

BCPS News 09.12.22



Welcome to this fortnight's edition of our school newsletter!

Friday 9th December 2022

Headteacher Update



Brr! What a chilly end to this week! The icy weather has added another level of excitement to school and has certainly made us feel even more Christmassy!

Although the end of the autumn term is now less than 2 weeks away, we have lots of things happening between now and then. Next week, there are 3 performances of the KS1 Nativity play, the EY Christmas sing-a-long, the KS2 Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church, the PTA disco...and a partridge in a pear tree! We also, of course, have the Y5 trip to Burwell House on 19th December and class Christmas parties to look forward to. Our extra-curricular clubs are also open again for bookings for the spring term. You can find more details below and on My Child At School.

Mrs Johnston

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – AUTUMN TERM 2022	
4 th October	Flu vaccinations
5 th October	Hazel Class village walk
12 th October	Pine Class village walk
13 th October	Beech Class village walk
14 th October	Y3/4 E-Safety session
18 th October	Y3/4 History Off the Page – Ancient Rome Day
19 th October	KS1 Theatre of Widdershins
19 th October	Y5/6 E-Safety session
21 st October	School photos (individual)
24 th – 28 th October	Half term
1 st November	Early Years Light and Dark evening
14 th – 18 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
18 th November	Children in Need
24 th November	Flu vaccinations (mop-up)
30 th November	Willow trip to <u>Stibbington</u>
6 th December	Maple and Sycamore trip to <u>Stibbington</u>
9 th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
12 th / 13 th / 14 th December	KS1 Nativity (afternoons)
13 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at Bottisham Church (evening)
15 th December	Early Years Christmas Sing-a-long
19 th / 20 th December	Y5 residential trip to Burwell House
21 st December	Last day of term

Sports Clubs - Spring Term 2023

Spring Term Sports Clubs



Day/Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.00-8.45	Gymnastics- Premier Sports Year R to Year 6		Target and Team Games Year 1 to Year 6	Dance and Drama- Premier Year R to Year 6	
15.30-16.30	Junior Golf Year 1 to Year 6	Tag Rugby Year 5/6	Netball KS2	KS1 Football Club	

We are delighted that we are able to build on the provision of extracurricular clubs that we offered in the autumn term. Thank you to those parents who responded to our survey and helped us shape our provision even further. As a result of your feedback, we have introduced two new clubs- Target and Team Games and Junior Golf. You will find a brief description of each club on offer below.

Gymnastics-a range of gymnastics skills performed as individuals, in partners and in groups on mats, apparatus and wall bars

Target and Team games- activities meant to develop team work skills; some of the games include laser tag, archery, new age curling, dodgeball and boccia. All games are inclusive and suitable for children of all ages to play together

Dance and Drama- workshops and activities designed to help your child develop their inner performing artist

Junior Golf- an adaptation of the well-known game of golf; children will take part in activities to develop hand-eye coordination, learn the scoring system in golf, practise shots and aim at set targets

Tag-rugby- an adaptation of the game of rugby, designed to be non-contact, the game focuses on passing and catching techniques, running with a ball, strategies, and tactics when playing against another team

Netball- specifically designed for the under 11s to introduce them to netball. We've put the emphasis on getting kids to pick up key skills and experiences through flexible, fun play that inclusion

Football- a game that needs no introduction!

The clubs are delivered by Mr Green or in partnership with Premier Sports. The cost for the Spring term is £20. Bookings are now open and can be made via My Child At School. Bookings will remain open until Friday 6th January.

The cost of the club is subsidised using our Sports Premium Funding and we hope that this will enable every child to make a choice based on their personal interest and that the cost will not prevent anyone from attending. If you are receipt of Free School Meals or Universal Credit, please speak to the school as we are able to cover the cost of attendance to enable your child to take part.

Choir - Spring Term 2023



Bookings are now open for any children in KS2 that would like to attend the after school choir sessions run by Mrs McMahon. They are a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their love of music and to sing a wonderful variety of songs from across the ages! We are asking for a payment of £3.00 for the term to help cover the cost of music resources. Bookings can be made via My Child At School and will remain open until Friday 6th January. If your child attended choir in the autumn term, you will need to re-book a place for them.

Eco-Council News

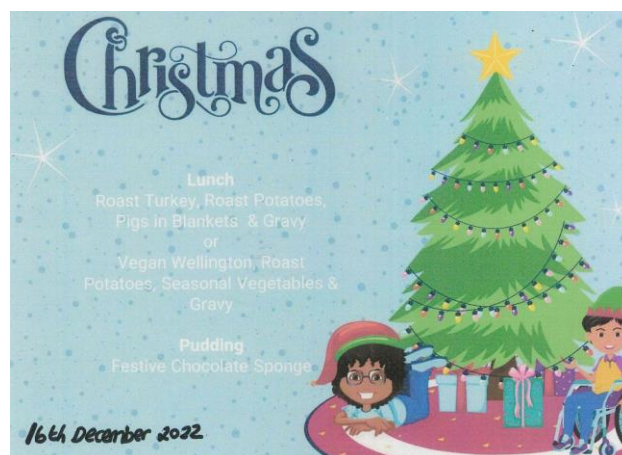


Our new Eco Council for 2022/3 have hit the ground running this term with a number of new projects! With the help of Mrs Crown, we have washed, checked and sorted hundreds of items of uniform from lost property and parental donations. We will be launching our pre-loved uniform shop at the PTA Winter Fair to help both the environment and people's wallets; each item of uniform will cost just 50p and we hope to continue running the shop in the spring term. We will also be selling our popular upcycled tin can winter planters for the garden at the fair. We are hugely grateful for your support.

The Eco Council were really keen to plant a tree in the school grounds this year. With a generous donation of five heritage fruit trees (two apple, two cherry and one plum) from the Tree Council in association with the Daily Mail during National Tree Planting Week, we have gone four better! We were thrilled to find out that our application was successful at the start of last week and managed to get all five trees planted to form a small community orchard before the freezing weather set in. We will be looking after and studying our orchard trees closely as they start to establish themselves over the next year. If any parents can help with sourcing hardwood mulch to reduce weed growth and improve the soil around the trees, please contact Miss Cridland.

Finally, we would really appreciate it if children could save the fronts only of up to five Christmas cards that you receive this year for next year's Eco Council Christmas project. Card fronts can be brought in and given to class teachers or Miss Cridland directly in January.

School Christmas Lunch - 16th December



This year, our school Christmas School Dinner is on Friday 16th December.

It is really helpful if the school kitchen have an idea of the number of children who would like a Christmas Dinner. If you think your child/ren will be having a lunch on this date, please let us know by following the link below.

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This is just to register interest - it is not a booking so please don't worry if your child changes their mind! The final numbers will be taken during morning register on 16th December.

Thank you

Y5/6 Visit to Stibbington

Year 5/6 started their festive celebrations with a visit to Stibbington to understand life as a Victorian. The children dressed in role ready to experience life in a Victorian school and to celebrate Christmas following Victorian customs.

During the visit, the children made Christmas decorations using natural materials from the grounds, along with a Christmas decoration to hang from their tree. They toasted the apple tree to ensure a good harvest in the coming year and burnt a Yule log on a fire before singing Christmas Carols.

Following this, they experienced a festive school session, learning about the meaning of the contents in a Christmas stocking, writing a Christmas poem using a pen and ink and drew holly. They used their slate to rehearse their times tables and became familiar with the expectations of a Victorian teacher.

Much fun was had by all!





Observational Drawings in Reception



The children in Ash and Oak Class have been looking really closely to create these beautiful observational drawings of a poinsettia.

Holiday Orchestra

We have kindly been shared, by one of our parents, information about the Cambridge Holiday Orchestra's Christmas Course 2022 which is now open for booking. From Tuesday 27th of December to Friday 30th inclusive it will be held at the West Road Concert Hall in Cambridge for four days of festive music-making. All levels of musical ability and experience can join in with the activities. With 20 hugely varied sections and two orchestras there is plenty for young people to enjoy. More details can be found at the link below.

[Cambridgeshire Holiday Orchestra – Music courses for young people](#)

Spare Clothes Request



A plea from the YR team to anyone who has Reception-sized old uniform / clothes that could be donated to our spare clothes box in school. We are particularly in need of socks and tights at the moment.

Thank you

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The poster features a central image of a smiling child in a blue school uniform holding a green ribbon. The background is dark grey with large, stylized Christmas ornaments in yellow and pink. Decorative elements include a snowflake, stars, and a gift icon.

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Holiday camps near you

Venue:	Bottisham Community Primary School
Dates:	22nd & 23rd December
Times:	8.45am till 4pm
Price:	From as little as £25 per day
Ages:	4 - 11 Year olds
Additional info:	Limited spaces. Book now!

Our Activity Professionals have additional training in order to provide the best care to the children under their supervision, specifically the Transcend Level 2 Award in Infection Prevention, Mitigation and Management.

In the event these courses are canceled, we will issue a full refund within 7 days.

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Please bring

A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing for weather
Loads of energy!

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Applying for Reception 2023



If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2022 then you are now able to apply for a school place for them in Reception from September 2023. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2023.

We are offering school tours for prospective parents and carers who would like come for a visit to see what our school has to offer. If you would like to visit, please contact the office on 01223 811235 and we will be very happy to arrange a date and time to meet with you.

[Apply for a primary school place](#)

Click [here](#) to view our term dates for 2022-23

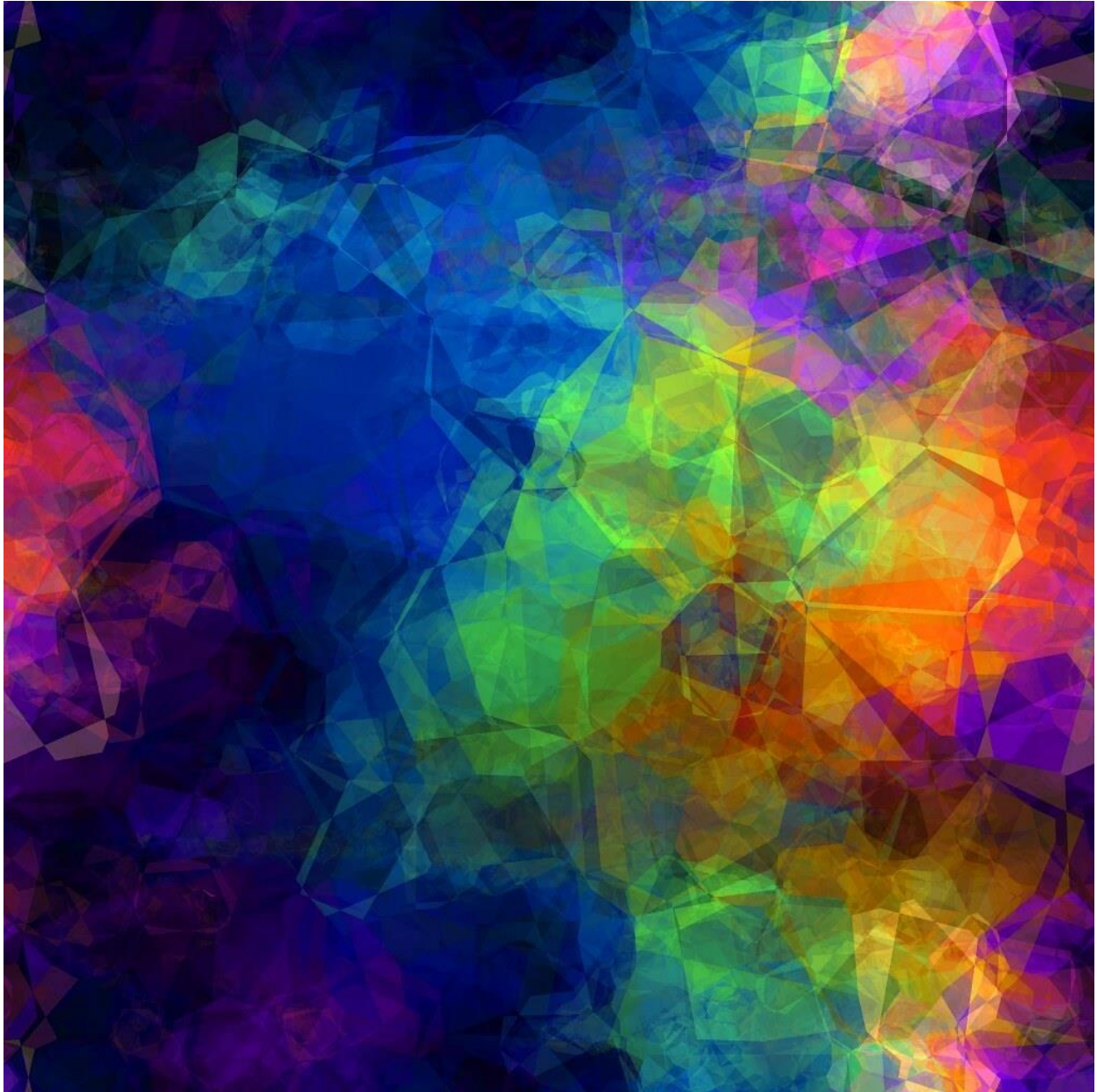
Are you worried about a child, family or friend?

Child Protection involves taking steps to safeguard children and young people at risk of, or suffering from neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse. It also means protecting children from witnessing Domestic Abuse and Violence as well as supporting families who are in financial or medical difficulties. It is vital that **everyone** takes personal responsibility to look after children, families and friends and report their concerns. If we all watch out for each other then we will ultimately support and protect the future lives of our children.



If you have a concern about the safety and welfare of a child at our school, you can email our confidential address on safeguardingconcerns@bottishamprimary.org.

Term Dates 2022-23



Autumn Term 2022

Thursday 1 September - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Friday 2 September - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 5 September - Start of term

Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October - Half term

Wednesday 21st December - End of term

Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4 January - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Thursday 5 January - Start of term

Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February - Half term

Friday 31 March - End of term

Summer term 2023

Monday 17 April - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 18 April - Start of term

Monday 1 May - May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June - Half term

Monday 5 June - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 19 July - End of term

Contact Us



Please get in touch if you have any queries - our office team will be happy to help

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