**Biggin C of E Primary School’s**

Newsletter for Spring Term One: 2nd January – 9th February 2018

Welcome back to a new year and new term.

The Bonus Ball draws took place on Saturday 23rd December where number 41 was drawn winning a double amount for Don Prince and on Saturday 30th December where number 34 was drawn for Lucy Mycock.

OK – it’s a new year so we will reminder you again: school starts at 9.00am prompt.

Children must be here ***before*** then to remove coats and settle down. The register is taken at 9.00am – a late attendance becomes an unauthorised absence (unless, of course you have previously informed us of an appointment etc). We are sending all parents a copy of our Attendance Policy and the attendance percentage of their child/ren, please note that all attendance below 94% instigates investigation.

**Spring Term One 2018**

Tuesday afternoons for all – PE in the village hall

Wednesday afternoons for year 3 and after-school for years 4, 5 & 6 - Music club

Thursday mornings for years 3 & 4 - Derby County coaching for Interschool Challenges

Thursday afternoons for all - Derby County sport coaching

**January**

Wednesday 3rd School re-opens, school library van due to call

Thursday 4th ‘Show & Tell’ for Jacob *(Y6 presentation)* & Isabelle

Thursday 11th ‘Show & Tell’ for Daisy, Edie, Daisy & Ethan

Friday 12th MAST assembly with M Tinker

Monday 15th Basketball at Q.E.G.S. with Mrs Broomhead & Mrs Williams

16th & 17th Headteacher interviews

Wednesday 17th Pentathlon at Q.E.G.S. 13:45 – 17:15 for years 3 & 4 – parents to transport

Thursday 18th ‘Show & Tell’ for Jasmine L *(Y6 presentation)* & Eleanor

Friday 19th MAST – ‘Daniel and the lions’

Monday 22nd Governors’ Finance committee meeting

Wednesday 24th Governors’ Health & Safety committee meeting

Thursday 25th ‘Show & Tell’ for Ebony, Archie, Brooke & Carrie

Friday 26th Governor led Collective Worship / sportshall athletics at Q.E.G.S.

Monday 29th Gymnastics at Q.E.G.S.

Tuesday 30th Governors’ curriculum committee meeting

Wednesday 31st mobile library van due to call

**February**

Thursday 1st ‘Show & Tell’ for Jasmine M *(Y6 presentation)* & Casey

Monday 5th Basketball at Q.E.G.S.

Tuesday 6th Barnabas Day – more details to follow

Wednesday 7th Governors’ full body meeting

Thursday 8th ‘Show & Tell’ for Finley Ha, Sophia, Charlie & Harry

Friday 9th 09:00 church service to which you are all invited to attend

12th – 16th Shrovetide half-term holiday

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

Community notices

**How To Shop Online Safely
Check the web address -** always check you’re on the correct website. Criminals can set up fake websites that have a similar design and web address to the genuine site.

**Is it a secure connection? - w**eb pages you enter personal or financial details into should display a locked padlock sign and have a web address that starts with https. This means your connection to the website is secure.

**Phishing - d**on't click on links or attachments within unsolicited emails. The number of online shopping related phishing emails increases significantly during the holiday period.

**Bank transfers -** 65% of Action Fraud reports during the 2016 Christmas period were linked to online auction sites. Don’t pay for goods or services by bank transfer unless you know and trust the person. Payments via bank transfer offer you no protection if you become a victim of fraud.

**Easyfundraising** – did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Biggin CE Primary School? There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's and it doesn't cost you a penny! It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bigginceprimaryschool/ and join for free.

2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.

3. After you’ve checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and Biggin CE Primary School will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.

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**Time Swap** was set up to allow local people to help each other by swapping time and talents. Members can 'earn' time by doing things they're good at for other people. Time earned can then be spent getting help from others for things they might find difficult or new things they want to learn. The scheme has helped to organise a wide variety of swaps which can include anything from teaching someone how to play the guitar, to helping someone trim a hedge, to walking someone's dog for them. Time Swap is brilliant. It's brought me alive, it's made me some friends - there's always someone there I can talk to or ask for help. It's really helped me. I've got a Jack Russell Called Pip and I need to take him out, but I can't go far. That's not fair on the dog so another Time Swap member, Tim, has been round to walk him for me. David has helped with some DIY, putting up two shelves in the summer house and I've also had help with using my email. In return, I've joined a group of active knitters in Ilkeston and help teach people who want to learn. I'd say to anyone else they should join, it would change their life. You make yourself some friends and if you need help, it'll always be there. Time Swap is a great idea and perfect for people who want to save a bit of cash, make new friends and be an active part of their community. It's no surprise that we've clocked up such impressive numbers as the scheme is extremely popular − and I'm sure it'll only get bigger with time. It's not just about the hours swapped, it's about the friendships and connections made across the county − it really brings people together.

Our Time Swap team run regular drop-in sessions around Derbyshire so that people have the chance to check out the scheme for themselves. Find out [times and locations of Time Swap drop-ins](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/volunteering/time-swap/default.asp) or tel: 01629 532049. Time Swap is completely free to join and participate in − the only currency is time. All new members receive an hour of time when joining for free to help get the ball rolling.  Being a member will not affect your tax position in any way or your entitlement to any benefits you may be receiving. [Find out more about the Time Swap scheme](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/volunteering/time-swap/default.asp) and [fill in an application form](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/volunteering/time-swap/membership_form/default.asp) or tel: 01629 532049.

# Win cash for your old electricals - have you got any old, broken or unwanted electricals? Dig them out and take them to one of our household waste recycling centres in the new year for your chance to win one of fifteen £100 cash prizes. From hair dryers to hedge-trimmers, fairy lights to fridges and toasters to TVs, there's a wide range of household appliances you can take to the recycling centres. And from 2 January, you can exchange them for a golden ticket - which means you could be quids in. Simply ask for your golden ticket from a member of staff at any of the nine recycling centres, [use your unique ticket number to enter our competition](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/rubbish_waste/electrical-waste/win-cash-for-your-electricals/default.asp) and find out if you're an instant winner. The more items you recycle, the more tickets you'll get. Councillor Simon Spencer, our cabinet member for highways, transport and infrastructure, said: "This is a great way of putting unwanted electricals to good use − with the added bonus of a chance to win £100. It's a shocking fact that across the UK we throw away more than a quarter of the electrical items we buy instead of recycling them. We spend £20 million a year dealing with waste in Derbyshire which residents choose not to recycle. But if every Derbyshire household took just one electrical item to one of our recycling centres in January we could recycle an additional 333,000 appliances, saving not only tax-payers' cash but also the precious metals and other valuable materials they contain."

The competition prizes are being funded by Advantage Waste Brokers who is the contractor that works on our behalf to collect and recycle electrical items taken to its recycling centres. Electrical goods can be exchanged for a golden ticket at the following recycling centres:

* Ashbourne (Mayfield Road)
* Bolsover (Buttermilk Lane)
* Buxton (Waterswallows Road)
* Glossop (Melandra Road)
* Ilkeston (Manners Avenue Industrial Estate)
* Loscoe (Heanor)
* Newhall (Swadlincote)
* Northwood (Darley Dale)
* Stonegravels (Chesterfield)

All electrical appliances are accepted including:

* coffee makers
* electric toothbrushes
* electric garden equipment
* fairy lights
* fridges, freezers and fridge-freezers
* game consoles
* irons
* kettles
* lamps
* laptops, tablets and PCs
* microwaves
* music systems
* phones
* power tools
* printers
* radios
* sat navs
* shavers
* slow cookers
* straighteners and hair dryers
* washers and dryers
* vacuums

[Find out about locations, opening times and view a full list of the other items you can take to our recycling centres](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/rubbish_waste/recyling_centres/default.asp). Please make sure all personal data has been removed from items such as laptops, mobile phones or tablets before you take them to a recycling centre.

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 you would like to access on here?