

BOWES
PRIMARY SCHOOL



LATEST NEWS

15TH DECEMBER 2023

REMINDERS

End of Term

School finishes on **Wednesday** at **2pm** for Nursery and Years 3 - 6. Reception and Years 1 & 2 will be dismissed at **2:10pm**. There will be no After School Club.



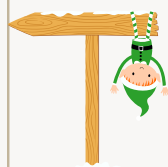
New Year

We return in the New Year on **Monday 8th January 2024**.



PERFORMANCES

A huge well done to all the children who have treated us to some fabulous performances recently. Our Reception classes brought lots of seasonal cheer with their singing and Year 2 amazed us with their Christmas Concert. Thank you to all the staff involved who have worked extremely hard to put these performances together. Next week, our Little Acorns Nursery will be sharing their Nativity with parents.





WINTER FESTIVITIES AT BOWES



This week, we held our movie screenings of 'The Polar Express' for children in Reception - Year 6 and our Nursery children enjoyed watching 'Stick Man'. Everybody had lots of fun watching a movie together in their pyjamas with a delicious hot chocolate. Thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to supervise the evening screenings.



A huge thank you to the Friends of Bowes and everyone who was involved in our recent **Winter Fair**. It was lovely to see the community coming together (even if the weather wasn't good to us!) to raise valuable funds for the school. Well done to all the children who performed, you were brilliant!



The festivities continue next week with our **class parties** on Monday and **Christmas Lunch** on Tuesday. Thank you to the Friends of Bowes for organising the discos and a gift for each class. Thank you in advance to Louis and his team, who will be cooking and serving hundreds of Christmas dinners.



SPRING TERM CLASS ASSEMBLIES



**SAVE
THE DATE**

The following classes will be performing their class assemblies in the first half of the Spring Term:

- Kalahari Class (Year 5) – Friday 19th January, 9:10am
- Olympic Class (Year 1) – Friday 26th January, 9:10am
- Amazon Class (Year 1) – Friday 9th February, 9:10am

CLASS PLANTS

As part of our work on sustainability and sharing the importance of nature, each class has been tasked with planting and caring for their own indoor classroom plant. The classes were provided with a cutting, pot, soil and information pack. The children had great fun preparing and naming their plant and now they take on the responsibility for caring for it. Our plants have some great names!



VIOLET

FLAME



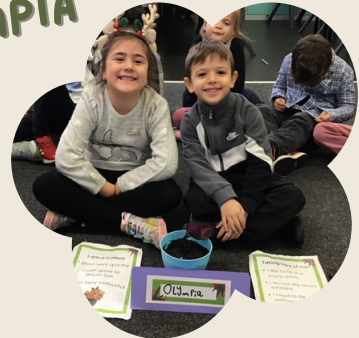
BAILEY



RAINBOW



OLYMPIA



BUDDY

KINDNESS WEEK



*Being kind is
the best way
to be.*

We have had a lovely time in school being extra kind to each other and ourselves and hopefully you will all have noticed some more kind acts going on at home as well! The children really enjoyed focusing on kindness and we heard so many lovely comments

*It makes you
warm and
happy inside.*

*If you're kind
other people will
be kind to you.*

during the week. Together, £427 was raised for the NSPCC/Childline charity which helps to keep children supported and safe. Thank you for your support!

*It makes your
days better, it's
a chain reaction.*



STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Nur (Amazon) and her husband, and Alex (Snowdonia) and his wife who both welcomed the arrival of baby girls in recent weeks. All are doing very well and we would like to wish them all the very best for the future.



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

As we approach the holiday period, please remember that we all have a responsibility to keep the children in our school, our local area and our wider community safe from neglect, abuse and trauma in whatever ways we can. In most cases our children are safe, healthy, happy and thriving, but we must always be vigilant to protect those too vulnerable to protect themselves. If during the holidays, you believe that a child is at risk of **immediate harm or danger** please phone **999** and advise the police of your concerns. Your information may help that child and family receive the help and support that they need to keep them safe.



DIARY DATES 2023/24

18th Dec 2023 End of Term Parties (non-uniform)
19th Dec 2023 Christmas Lunch (non-uniform)
20th Dec 2023 School Ends, 2pm and 2:10pm

8th Jan 2024 School Starts
19th Jan 2024 Kalahari Class Assembly, 9:10am
26th Jan 2024 Olympic Class Assembly, 9:10am
29th Jan 2024 **INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED**
9th Feb 2024 Amazon Class Assembly, 9:10am
12th – 16th Feb Half Term
28th Mar 2024 School Ends

15th Apr 2024 School Starts
6th May 2024 **BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**
27th – 31st May Half Term
24th Jun 2024 **INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED**
23rd Jul 2024 School Ends
24th Jul 2024 **INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED**



We would like to wish all our families, staff, governors and trustees a happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

