



Bolton-le-Sands Church C of E Primary School

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December 2021 Newsletter

Please find below our latest news of events and things going on in school. If you can't find the answers you are looking for, please don't hesitate to get in touch through the School Office!



Collective Worship



For the remainder of this term, we will be exploring the church season of ADVENT. We will use the Advent Wreath and the Christmas Story to explore how the seasons of Advent and Christmas can bring hope to us all.



Coronavirus Update

In light of the Prime Ministers announcement last weekend of the extra temporary measures in place as a result of the Omnicom variant, we have re-introduced face coverings for all staff and visitors in communal areas around school. We are also **strongly advising** all parents and relatives to wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting children from school, due to the close proximity of people on our narrow paths and on the playground.

Please work with us in order to protect each other and our community. Thank you.



Christmas Performances

We are very conscious of following LCC guidance of limiting large gatherings and, therefore, we have made changes to our

Christmas production timetable:

KEY STAGE 1: Nativity with live audience at 2pm on 7 and 8 December in the hall. Tickets limited to one adult per family only.

KEY STAGE 2: Carol Service will now be a 'virtual carol service' with a link sent to parents during the last week of term.

RECEPTION: Christmas Sing-a-Long with live audience at 2pm on 13 December in the hall. Tickets limited to one adult per family only.

CHRISTINGLE: This has been cancelled. We will complete this in school time during the last week of term.

Please note that these events are subject to change if we experience a rise in positive COVID cases.

After School Clubs

Our extra-curricular activities have now ended for this term. Thank you for all those who have participated. New clubs will be issued in preparation for January 2022. These clubs will run for a set number of weeks until Easter 2022. Please note that although we try hard to avoid cancelling our clubs, there may be times where we have no alternative.

Christmas Parties

To help celebrate Christmas, during the last week of term, each phase will have a 'Christmas Party' during the afternoon where they will participate in party games and Christmas fun. On this day, your child is permitted to ditch their uniform and wear 'Christmas Party Clothes' and bring in £1 to help contribute towards the cost of prizes. Please see the Diary Dates section to see when your child's class will be hosting their party afternoon.



The Little Princess Trust

If you wish to support one of our Year 6 pupils, Carey, in her bid to raise £700 to make and fit a child's wig, please visit the Just Giving webpage. Click on the Little Princess Trust Logo for a direct link.

Join the PTA!



FOBLES



Please support our Class 9 Cake Sale and Non-Uniform (Christmas Jumper) day on Friday 10 December 2021 by giving £1 and/or buying some cakes at the end of the day! Our Christmas Party afternoons have been booked for the last week of the term. See the dates for more information. On this day, your child can come dressed in Christmas Party clothes in exchange for £1 donation which will be used to contribute towards the cost of prizes.

Well done to Mrs Loat who won the £25 '100 Club' draw last half term. The grand prize of £100 will be drawn before the end of the term.

Please support our fantastic FOBLES by becoming a member who helps out at some events or goes to meetings. Email: FOBLES@bolton-le-sands.lancs.sch.uk for more information.



School Choir

Well done to our School Choir who won the Carnforth Rotary Junior Choir Competition on 26 November, winning £100 towards music at BLS! What a great effort – well done!



Absence and Holidays

Currently, we have a high number of pupils (**and staff**) absent with sore throats, coughs and colds. Please do book a PCR test to confirm that it is not COVID-19 and keep us informed. In the meantime, please keep your child at home to help with their recovery, seek further support from NHS 111 if needed and keep school informed of their absence. Our attendance so far this term is lower than this time last year; we understand how minor bugs and illnesses are being spread this year.

'Application for Leave of Absence' forms are available on our website. These must be completed in thorough detail to explain the exceptional circumstances. There is no automatic entitlement to holiday leave; therefore, parents must seek school's permission before taking their child out of school. **Family holidays will not be authorised.**



Tremendous

To help support a local community effort of planting 310 trees in Bolton-le-Sands (one for every pupil), we have pledged to plant 40 within our school grounds and fundraise to help support the cost of the trees. After Christmas, we will be holding a poetry and art competition all linked to 'trees.' The winners of the competition will have their poetry and artwork published in a collection which will go on sale to parents. We are also calling for helpers to dig the holes!



at the School Office know if you are prepared to give up some time to help. Thank you.

Wed 1 Dec:	UKS2 Cinema Night
Fri 3 Dec:	Christmas Enterprise Market Stalls after school
Tues 7 Dec:	KS1 Nativity 2pm (one ticket per family)
Wed 8 Dec:	KS1 Nativity 2pm (one ticket per family)
Fri 10 Dec:	Non-Uniform Day CHRISTMAS JUMPERS! Class 9 Cake Sale after school
Mon 13 Dec:	EYFS Sing-a-Long Christmas 2pm (one ticket per family)
Tue 14 Dec:	EYFS Christmas Party Day
Wed 15 Dec:	KS1 Christmas Party Day
Thu 16 Dec:	LKS2 Christmas Party Day
Fri 17 Dec:	School Carol Service UKS2 Christmas Party Day School closes
Tue 4 Jan:	INSET DAY 7pm FOBLES meeting via Zoom
Wed 5 Jan:	School Opens
Tue 11 Jan:	Swimming Gala
Sun 23 Jan:	Class of 2020 and 2021 reunion
Wed 9 Feb:	Young Voices
Fri 11 Feb:	School closes



Parking

We politely request that parents who have to travel by car, park at a reasonable distance and walk children up to school.

Christmas Lunch



We are hosting our Christmas Lunch for pupils on Thursday 16 December. These will be served in more than one sitting to get everyone through!



Christingle

Due to the measures in place to limit large gatherings, we have taken the difficult decision to cancel the school-led Christingle on 14 December. Instead, we will be hosting a Carols and Christingle in school time during the last week of term for our pupils.

Term Dates

Please note that the Term Dates for 2022 – 2023 have been confirmed by the Governing Body and LCC. As such, they are now displayed on our school website under the 'parents' tab.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 10 December we will be hosting a Christmas Jumper Day as our final non-uniform day of this calendar year, in exchange for £1 donation. After school, there will also be the Class 9 Cake Sale. Please can parents of pupils in Class 9 help with the purchasing/baking of cakes as well as the selling of these after school. All donations will go to our FOBLES fundraising efforts.

Holy Trinity Church Christmas Events

Friday 3 December, Holy Trinity are hosting their Advent fair and Christingle (7pm). On 22 December, at 7pm, will be the Holy Trinity Churchyard Carols. 4pm on Christmas Eve is the Crib Service. On Christmas Day, there will be a Christmas Day service at 10:30am.



Adult Christmas Riddles Challenge

To be in with a chance of winning a bottle of Christmas bubbly, enter Mr Hargreaves' Christmas Riddles Challenge! This fun challenge is for adults only. Email your answers to head@bolton-le-sands.lancs.sch.uk with 'Christmas Riddles Challenge' as the subject header by **Wednesday 15 December** to be entered into the prize draw.

Correctly answer these three riddles!

- 1) What does Santa use to measure himself?
- 2) Why is it cold on Christmas?
- 3) On Christmas, how do children know that Santa is in the room?