



THE BATT C.E. SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas Fayre

Many thanks for your donations towards our Christmas Fayre. You have been so generous and I am sure this will help us to raise lots for BSA funds next Friday. If you can help to set up, run stalls or clear up afterwards, please let members of the organising committee know, or call in to the school office.

Christmas Lights

As you already know, the BSA are running a stall at the turning on of the Christmas Lights in the town centre this evening. Please go along and support.

Boccia Success

We entered two teams, one from the Lower Juniors and one from the Upper Juniors, in the West Oxfordshire Boccia tournament in Carterton yesterday. Boccia is a game similar to Boules, but played from a seated position. Our Lower Junior team played well, losing two and winning one match in the group stage, eventually finishing sixth overall. Our Upper Junior team, defending their title from last year, won all three of their group games and progressed through to the quarter-finals as group winners where they beat Bladon 2-0. In the semi-final they beat Aston and Cote 2-0 and went on to play Tower Hill in the final. With some super skilful play, Harry, Ayden, Willow and Josh produced the goods to retain the trophy. Congratulations to all our Boccia players!

Astronomy Evening

We are looking forward to the Astronomy session on Wednesday evening. Robin from Chipping Norton Astronomy Society will be here to give a short talk and give everyone an opportunity to look through telescopes. To add to the interest, the International Space Station will be passing across the sky, and hopefully visible from our playground, at 5.27pm. In addition to this, a space capsule is being launched from Cape Canaveral and should pass over us at 5.51pm, which apparently is quite rare to see. I suggest families arrive in time to see the space station. Refreshments will be provided by the BSA.

Poppy Appeal

I am pleased to announce that our school raised £184 for the Royal British Legion from the sale of poppies and other items. Thank you for supporting this.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

The Batt School may be able to claim an additional £1,320 to spend on supporting your child's learning. If you receive one of the following benefits, your school could be entitled to claim extra funding for your child: Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit, National Asylum Seekers Support, Guarantee element of the State Pension Credit, employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit (income dependent).

If you think you may qualify, it's quick and easy. Let the school office see your Award Notice, or let them have your name, date of birth and National Insurance number and they can check for you.

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Pantomime

As you know, the whole school will be attending the Oxford Pantomime on Tuesday 10th December. Thank you to all those who have paid so far. We still have some outstanding which means that no consent has been given. You can do this on ParentPay, and we would be grateful if you could attend to this please, as we will be unable to take your child without consent. If you are able to contribute towards the trip, that would be great. As we will not be returning to school until between 12.45 and 1.15pm, there will be **no** hot school lunches available on that day. If your child is entitled to a free lunch, including all the infants, a packed lunch can be provided. Anyone wishing to order a school packed lunch must do so by Friday 6th December.

Safeguarding Newsletter

You will be receiving today our latest safeguarding newsletter. Information within it includes useful websites for parents and carers, guidance on attendance, use of social media (including Tik Tok), bullying and Young Carers. I hope you find it useful.

Respect Towards School Staff

We have had a few incidents in recent weeks where parents and carers have upset staff by the way they have spoken to them. I would like to request that when you talk to our staff, please ensure you are doing so politely and respectfully. We are very fortunate to have a very hard working and caring team of teachers, Teaching Assistants, office and other support staff here at The Batt and I would appreciate your co-operation with this. Thank you.

Dom Baker's Morning Exercises

Dom Baker, our sports coach, is organising free 10-minute exercises from 8.40 to 8.50 in the hall every morning, except Wednesdays. This will be available initially for children only and will involve a variety of exercise activities. There will be a whiteboard at the gate each morning letting you know about the morning's activity. We are planning to start this on Monday.

Cleaner Required

We are looking to recruit a new cleaner, two hours a day, in the new year. Hours would preferably be either 3.30-5.30 or 4.00-6.00, but there may be some flexibility with this. Please contact me or Sharon Bark if you are interested in this, or know someone who might be.

Many thanks for your continued support this term.

Yours sincerely

Chris Payne
Headteacher

