

Bloemfontein Primary School News



"Lights the Way"

December 2020

What we have been up to!

We work hard to make sure that all of the children have fun while they learn. Since the last newsletter we have had:

- Forest School (Y1 & Y2)
- Mini police (Y5)
- The Daily Mile
- Odd socks day for anti-bullying
- Children in Need
- Remembrance Day

Happy December everyone – let the countdown begin!

I can't believe the year we have all had and don't think any of us could have predicted this. I think we will all be glad to say goodbye to 2020 – it's a year we will never forget! Throughout all of the lockdown, bubbles, face masks and the craziness – you have all shown amazing support towards our school. I hugely appreciate this and can't thank you all enough.

The staff have continued to provide enjoyable activities and are helping the children to catch up on any lost learning. One positive of the year is we now have two new goats joined our 'Font Farm'. There are not many schools that can say that! Please see their new names below.

Have a lovely Christmas everyone and stay safe.

Laura Liddell - Headteacher

Quick reminders (the bossy bit!)

As the weather is getting colder, please make sure children come to school in appropriate clothes and warm coats.

Please continue to follow social distancing guidelines when picking up/dropping off and remember to wear a face covering if possible.

Please also make sure that you stick to lockdown rules – again! If school are alerted that children are mixing with others outside of school we will have to send them home as it is putting the rest of the children and staff at risk. I will need to be strict on this!

If your child has any symptoms or been in contact with anyone who has tested positive please keep them off and ring me for advice.

Class Dojos & Facebook

You may have noticed that, as a school, we've been sending out less text messages. This is because the text service costs school quite a bit of money, as opposed to free apps like Class Dojos.

Going forward we would like to use the text service only for emergencies (like snow days etc.) and instead swap to Class Dojos for all messages to parents. So, could all parents please remember to check class dojos regularly, and remember to follow the school Facebook page for info.

For all absences or appointments, please contact the school office NOT class teachers on dojos. Thank you.

Healthy Lunch Ideas

Definitely seeing too much chocolate at lunch time! Here's some more healthy snack ideas for packed lunches:

1. Veg sticks (carrot, celery, cucumber)
2. Cherry tomatoes or pea pods
3. Oatcakes or crackers

Nursery



Exciting stuff! Governors have approved opening a Nursery at the school which I am genuinely so excited about!

The Nursery will be in part of the huge prefab and it is full steam ahead to get everything sorted as quickly as possible. As more info comes through I will let you all know.

Please if you are on Facebook, like our school page and share posts about the Nursery - we need to spread the word!!

THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES

Christmas Panto

We have managed to get a free recorded pantomime from Northern Stage, which is lovely of them!

We will be watching The Emperor's New Clothes on the screens in classes on the afternoon of Wednesday 16th December.

The children will all be wearing their Christmas jumpers and we will make sure they get plenty of popcorn!

Fundraising



Thank you to everyone who celebrated Remembrance Day with us, and a big thank you for all your generosity. Our tin was very full when the Royal Legion came to collect!

We also had Pudsey Day on Friday 13th November and raised a whopping £187.83 for Children in Need! It was lovely to see everyone getting into the Pudsey spirit.

Internet Safety

Great resource for talking to your children about cyberbullying.

<https://www.lego.com/en-gb/aboutus/cyberbullying>

Drum roll please!

The goats names will be.....

Biscuit and Oreo!

Names suggested by Alexandra Ord, Milly Pullar and Craig Pullar.



Important Dates

Tuesday 15 th December PM	Reception Christmas Party
Tuesday 15 th December PM	Class 2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 15 th December PM	Class 5 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Dinner (CHILDREN ONLY)
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Panto (ONLINE)
Thursday 17 th December AM	Class 3 Christmas Party
Thursday 17 th December AM	Class 6 Christmas Party
Thursday 17 th December PM	Class 1 Christmas Party
Thursday 17 th December PM	Class 4 Christmas Party
Friday 18 th December PM	Zoom Carol service (in class)
Friday 18th December	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 5th January	Back to School

Christmas Raffle



Although we aren't able to have a Christmas Fayre this year, we are holding a Christmas Raffle in school.

Forms have already been sent home so don't forget to fetch them back if you want to be in with a chance of winning! (If you've lost your letter, don't worry, send your class teacher a message on dojo and we'll send another one out.) Raffle tickets are £1 per strip and all money goes towards school fund.

Ticket numbers will be allocated randomly and the raffle will be drawn on **Friday 11th December**. Look out for our Facebook video!

Have fun and good luck!



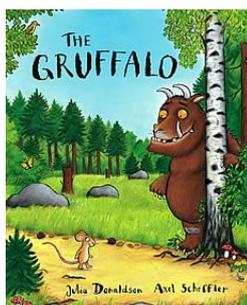
"Fairy Tales are more than true, not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten." – Neil Gaiman

Book Review by – By Tia Maddison (Class 6)

The Witches by Roald Dahl is a fantastic book for everyone because it is very imaginative and is good for any age. It has lots of twists and turns and is also full of adventure. I like the book because it is good for a quick read whenever you like. Roald Dahl is my favourite author.

Book Review by – (Class 1)

Class One's author of the month is Julia Donaldson. Their favourite Julia Donaldson book is the Gruffalo. Their favourite character is the fox who lives in a dark house.



Word of the Month 

Resilience (noun)

The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness. "the often remarkable resilience of so many British institutions"

**you get to do nothing sometimes,
and you don't have to feel guilty for it!**



everyone needs rest! it's not "lazy"!



@chibirdart

Productivity guilt is real, and it's so hard to do nothing after being conditioned to be productive with every hour (lest we fall behind on school/work/life). I'm trying to help myself with this as I go into vacation-mode soon, so I hope you all can benefit from this reminder too!

Things to Celebrate! 

This term's homework winners are:

Class 1 – Daniel Longstaff

Class 2 – Rosie Hobbs

Class 3 – Sophie Faithorn

Class 4 – Bailey Dewey, Sophie Gaddes, Richard Wardle, Freya Cooke

Class 5 – Lily-Maye Hope, Harriet Robson, Maisie Kennedy

Class 6 – Millie Hobbs, McKenzie Wilkinson

Well done all! They will all pick the books they want to keep forever next week.