

## Early Years

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### News and Reminders

Now that the weather has turned colder and wetter please make sure your child has a named coat in school. If you provide gloves and a hat, please ensure that these are also named. We are also encouraging the children to put on their coats and do up their zips independently. Please keep encouraging this at home, thank you.

**Chatterbags** - It has been lovely to see the children excitedly share their special things when they bring their Chatterbags back to school. Please note that this is how we do our Show and Tell and children need to wait until it is their turn again before bringing something to share to school. Please feel free to add additional sheets to their book with pictures, drawings or photographs of special events.

#### Poppies

The children have enjoyed painting their stones and we have arranged them as a large poppy in the flowerbed beside the Bear door.

### Homework

#### Purple Mash homework:

We can see that many of you are recording daily reading on Purple Mash and Please read/share your child's book daily for at least 10 minutes; please sign the reading record diary after you have read with your child. Your child should bring home a reading book and reading record today.

Please also use the EYFS email address to communicate and questions and queries. The email address is [eyfs@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:eyfs@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk). We will be checking the email regularly and we will reply to you as quickly as we can.

## Our Learning

This half term our topics will be:

The Night Sky: We will be reading How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers and a range of other space related story books. We will also be investigating non-fiction texts to find out about the planets in our solar system.

The Christmas Story: We will be reading The Jolly Christmas Postman by Janet and Allen Ahlberg. As part of this topic we will be writing letters to Santa and posting them at the local post box. We will try to send a copy home to you so that you know what they have asked Santa for as we are aware that they change their minds frequently leading up to the big day. We will also be learning about the fact that Christmas is a Christian celebration and not everyone celebrates it.

In phonics the children have been assigned to different phonics groups. Your child's phonics teacher may send home additional phonics homework on Purple Mash. They will be assessed again before the end of term and may be placed in different groups with a different teacher

In maths we have been subitising dot patterns to 5 and describing what we can see. We have been learning a new nursery rhyme '5 Little Peas' to support our counting. We have been using different characters from traditional tales to learn about sharing equally. We have been using the language of 'enough, not enough and too many.' The children have also been introduced to 'more than and fewer than' to look at different quantities.

### Open Sessions for Parents

Thank you to everyone who attended our Healthy Eating Workshop. It looked and sounded like everyone had an enjoyable time. This term, our open session will be a Christmas craft event on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm. As before, if you have finished the activities before 3:15pm you will be free to take your child home.

Christian Value awards:

Alder

Responsibility: Leo G

Co-operation: Amiyah

Love: Benji

Ash

Responsibility: Nancy

Love: Chloe

Harry: Co-operation

### **Diary Dates**

**Forest School** (please come into school wearing Forest School kit and bring spares): Ash- Friday Alder- Wednesday

**PE** (please come in to school wearing PE kit): Ash: Wednesday Alder: Thursday

Due to Christmas rehearsals in the hall during this half term we will be doing Cosmic Kids Yoga in the classroom for PE.

**Library:** Ash class: Thursday Alder class: Friday

### **Key dates**

Progress Reports sent home - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Parent Consultations - Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas Performance - Friday, 2nd December

Hot Christmas Lunch - Friday, 9th December (Please book by 25th November)

A Cracking Christmas - Monday 12th December 2:15 - 3:15pm

Christmas Party - Monday 19th December

Christingle Service - Tuesday 20th December (Please send in oranges by 15th December)

School closes for Christmas at **1:00pm** on Tuesday 20th December

School reopens for Spring Term - Thursday, 5th January 2023 (INSET day on Wednesday 4th January)





