**Biggin C of E Primary School**

Newsletter 1 for Autumn Term Two (5/11/18 – 21/12/18)

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Welcome back after a well-earned half term break – it’s lovely to see everyone back in school safely and eager to start their learning. This week we are focusing on Remembrance and thinking about the centenary of World War 1. Lots of the children are talking about members of their family who were involved and sharing their family history. Thank you for all the information you have already helped us with. Also a very big ‘Thank You’ to Julia Hewgill who has put such a lot of work into planning the celebration in the church and linking with school. We are hoping to display some of our work in the church towards the end of the week. Please pop in and take a look.

This term is very exciting. Lots of trips and events are planned. Key Stage 2 are going to Derby Museum at the end of the week and we have a special extra treat lined up for Christmas.

As you will see, work on the roof is well underway. The children are being very sensible avoiding the scaffolding and skips. Work will be continuing for the next few weeks so please continue to take extra care entering and leaving school grounds.

Unfortunately there continue to be lots of bugs circulating. A quick reminder, please keep your child off school for 48 hours after being sick just to make sure bugs aren’t being passed on.

Thank you to those of you who have submitted applications to become a governor. Once all the paperwork is completed we’ll let you know who our new Governors are. Their support and interest is much appreciated.

Please feel free to pop in if you have any concerns or anything you need to discuss.

**Reminders for this week: 5th – 11th November**

Monday NO swimming today

 After-school STEM club for those who requested a place

Tuesday NO after-school Construction club today

Wednesday Library van due to call

 FOBS meeting 3.40pm

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

Thursday ‘Show & Tell’ for Finley

 NO after-school sport coaching now until the Summer terms

Friday KS2 off to Derby Museum for the day – packed lunch required

Saturday Years 5 & 6 may take part in a Cross-country event at Q.E.G.S.

 St Thomas’ - afternoon decorating session in the church

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

Sunday 11:15 - Armistice Service St Michael & All Angels church

 14:30 – Armistice Service St Thomas’ church

**Update on Pre-school’s quiz evening;** £900 plus raised, thank you for supporting Biggin Pre-school, an entertaining, enjoyable and delicious evening was had by all!

Congratulations to Julia Hewgill who won the Bonus Ball draw with number 56 on Saturday 27th October and the Bonus Ball draw for Saturday 3rd November was number 53, a free number therefore winnings will roll-over to this Saturday’s draw. 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.

A slightly belated but nonetheless heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with, donated to or attended the **Harvest Supper**.  It was a lovely evening and after costs we raised the same as in previous years which is much appreciated.

Christmas lunch and party - I know it’s a little way off yet but we need to know in advance to order food. If your child brings a packed lunch to school, would they like to join the rest of the school for Christmas lunch on Wednesday 19th December and for Christmas Party food on Friday 21st December. School meals are £2.10 each, please send in payment with your order – slips were sent home tonight.

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.



Saturday 10th November 10.30am - 4.00pm.  The church will be open for its **Poppy Festival**.  Please come and have a look at the poppies created by the school children, the scouts, the WI and the wider community.  There is also information about the men from Biggin who fought in both the wars.  Refreshments are available.  At 4.00pm there will be a brief service for the lighting of candles in memory of the fallen.  If you wish to place a tag on Biggin's wall of remembrance and light a candle, tags are available from church, the Waterloo and the British Legion.

If anyone would like to bake a cake or offer their time on 10th - it would be gratefully received.

The **Remembrance Service** will take place at 2.30pm on Sunday 11th November.

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 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

‘Show and Tell’ rota Autumn

November

 *8th Finley*

 *15th Sophia, Jorge & Eleanor*

 *22nd Erynn*

 *29rd Eddy, Ethan & Elsie*

December

 *6th Jacob W, Harry & Casey*

 *13th Chloe, Carrie & Jacob S*

November

12th Anti-bullying week

 National school meals week

14th years 5 & 6 tag-rugby at Lady Manners

17th **‘Crossings’** (a play with music)

19th KS1 & KS2 parent consultations

20th KS2 parent consultations

27th whole school to Tissington’s ‘Neverland’

29th years 5 & 6 RE conference at Hartington

FOBS meeting

There will be a meeting for the **F**riends **O**f

**B**iggin **S**chool in school on Wednesday 7th November at 3.45pm, refreshments will be served and Y6 are welcome to attend.

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Treasurer’s report
5. Election of officers
6. Christmas
7. Any other business
8. Date of next meeting

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

***Saturday 17th November*** – Biggin Village Hall –**‘Crossings’** (a play with music) tickets £10.00 from Janice Wooliscroft – School House, Biggin or call 01298 84907

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?