

Friday 25th November



### Miss Hodge's weekly update

Our whole-school theme this term is 'Let's Celebrate' and festive preparations are in full swing at BHI. Christmas production songs are already sounding brilliant and on Wednesday, ahead of our own productions, we enjoyed a travelling theatre company performance of 'Beauty and the Beast'. The actors were very impressive and the children joined in with the pantomime elements - and singing! - with enthusiasm. A big well done to Mrs Woodhams and Miss Blackburn who were unexpectedly part of the show ...

In EYFS this week, the children have started learning their 'special friends' and enjoyed sharing their phonic knowledge with you. Alongside practising their songs and lines for the 'Sleepy Shepherd', they have been learning to play notes and tunes on glockenspiels, including in duets! I was very impressed.

In year one, in their DT lessons, they have been learning and practising their joining techniques ahead of their final design piece for a bag for 'Stickman'. Recently, we have been reviewing our art scheme of work and are sure that you will be impressed when you see their paper sculptures on their calendars!

In year two, we have been learning about what humans and animals need to survive following our visit from Jonathon Jungle, including how to keep our pets healthy and happy. As part of 'Let's Celebrate', the children have also learnt about passover, including tasting matzo crackers.

### 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 -

**Sophia (Dolphins)**

**Darcey T (Leopards)**

**Daisy (Lions)**

**Phoebe (Penguins)**

**Eddie (Zebra)**

**Eve (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>      |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Jesse<br>Challenge<br>Yourself Bear | Emmie<br>Challenge<br>Yourself Bear | Thalia<br>Imagine Bear     | Dara<br>Concentrate Bear | Adelyn<br>Challenge<br>Yourself Bear | Lilly S<br>Work Well Bear |
| James<br>Challenge<br>Yourself Bear | Bo<br>Challenge<br>Yourself Bear    | Finley<br>Concentrate Bear | Lewis<br>Keep Going Bear | Edie<br>Keep Going Bear              | Charlotte<br>Improve 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>

🎅🎅🎅 Santa's grotto is returning to the Christmas fayre on 9th December! Slots are filling up fast so please book yours via pta events (link below). Please note, year 1 and year 2 children will have the opportunity to sing at the fayre this year at 4.30pm for approx 10mins (school will be sending more info out about this next week). If you would like your year 1 or year 2 child to be involved in the singing please do not book a grotto slot for them at 4.20, 4.30 or 4.40pm. Thank you. Any questions please just ask. 🎅🎅🎅

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofbromleyheathinfantschool/index.cfm?event=shop#.Y3c4PZunxPy>

*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 15th - Tea                |
| Dec 2nd - Pasta            | Dec 16th - Sugar              |
| Dec 3rd - Cereal           | Dec 17th - Instant noodles    |
| Dec 4th - Canned sweetcorn | Dec 18th - Jar of curry sauce |
| Dec 5th - Pasta sauce      | Dec 19th - Tinned vegetables  |
| Dec 6th - Biscuits         | Dec 20th - Custard            |
| Dec 7th - Rice             | Dec 21st - Tinned tomatoes    |
| Dec 8th - Loo roll         | Dec 22nd - Rice pudding       |
| Dec 9th - Long life milk   | Dec 23rd - Vegetable oil      |
| Dec 10th - Canned tuna     | Dec 24th - Deoderant          |
| Dec 11th - Baked beans     | Dec 25th - Chocolates         |
| Dec 12th - Tinned soup     |                               |
| Dec 13th - Jam             |                               |
| Dec 14th - Tinned fruit    |                               |
| Dec 15th - Tea             |                               |

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Sun 4 Dec 4pm  
At Christ Church Downend

Bring your family to  
**CHRISTINGLE**  
A Downend tradition that  
marks the countdown to  
Christmas



Money raised for The Children's Society

**COUNTING DOWN to Christmas**

[www.christchurchdownend.com](http://www.christchurchdownend.com)

## COUNTING DOWN to Christmas



[www.christchurchdownend.com](http://www.christchurchdownend.com)

Sunday 11th December  
7pm Carols by Fairy Lights  
your festive favourites  
with a modern twist

Sunday 18th December  
7pm Carols by Candle-light  
Our decades old Downend  
family tradition

Discover more  
[www.christchurchdownend.com](http://www.christchurchdownend.com)

## COUNTING DOWN to Christmas



The waiting is nearly over. The big day is almost here.  
As darkness falls, relive the greatest story of all  
Crib Service - a Downend family tradition

**Christmas Eve 4pm**



*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                                                                                                                |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saucepans</li> <li>• Frying pans</li> <li>• Bowls</li> <li>• Ladles</li> <li>• Hand whisks</li> <li>• Bucket and spades</li> <li>• Measuring jugs</li> <li>• Sieves</li> <li>• Funnels</li> <li>• Rolling pins</li> <li>• Measuring spoons</li> <li>• Pipettes</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beanbags to sit on</li> <li>• Dressing up clothes (this can include hats and accessories)</li> <li>• Toy babies, clothes and accessories</li> <li>• Screwdrivers</li> <li>• Tape measures</li> <li>• Animals and people figures</li> <li>• Cake/cookies cutters and tools for play dough</li> <li>• Plastic tea sets</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large stones/pebbles</li> <li>• Interesting shells</li> <li>• Pine cones</li> </ul> |

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

|                                                |                                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 12th December                           | KS1 watch Junior production dress rehearsal; Juniors watch KS1 dress rehearsal     |
| Monday 12th December/<br>Tuesday 13th December | KS1 performance to parents (Monday 18:00; Tuesday 09:30)                           |
| 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.                                                                     |
| Thursday 5th January                           | Year 2 workshop from 'Green Up Your Act' on materials.                             |
| Wednesday 11th January                         | Y1 trip to British Aerospace: space workshop                                       |
| Tuesday 17th January                           | EYFS workshop for parents 18:00 (previously Wednesday 9th November)                |
| Wednesday 18th January                         | Year 1 curriculum parent workshop 18:00<br>Year 2 curriculum parent workshop 18:30 |
| Wednesday 1st February                         | Full Governing Board Meeting 3                                                     |
| Friday 10th February                           | End T3                                                                             |
| Monday 20th February                           | Start T4                                                                           |
| w/c 20th February                              | Science week                                                                       |
| w/c 27th February                              | Book Week (World Book Day—Thursday)                                                |
| Monday 27th February                           | UWE students return - Penguin and Leopard class                                    |
| Wednesday 8th March                            | Y1 trip to Noah's Arc Zoo (TBC)                                                    |
| Friday 10th March                              | Year 1 open afternoon                                                              |
| Monday 13th March                              | EYFS open afternoon                                                                |
| Wednesday 15th March                           | Full Governing Body meeting 4                                                      |
| Friday 17th March                              | Year 2 open afternoon                                                              |
| Friday 17th March                              | Sports Relief                                                                      |
| Tuesday 21st/ Wednesday<br>22nd March          | Parents' consultations                                                             |
| Friday 7th April                               | End T4                                                                             |