



Bottisham Primary School Newsletter

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Star Singers!

On 14th November, Josh from Star Radio came to record us singing a song for Christmas! Almost the whole school took part. We rehearsed the song and finally recorded it to be played on air. Our song will be played on the morning of 28th November, at 6.30am, 7.30am and 8.30am. It's called '27 Sleeps til Santa'. Listen out for us!!

40 Book Challenge

A huge well done to the following children for completing the 40 Book Challenge this week!

- Prathana Jeyathas
- Jacob Critchlow
- Aurora Furlow
- Fraser Halliday
- Joseph Wild

There is now a display board outside the school office with the names of all those who have completed the challenge so far! If you would like another copy of the letter and/or record sheet, please speak to the school office.

Y3/4 Trip to the Sedgwick

Last week, the children in Y3/4 visited the Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences in Cambridge as part of their top-

ic on volcanoes. The children had a wonderful time; they had the opportunity to handle artefacts from the museum and take part in a workshop led by museum staff.



Class Assemblies

We were treated to a fantastic class assembly from Willow Class yesterday. It was lovely to find out about what they have been working hard on this term.

It is the turn of Sycamore Class next on Thursday 5th December at 9.30am. Parents and carers are welcome to arrive from 9am and tea and coffee will be available. There will also be a chance to see more of the children's work with a classroom visit after the assembly.

Children in Need

Thank you so much for all your kind donations to Children in Need last week. We raised a very impressive £321.33!

Diary Dates 2019-20

Autumn Term 2019

November

29th—KS2 Cross Country tournament

December

2nd/3rd/4th—FS&KS1 Christmas play

5th—Sycamore assembly

6th—PTA Winter Fair

10th—Carol concert

11th—Y1-4 @ The Junction

12th—Y5&6 @ The Junction

13th—Christmas lunch

17th—PTA Disco

18th—Save the Children Christmas Jumper day

18th—Last day of term

Spring Term 2020

January

6th—School opens to children

February

17th—1st Half term

April

1st—last day of term

Summer Term 2020

April

20th—School opens to children

May

8th—Bank Holiday

22nd—INSET day (School closed)

25th—31st Half term

July

21st—Last day of term

Fundraising for Crisis

One of our pupils, Ellie Barreto and her older sister Anna, are currently fundraising for the charity Crisis by making Christmas decorations in exchange for a donation. Crisis is a national charity that supports those experiencing homelessness. The girls have been working incredibly hard to make the decorations themselves and have already raised an impressive amount of money towards their target total. If you would like to make a donation, the link to their Just Giving page can be found [here](#).

Christmas Play

The children in FS and KS1 have been working very hard on practicing for their Christmas performance of 'Hey Ewe' on Mon 2nd, Tues 3rd and Weds 4th December. It has been lovely to hear the school echoing with the sound of their beautiful singing; the audience are in for a real treat! Tickets can now be booked through our online page which can be found [here](#). Please note that tickets are limited to two per family. If we have any spare tickets nearer the time, we will let you know and make them available on a first come, first served basis.

Thanksgiving lunch

On Thursday 28th November the school kitchen are giving a nod to the US Thanksgiving celebration with a special menu! There will be BBQ chicken served with vegetable rice, or Mac 'n' Cheese, sweetcorn or green beans and a herby bread roll, followed by a choice of pancakes with strawberry sauce and ice cream, apple pie and ice cream or fruit kebabs.

PTA Winter Fair

Come along to the PTA Winter Fair on Friday 6th December from 3.30pm. There will be lots of stalls to entertain all ages as well as a chance for the children to visit Father Christmas. We look forward to seeing you there!

Y6 Bikeability

The children in Y6 will be taking part in their Bikeability training next week. They will be working on building their confidence and understanding of how to ride their bikes on the road safely. There is no cost for this training, however, the children will need their own, roadworthy bike and helmet in order to take part. This will need to be in school each day and if your child attends school using the school bus, the bike

may be left, locked, in the bike sheds overnight. In addition, they will need clothes appropriate for the weather, particularly a warm coat and suitable gloves .

Bikes

Just a reminder that bikes are not to be ridden across the playground before or after school. We have lots of toddlers and younger children around at these times of the day and we want make sure that there are no accidents. Thank you.

House Team Names—voting open!

The shortlist is now open to vote for your top **four** choices for our house teams by following the link [here](#)

The choices are:

- King
- Pankhurst
- Sharman
- Attenborough
- Curie
- Hawking
- Rowling
- Mandela

