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NEWSLETTER 11 11 16

Dear Parent/Guardians,

I would like to begin by informing you that Miss Bibby will be leaving us at Christmas to explore pastures new and take on new challenges as she embarks upon a tour of the world! I would like to thank Miss Bibby, on behalf of the school Governors, staff, parents, pupils and myself for being a dedicated and exemplary professional who has been a pleasure to work with. We all wish her well for the future.

The vacancy left by Miss Bibby is being advertised next week and we hope to interview and appoint by Christmas with a new member of staff being ready to start in January.

This week has been a busy week with a number of trips and events throughout the school. On Monday and Tuesday we held our first parents evenings of the year. The parents' evening was very well attended and enjoyable, with a large number of parents taking advantage of the tea and coffee available in the canteen, the school meal samples and the various information stalls on show. I really enjoyed speaking to parents in the canteen and listening to their thoughts and suggestions on how to take the school forward, all your suggestions and ideas were greatly appreciated.

Also on Tuesday our Y6 pupils had a very enjoyable and informative trip to the Otley Courthouse, as usual their behaviour was exemplary and they were a credit to the school.

On Wednesday we held a maths puzzle day. Pupils were introduced to a variety of bespoke maths puzzles, each requiring the pupils to draw upon their maths skills in order to solve them. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed these challenges and we will be looking at ways to introduce some very simple but effective maths puzzles into our maths lessons.

The PTA popped in on Thursday to shoot their annual school calendar. All the pupils were grouped according to the month in which they were born and wore seasonal clothing linked to that month. Calendars will be on sale soon!

After speaking to the school Governors, staff and a number of parents during parents evening I would like to reintroduce the Ben Rhydding Home School Agreement. This agreement outlines the responsibilities of the school, parents and pupils in ensuring that all our pupils reach their full potential. If you agree with the Home School Agreement then please sign and return it to your child's class teacher.

Could I also remind parents that they must only enter the school building upon request and via the school office. Parents must not enter the school building, unannounced and/or unsupervised via the doors that the pupils use when entering and leaving the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Kind regards,

Mr Hartford.

SCHOOL NEWS

DIARY DATES

- Monday 14th November after school cake sale in aid of the Kenyan Choir Appeal.
- 18 11 16 - New after school football club for Years 1 & 2 in the hall providing we have enough people to sign up and pay for the club.

- Friday 25th November – Book Fair from 3.15 to 4pm
- Monday 28 November– Book Fair from 3.15 to 4pm
- Tuesday 29th November – Book Fair from 3.15 to 4pm
- Weds 30th November - Book Fair from 3.15 to 4pm
- At the PTA Xmas Fair Sunday 27th November 2pm-4pm
  ALL BOOKS HALF MARKED PRICE - Lots of fabulous stocking fillers!
  Cash or cheque payments only please.

Remaining choir rehearsal dates for those going to Sheffield

- Monday November 14th 3.15 – 4.15
- *THIS DATE IS NOW CANCELLED Tuesday November 15th 3.15 – 4.15*
- Thursday 17th November 3.15 – 4.15
- Monday November 21st 3.15 – 4.15
- Tuesday November 22nd 3.15 – 4.15
- Tuesday 29th November 3.15 – 4.15

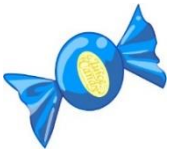
Class Assembly Dates

- Year 5 Friday 11th November at 2.40pm
- Year 4 Friday 2nd December at 2.40pm

Parents are welcome to watch their child's class assembly.

Dinner Money for this half term

£8/week that is £57 for the half term up until Christmas. Please make cheques payable to 'BMC School Meals' and write your child's name on the reverse.



SWEET APPEAL!

Year 6 are running their 'famous' Sweet Tombola Raffle this Christmas Fayre (27th November).
It has just been Halloween and lots of households will have far too many sweets in them… so please send them our way!!

Could we please ask that sweets containing nuts are avoided as well as sweets that could present a choking hazard, for example hard gobstoppers!

Bring your sweet donations into the office next week and Year 6 will be extremely grateful!

Fundraising Appeal for Kenyan Children

I'm sure all the children talked about their exciting visit from the children of the Kenyan choir and some of you will have heard them perform at local schools and churches. We were extremely lucky to have Moses staying with us. Odhran (year 4) was particularly chuffed at having another boy in the house! We had a fantastic week with many concerts events school visits and playing football with the cubs.

This year in addition to raising money for food for those children not living at the orphanage over the Christmas holidays, we would LOVE to raise enough money for each child to have a small Christmas gift. As there are 700 children this is a tall order but we would ask your help to make it happen.

Moses asked Odhran if he got to stay up late on Christmas Eve, Odhran replied that he went to bed early for Santa to come. Moses told us he gets to stay up late, have chicken and chips as a treat and at midnight they have a firework.

Instead of a shoe box appeal (many of you may remember filling a shoe box with suggested items to send for Christmas), we are asking that you consider donating **£5 per family** (or whatever you can afford). This way we can save the cost of transporting shoe boxes and one of the "legends" from the choir will source a small gift for all the children. This will also support the Kenyan economy and the money will go directly to the children in their gifts.

As we embark on all the Christmas shopping, Christmas discos and school fairs which I know can be demanding, I would ask you to consider donating to Heathers Just giving page shared below. Or if easier come to the Bun sale and donate as well as buy some buns! After school on Monday 14th November where we hope to raise additional funds.

To access the web page copy and paste the link below into your browser.
https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Heather-Munro4?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=Heather-Munro4&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Community Notices

It's showtime! A wonderful joint production of Disney's Jungle Book kids and Into the Woods Junior continues tonight at The Kings Hall after an absolutely fantastic opening run. Please come and support this amazing show, and bring all your family and friends. The cast includes Ben Rhydding pupils past and present. These amazingly talented young people have worked so hard to give you a show you will remember. We guarantee you will leave with a smile on your face. Tickets still available at http://iaos.amateurboxoffice.co.uk/ or from the box office an hour before the performances Fri 7.15, Sat 1.30 & 5.30.

Ben Rhydding Primary School Parent Teacher Association

Actively developing the links between home and school

Registered Charity No. 1044164, Member of PTA-UK

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THE PTA HELPS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION AND ENHANCES THEIR ENJOYMENT IN SCHOOL!

FORTHCOMING PTA EVENTS

PTA CALENDAR will be ready for Christmas!

FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER - PTA CAKE SALE After school
All year groups – there will be a Cake stall, so please bring your Cakes and Buns (to be dropped off on the day of the fair please). **PLEASE NOTE: THEY MUST NOT CONTAIN NUT PRODUCTS AND CAKE INGREDIENTS MUST BE CLEARLY DISPLAYED.**

11 11 16 - PTA Christmas Fair Brochure Competition
Deadline for your entries 11 11 16

11 11 16 - WINE TASTING EVENING is now CANCELLED. Please collect your ticket money from the school office.

1 12 16 - School Disco -KS1 5 - 6pm and Ks2 6.15 - 7.15pm £3

Must pay in advance.

Christmas Fair – advance warning that we'll need your donations!!!!
The school is doing a non-uniform day on Friday 18th November to encourage the donation of items for the school Christmas fair (Sunday 27th November 2pm to 4pm). In return for donating items the children can wear their own clothes to school. To try and get an even spread of donations to support all the stalls we are asking that in addition to sweets and cakes, each class focus on donating the items below. We would obviously gratefully receive any other items you are able to donate too. We need -

- Reception – Sweets for the Sweet tombola and Presents for Men for the Secret Room e.g. unwanted / unused gifts
- Year 1 – Sweets for the Sweet tombola and Presents for Ladies for the Secret Room e.g. unwanted / unused gifts
- Year 2 – Sweets for the Sweet tombola and Items for Pocket Money Stall – e.g. toys, games and books etc in good condition - Year 2 are running this stall
- Year 3 - Sweets for the Sweet tombola and Presents for Ladies and Men for the Secret Room – Year 3 are running this stall
- Year 4 - Sweets for the Sweet tombola and Bottles for the Bottle tombola
- Year 5 – Sweets for the Sweet tombola and Bottles for the Bottle tombola

Year 6 – Sweets for the Sweet Tombola and Items for Pocket Money Stall

Soft toy / teddy bear appeal

Having a pre- Christmas clear out ? Please donate all your pre-loved soft toys and teddy bears for the Christmas fair year 4 stall.

We need as many as possible , please hand any donations to reception labelled PTA year 4 stall and I will collect weekly, alternatively drop any at 74 valley drive.

Many thanks Fiona Throp

As I am organising the Christmas Fair, Vicky Pickering will organise the Year 6 game, so she will be in touch as she'll need your help manning it on the day. We do also need some extra volunteers to do jobs such as manning the door and running extra games, so the kids have lots to do. If you can help for just 30 minutes it will make a big difference and it shares out the work. Please can you let me know if you can help. Thanks in advance for your help. Kristy Walton

Santa Claus is coming to town...

When: Sunday 27th November 2016

Where: Ben Rhydding Primary School

Time: 2.00pm -4.00pm

If you would like the chance to see Father Christmas please return the slip below along with £3 per child to book your place. Siblings will be able to go in together, please indicate if you would prefer this or an individual meet.

Please return to school by Friday 18th November 2016

Name(s): _____

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Year Group(s): _____

Please circle a preferred time*: 2.00pm-3.00pm. Or 3.00pm-4.00pm

*please note we will try our best to give you your preferred time but cannot guarantee