

15th Blue Sky fundraising fashion show – Biggin Village Hall 19:00

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, 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?