

Early Years

Friday 2nd December 2022

News and Reminders

Wow! We have had an amazing start to December!

The children have been working incredibly hard to rehearse the Nativity and we have been so proud of them. The children spoke clearly and they sang beautifully, we hope you enjoyed the performance as much as we did.

Forest school will now be on a Monday morning for the next two weeks. Both Ash and Alder will be going together, please remember to wrap up warm as it can get quite cold in the forest.

Please ensure that all gloves and hats are named, we are starting to find the odd glove here and there and we can't always tell who they belong to.

Spirituality

Since our last newsletter we have had Children in Need Day, we looked at other children and the different lives they have. We talked about what would help these children and some of the people who do help them.

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. 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 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.

We have been learning about the different traditions that other people have to celebrate Christmas. If you have some different traditions we would love to see them on Seesaw, either a video, photographs or a short, written sentence. It is always important for the children to find out about different cultures.

Our topic for the next half term will be Our Diverse World. We will be looking at the different celebrations across the world including Chinese New Year, Vasant and Lent. We will also be learning about weddings and having our own Scarecrows Wedding. We will send out more information closer to the time.

Open Sessions for Parents- A cracking Christmas

Our next open session will be on Monday 12th December. Once again you will be invited into the hall to take part in festive activities with your children. The open session will be 2:15-3:15pm.

Christian Value awards:

Alder

Responsibility: Xavier

Co-operation: Abigail

Respect: Cody

Ash

Co-operation: Leo

Responsibility: Toby

Responsibility: Jules

Diary Dates

Forest School (please come into school wearing Forest School kit and bring spares): Monday for both Ash and Alder

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

Hot Christmas Lunch - Friday, 9th December

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)



