

Newsletter 9

Friday 11th November

Miss Hodge's weekly update

Our whole-school theme this term is 'Let's Celebrate' and this week, we have been celebrating through awe and wonder. Our EYFS children started the week with a wonderful trip to Westonbirt Arboretum. They were brilliant nature detectives and matched seeds, such as acorns or large magnolia seeds, to their trees. They created leaf-characters using natural items collected from the forest floor, which have since been used back at school to practise and to create repeating patterns. We were very proud of the behaviour of our youngest children on their first school trip. Well done Zebra and Giraffe!

In year one, the children have had two forest school days this week, the first involving a bonfire, to fuel their senses and inspire their writing. As part of their learning about Diwali, they also loved Mrs Kaur-Singh's visit: they were very interested in her talk about Sikh Diwali and Guru Hargobind, admiring the beautiful clothes worn for the celebration and very much enjoying the tasty Indian treats (as did our staff!). Year one and two both enjoyed going to the woods in groups for forest school activities, including making elder jewellery and weaving wreaths.

In Leopard and Dolphin, as part of their History learning, the children have been learning about World War I and II: thinking about the experiences of soldiers, and of children who were evacuated, culminating in why we mark remembrance day. They were very fortunate, and fascinated, to hear about Mr Britton's lived experience of a childhood on the outskirts of Bristol during World War II. They then created beautiful poppy wreaths, which we displayed and referenced in assembly today whilst listening to a story called 'Where the Poppies Now Grow'.

A huge thank you to the parents who volunteered to support our trip to Westonbirt and to Mrs Kaur-Singh and Mr Britton for their generosity and time: trips and visits really do enrich our curriculum and make memorable learning experiences for our children. Your effort and support is much appreciated. A final thank you to Mrs Laraway for all her extra time and effort with forest schools this week: every child in the school has benefited.



Our Three Golden Rules

We are respectful.

We are ready to learn.

We walk proudly.

Our 'Star Learners' are selected each week for outstanding behaviour and attitudes, having demonstrated our three rules at all points and worked hard to be 'the best that we can be'. A huge well done and thank you to -

Harry L (Dolphins)

Freddie (Leopards)

Finley K (Lions)

Theo (Penguins)

Riley (Zebra)

Freddie (Giraffe)



The following children have been recognised as having been working especially hard this week to be 'the best that we can be'. Our Bromley Bears support children in developing personal attributes, with the aim of making successful lifelong learners.

<u>Giraffe class</u>	<u>Zebra class</u>	<u>Penguin class</u>	<u>Lion class</u>	<u>Leopard class</u>	<u>Dolphin class</u>
Joey Try New Things Bear	Teddy Understand Others Bear	Emma Challenge Bear	Jake Work Well Bear	Soren Improve Bear	Maddison Concentrate Bear
Maja Try New Things Bear	Brooke Understand Others Bear	Samantha Concentrate Bear	Edie K Work Well Bear	Josie Improve Bear	Ada Concentrate Bear



Holidays in term time

Please note that we are unable to authorise holidays in term time as per our policy (joint with BHJ), based on DFE and local guidance. Last year, our attendance figures were lower than previous years because of Covid-related illness absence; repeated outbreaks of chicken pox, and families going on holidays postponed due to Covid restrictions. Please do consider whether there are alternative options if booking a holiday in term time. A two week holiday will reduce your child's attendance over the year by over 5%, and below our target for each child; this results in significant loss of learning opportunities.

<https://www.bromleyheathinfantschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Attendance-and-Punctuality-Policy-January-2022-BHI-and-BHJ.pdf>

Bromley Heath Junior School Association presents



Wednesday 23 November 2022
7.00 - 9.00pm
Junior School Hall

£30 - includes all material and tuition
Cash bar selling drinks!

Purchase tickets via www.pta-events.co.uk/bhjsa
Limited to 50 people - first come, first served!

Photo Day

BROMLEY HEATH
INFANT
SCHOOL

MONDAY
14TH NOVEMBER



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*Friends of School
Presents.....*

Elfridges

Our Christmas Pop-up shop!

*For just £3.50 per gift your child can
select a present for someone special in
their life. We will help them wrap and
tag all ready to place under the tree for
Christmas morning!*

TO TAKE PART SIGN UP VIA THE PTA EVENTS PAGE

WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FRIENDSOFBROMLEYHEATHINFANTSCHOOL

*£3.50 per gift
3 gift limit*

Deadline for orders 11th November

Bromley Heath Infants



Bromley Heath
Infant School

'Be the best we can be'

Information for families who may be able to donate (and overleaf) or need this support.

Staple Hill



FOOD BANK

CRISIS FOOD SUPPORT AVAILABLE WITH NO REFERRAL
REQUIRED

Open:

Monday 12:30-4

Tuesday 10-3

Wednesday 10-1



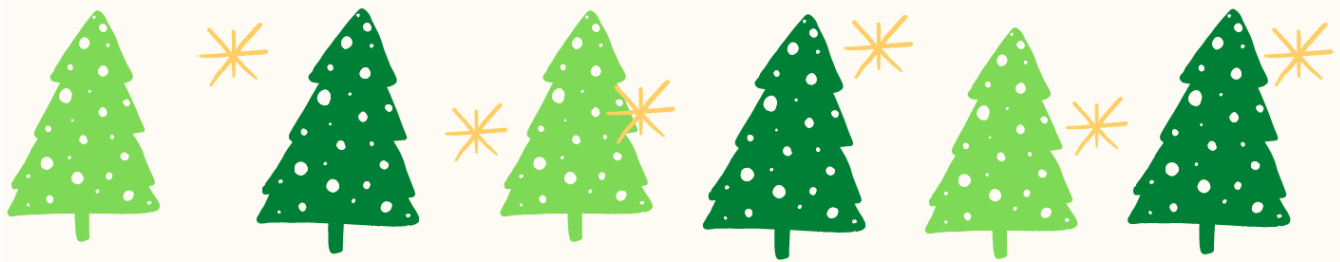
41 HIGH STREET,
STAPLE HILL,
BS16 5HD

PLEASE DONATE IF YOU CAN

We often need:

- Loo roll
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned tuna
- Baked beans
- Instant coffee
- Tinned soup

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REVERSE ADVENT CALENDER

Help support families in food poverty
this winter!

Each day choose an item to put in a box and at the end of the month, donate it to Ignite Life food bank to support families in need

As an example:

Dec 1st - Instant coffee

Dec 2nd - Pasta

Dec 3rd - Cereal

Dec 4th - Canned sweetcorn

Dec 5th - Pasta sauce

Dec 6th - Biscuits

Dec 7th - Rice

Dec 8th - Loo roll

Dec 9th - Long life milk

Dec 10th - Canned tuna

Dec 11th - Baked beans

Dec 12th - Tinned soup

Dec 13th - Jam

Dec 14th - Tinned fruit

Dec 15th - Tea

Dec 15th - Tea

Dec 16th - Sugar

Dec 17th - Instant noodles

Dec 18th - Jar of curry sauce

Dec 19th - Tinned vegetables

Dec 20th - Custard

Dec 21st - Tinned tomatoes

Dec 22nd - Rice pudding

Dec 23rd - Vegetable oil

Dec 24th - Deoderant

Dec 25th - Chocolates

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*Thank you for some truly
fabulous donations so
far!*

We need your help!

We are very passionate about play at BHIS and have been sorting and organising our classroom and outdoor learning environments. We have a few things missing that would enhance the children's play and wondered if you would be able to help? You may have old things at home that we would be very grateful to have and use at school.

Mud kitchen, sand and water play items	General items	Natural items
• Saucepans • Frying pans • Bowls • Ladles • Hand whisks • Bucket and spades • Measuring jugs • Sieves • Funnels • Rolling pins • Measuring spoons • Pipettes	• Beanbags to sit on • Dressing up clothes (this can include hats and accessories) • Toy babies, clothes and accessories • Screwdrivers • Tape measures • Animals and people figures • Cake/cookies cutters and tools for play dough • Plastic tea sets	• Large stones/pebbles • Interesting shells • Pine cones

There will be a box for donations outside the front of the school during school hours.

We will have lots of fun playing (and learning independently)!

Thank you in advance,

All of the team at Bromley Heath Infant School



DATES FOR DIARIES

w/c 7th and 14th November	Reading students in EYFS for two weeks
w/c 7th November	Awe and Wonder week: please ensure that children are sent to school wearing clothes suitable for outside on days specified in the Friday email.
Monday 7th November	EYFS school trip to Westonbirt Arboretum
Thursday 10th/ 11th	Student teachers starting in Penguin and Leopard (alongside class teachers and for this placement supporting in class). They will be with us on Thursday and Fridays until the end of term.
Monday 14th November	Individual photos
Tuesday 15th November	Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow (Y2)
Wednesday 16th November	Y1 Curriculum workshop for parents 18:00 Y2 Curriculum workshop for parents 18:30
Friday 18th November	Children in Need: children to wear spotty or Pudsey related clothes/ ears (if they wish) with a donation if able. Details to follow next week from school council about class events Nasal-flu vaccinations for children
Monday 21st, Wednesday 23rd and Friday 25th November	FOS 'Elfridges'. We will confirm which year group ahead of Elfridges.
Tuesday 22nd November	EYFS phonics workshop in the hall at 2.45pm (new sounds)
Wednesday 23rd November	Production of 'Beauty and the Beast' for the whole school by M and M Productions
Wednesday 7th December	Christmas songs performed for grandparents (9:30-10:30)
Wednesday 7th December	Full Governing Board Meeting 2
Friday 9th December	EYFS performance to parents (9:30-10:30)
Friday 9th December	Joint BHI/ BHJ FOS Christmas Fayre 3:20-6
Monday 13th December/ Tuesday 13th December	KS1 performance to parents. Times TBC
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas lunch
Thursday 15th December	Christmas parties
Friday 16th December	Last day of T2.
Tuesday 3rd January	INSET day. School closed to all children.
Wednesday 4th January	Term 3 starts.
Wednesday 11th January TBC	Y1 trip to We The Curious - no longer possible due to flood damage. An alternative is being investigated.
Tuesday 17th January	EYFS workshop for parents 18:00 (previously Wednesday 9th November)
Wednesday 18th January	Year 1 curriculum parent workshop 18:00 Year 2 curriculum parent workshop 18:30