



Headteacher Newsletter 4 – 1st December 2023

Dear pupils and parents,

It's officially Christmas time in Bamford School! From Monday, Christmas jumpers can be enjoyed in place of the usual school jumper/cardigan. Please try to discourage your child from wearing/bringing in additional accessories until the last week of term. Antlers and jingly headbands can be quite distracting and we still have 3 weeks of term to go!

We have an exciting few weeks ahead of us! Please complete the Forms on Dojo to give permission if you wish your child to attend the Film Night and Panto. Orders for School Christmas dinner has now closed, thank you. If your child usually has a school dinner, they will automatically be given a Christmas dinner.

We have two opportunities for you to watch our Christmas Performance this year; Tuesday 19th at 6pm and Thursday 21st at 9.30am. The performances will be held at the church and will consist of the KS1 Nativity, carol singing and the KS2 Christmas play. We would like to encourage all children to attend the evening performance so please do come along to both. Extended family members are welcome.

Federation

The Federation process between Bamford and Grindleford schools will be complete as of 1st January.

Dojo

Dojo is a fantastic form of easy communication between the class teacher and parents. We really value it as a tool to help us liaise with families over important and urgent messages. Staff are encouraged to set 'quiet hours' on their phones so that messages do not encroach into their personal time but as we have such dedicated staff, it can be hard for them to 'switch off'. Therefore, please only use it for important communication. Urgent communication needs to go through the school office. Staff will not be responding to Dojo communication during the school holidays. If you need to get an important message to school during the weekends/ holidays, please email the school office.

Hometime

Now that the nights are drawing in, it would help us greatly if parents would come onto the school premises to collect children rather than waiting outside the gate on the road. This enables us to be 100% certain that all our children have been collected by their expected adult. It also allows us to pass on messages in a timely manner. If you have a dog with you, you are welcome to wait in the disabled parking bay.

Food in school

We are concerned that a minority of children may be sharing food from their packed lunches with each other. As we have some children with allergies we have reiterated to the children that this is not appropriate. Please reinforce this message with your child to prevent any further issues with this. We are a 'Nut-free' school and would like you to continue to support this.



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Student Council

The Student Council wish to thank everyone for their contributions to the Poppy Appeal day and the Bun sale for 'Children in Need' – we raised £161.95 for Children in Need which, for such a small school, is fantastic!

School Events

2 nd Dec	PTA Christmas Quiz – at The Anglers
8 th Dec	Film Night at school (complete Form on Dojo if attending)
11 th Dec	Whole school trip to Buxton Opera House to watch Cinderella Panto – leaving at 9am promptly
13 th Dec	School Christmas dinner
15 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Party (afternoon)
19 th Dec	Christmas Concert and Nativity 6pm
20 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Party (afternoon)
21 st Dec	Christmas Concert and Nativity 9.30am
22 nd Dec	INSET –school closed to children
8 th Jan	School open to children

Children can be collected from school on the last day of term, Thursday 21st December at the usual home time of 3.20pm (for KS1) and 3.30pm (for KS2). School is **closed** on Friday 22nd December and will **reopen** to all on Monday 8th January.

Kind regards

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