



18th December 2023

Dear Families

My last newsletter of 2023...another year and another school term over. Another term to feel proud of and one full of so many positives for school. We have loved welcoming and getting to know new families, both in our Reception intake and within other year groups who have joined us. Visits to school have been the busiest yet this term with those families considering school places for September 2024 and it is exciting to start thinking about planning for growth as our cohorts increase. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas – I hope the break is filled with wonderful things for you as a family and we look forward to welcoming you back in January 😊 Mrs. Waddington

Return to School

I know the holiday hasn't even start yet but just a note to say that Monday 8th January is our first day back in school after the break and we plan to banish the January Blues with a non-uniform day. A FoB fundraiser but a chance for children (and grown-ups too!) to come back with a Bang and feeling good 😊 we will be spending time re-setting for the term ahead and helping children to set themselves goals and targets we can help them achieve over the next term.

Thank You!

Just a heartfelt thank you for all the ongoing support at such a busy time of year. I don't have my own children (I'm lucky to have 47 at BFS instead!) but I know just how busy close friends of mine with children are at the minute, just trying to keep up with the demands of a child in Primary School at this time of year! So for all the help with costumes, for donations, remembering non uniform day, party clothes, paying for Pantomimes and ordering Christmas Lunches...I thank you!

I hope you know how much we appreciate working with such an amazing and supportive group of families 😊

Holiday Club

Please register interest here for Holiday Club Days during the February break. This will help us in our planning to see if we can offer any days.

<https://forms.office.com/e/CmGSgwrXQq>

HD8 Network

Just a reminder of the HD8 Network we are members of!

Communication

<https://twitter.com/birdsedgefirst>

<https://www.facebook.com/BirdsedgeFirstSchool>

<https://birdsedgefirst.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofbirdsedge>

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 19th December: School Christmas Performances 2pm and 6:30pm.

Wednesday 20th December: Whole School trip to the Pantomime – coach will be leaving at 8:30am.

Wednesday 20th December: Christingle Assembly with Pat and Tom at 3pm – families welcome.

Thursday 21st December: Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Parties

Thursday 21st December: Christmas Lunch

Friday 22nd December: INSET Day – School Closed to Children.

Monday 8th January: School Reopens for Spring Term 1. FoB Fundraiser Non-Uniform Day.

Friday 9th February: Last Day of Spring Term 1 – 1 week half term holiday.

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day

Friday 22nd March: Last Day of Spring Term 2 – 2 week half term holiday.

Monday 13th May: Class 2, two-night Residential Trip. First Instalment available to pay on Parent Pay – thank you for those payments already received.

Friday 24th May: Last Day of Summer Term 1 – 1 week and 1 INSET Day (3rd June) Holiday.

Parents Evening

We will be arranging our second Parents Evenings in March. Sign up sheets for time slots will be sent out closer to the time, but just to put the dates in your diaries they will be as follows:

Reception and Year 1: Thursday 14th March

Year 1 and Year 2: Wednesday 13th March

Year 3, 4 and 5: Wednesday 13th March

If these dates will not work for you, please let your child's teacher know and an alternative day and time will be arranged.