**Biggin C of E Primary School**

Newsletter 6 for Autumn Term Two (5/11/18 – 21/12/18)

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I can’t believe it is only 2 weeks until we break up. School is feeling very festive with advent calendars being opened, the Christmas story being retold and Christmas cakes being made. Children have also been working hard on their Christmas concert which promises to be wonderful. On top of all this we are continuing with our learning right the way through and managing to squeeze in the festive fun, too!

Last week Alison Brown from Derby Diocese visited the school. She was delighted to see the children enjoying school and the lovely atmosphere and energy in the classrooms. I was extremely impressed with the eight Year 3 and 4 children who took part in the basketball matches at QEGS on Thursday. They were very competitive and keen to show the skills they had learned in their PE lessons with Derby County. They had a fantastic understanding of the rules and behaved in a very sporting way on the pitch. Several of the team scored ‘baskets’ and the marking and defending was brilliant. Thank you for encouraging your children to support the school in this way. Lots of fun was had and they couldn’t have represented the school better.

More thanks for helping the children remember and return their Library books for the van. This is such a special service and they commented on how much better it was than last time. There is beginning to be a real buzz around reading in school; there are even rumours of a Horrid Henry book club sharing books!

The sales of raffle tickets and donations of mince pies, goodies and raffle prizes for the Christmas Concert Evening continue to flow into school. Thank you for your generosity and keep up the good work for the next week and a bit. This is such an important fundraiser and your help goes a long way.

Finally an update on the roof – everyone has been very sensible dealing with the scaffolding and disruption around school. The long-awaited tiles are due to be delivered at the very beginning of next week and then there will be ‘every person available’ from Derbyshire County Council’s Buildings Department to try to get the job finished before we break up. I imagine there will be further disruption especially to the entrance to school, so please continue to be patient and careful around school and soon we will have a waterproof, warm and tidy school to start the New Year.

**Reminders for this week: 10th – 16th December**

Monday donations for the raffle & mince pies please

 KS2 swimming today – final session for this year

 KS2 after-school table-tennis event at QEGS (transport provided)

 **NO** after-school STEM club

Tuesday After-school construction club

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

Thursday ‘Show & Tell’ for Eddy, Chloe, Carrie & Jacob S

 After-school craft club for Y6

Friday After-school cookery club for Y5

Sunday Carol Concert in St Thomas’ Church 14:30

‘Show and Tell’ rota Autumn 2

December

*13th Chloe, Carrie & Jacob S*

Congratulations! to Emma Worrall on winning Saturday’s Bonus Ball draw on 8th December with number 17

December

17th more mince pies gratefully received in school (for the concert, not the staff-room!)

18th Christmas concert in the village hall pupils there for 5.45pm = 6.00pm start

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

Please remember:

1. Pre-school request anything in good, clean and safe condition, in particular: - 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.
2. Christmas shopping online? Use ***easyfundraising*** to help raise money for Biggin CE Primary School, use this shortcut/link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/3DFJ49/392CEE/> There’s no catch or hidden charges and Biggin CE Primary School will be really grateful for your donations.

Inclement weather - if you **think school may be closed**, it is your responsibility to telephone 01298 84279 or 84642 and find out. The decision will have been made by 08:15am. If the decision is to close the school, High Peak Radio on 106.4, 103.3, and 106.6 FM and Ashbourne Radio on 96.7 FM and

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* *if your details are not up to date, you obviously won’t get the message*
* *it is dependent on signal*
* *it is not a reliable way for you to contact us*
* *and … please reply (a simple OK is sufficient)*

Also - please remember: –

1. *‘if in doubt, don’t set out’*
2. *do not leave a child at school unless a member of the teaching staff has arrived* ***and*** *they are staying!*
3. *wellies, hats, gloves and scarves needed in school by* ***all*** *children at* ***all*** *times*

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