

Bamford Primary School

Newsletter 3 – December 2014

Staffing News

We are looking forward to welcoming Emma Coulson to teach Oak class after Christmas. Emma has already spent 2 days with the class to meet the children. She has also met with our specialist teaching and learning assistant – Hazel Fotherby - who will continue to work in this class, and our Local Authority Early Years Coordinator to plan for next term. Rebecca Morten will be moving to Beech class part time in January, where she will work with Charlotte Tierney. Sue Somerset has returned to her post, following recovery from her recent hip operation.

What is your child learning?

The children have had a busy time preparing for Christmas and have enjoyed all the events this term, including a pantomime, 'Dick Whittington,' by a touring theatre company. Thank you to everyone who has helped, attended or joined in our concerts, parties and service. Also a big thank you to Proctors Garden centre for the very generous donation of our lovely Christmas Tree. Our Enterprise week saw pupils designing and making products for the Christmas Fayre which contributed around £100 to the overall total.

After Christmas, our whole school topic will be 'Weather & Water.' Among other things, Oak Class will be learning about the seasons, Beech Class will be learning about transport, (including the Titanic) and water power, Ash Class will be learning about extreme weather including hurricanes, tsunamis and tornadoes and Willow Class will be learning about different climatic regions, through 'Famine and Feast.'

Fundraising/Donations

Thanks go to the Bamford Sheep Dog Trials Association, for a generous donation of £150. Other school projects have also raised much appreciated funds: School received nearly £100 each from the school photos and the Christmas cards, so thank you to everyone who ordered these. So far, we have purchased a new sound system for the school which has been used at choir practice, during school assemblies and in church, to great effect.

The PTFA have also been busy, and this term contributed towards the cost of the pantomime, dictionaries and atlases, and Christmas presents from Santa. The Christmas Fayre raised over £1000, which is amazing! Our thanks go to everyone who gives up their time and works so hard for the school through the PTFA. We are very keen for new families to become involved so if you can give up a little time, please contact the school or PTFA directly on BPTFA@bamford.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Charity donations – we raised around £100 for the British Legion Poppy Appeal and £120 for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone for your generosity. The collection

at the end of the Christmas Concerts and service was given directly to the church, towards its upkeep.

Sporting News

There is a Sportshall Athletics event for Y5/6 in January and the Y5 & Y6 children are learning netball, with Mrs Bland, with a view to putting together Netball teams in preparation for the tournament in February.

There are limited places for pupils to attend a climbing club at Hope Valley College next term. Look out for an email with further information.

The infant sports festival that was cancelled this term is due to be rescheduled – we will let you know when.

The children have enjoyed taking part in Indoor Bowls this term and plans are afoot for a grand final in January. Thanks go to June and Vic Poke from the Bradwell Bowls association for their time. We hope to extend this in the summer term with visits to the Bradwell Bowls venue and some healthy inter-school competition!

After (Before) School Clubs – from January

Monday	Computing (places may be limited) free Dance	Mr Friend Currently being organised	3.30-4.30
Tuesday	Breakfast Maths (Y5/6) - Free	Mrs Gemmell	8.10 – 8.40
	Running Club - Free MultiSports £3.50	Extra Time Sports Coach Extra Time Sports Coach	3.30-4.30
Wednesday	Choir - Free	Naomi Baynes	8.10-8.45
	Drama (Junior only this term)£3.50	Helen Rutter	3.30-4.30
Thursday	Breakfast Maths (Y5/6) - Free	Mrs Gemmell	8.10 – 8.40
	Craft Club - Free	Mrs Hoey	During school hours
Friday	Dodgeball £3.50	Extra Time Sports Coach	3.30-4.30

All clubs are run on site 3.30 to 4.30. Can we remind parents to collect promptly at 4.30.

We would like to remind you that Monday 5th January 2015 is an INSET day and the school is closed to children. We wish you a very happy and relaxing Christmas and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 6th January 2015.