# **Becket School Newsletter**



29<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

**School photos –** Tulip Photography will be in school on Friday 1st December for individual and sibling photos. If your child has PE or Forest School we ask that they come to school wearing school uniform with their PE kit/Forest School clothes and wellies in a named carrier bag.

**Year 5 Swimming** – In January year 5 will have the opportunity to take part in swimming lessons at Hutton Moor. This is a great part of the curriculum. We are asking for a contribution of £25 to go towards the cost of swimming this can be paid on ParentPay.

Home School Communication policy - We would like to draw your attention to the new MAT Home School Communication policy. Please click on the link to have a read through. <a href="https://www.kaleidoscopemat.co.uk/uploads/9/4/7/2/94728976/home\_school\_communication\_policy\_2023.pdf">https://www.kaleidoscopemat.co.uk/uploads/9/4/7/2/94728976/home\_school\_communication\_policy\_2023.pdf</a>

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day – On December 14th we will be having our delicious Christmas dinner and wearing our festive jumpers. Please book dinner via the Aspens-select website. If your child would like to donate, we are collecting money for the Save the Children Charity. Please note this is an optional donation and children can still wear their jumpers without donating.

**KS1 nativity – 6<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm and 3.30 pm -** The Nativity 'A Magical Christmas Journey' is well underway and we can't wait to show you.

**Year 3 and 4 Carol Concert** - Year 3 and 4 have been practising some wonderful Christmas songs to celebrate this fantastic time of year. We will be performing them on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall at 2.30pm. We hope our year 3 and 4 parents can join us for these celebrations.

**Year 5 and 6 Carol Concert** - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30 in the school hall. We will be sharing with you some of our favourite Christmas songs and poems, and hope Year 5 and 6 parents can join us in these festive celebrations.

**Goodbyes** - Mrs Utteridge will be leaving us at Christmas. She has spent 2 years in school and is now seeking new opportunities for her career. She has done a super job in Foundation stage and Year 2 at Becket and will be greatly missed, but we wish her well in her future endeavours. Mrs Chamberlain will also be leaving us at the end of the month. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Chamberlain for the support she has given the children during her time at Becket.

**Year 3 trip to Bristol Museum –** Last Thursday, Year 3 were lucky to visit Bristol Museum to further their learning about prehistoric Britain! They had a fantastic time exploring the museum and looking at some exciting fossils and minerals. Before they returned home, they took part in a workshop in which they all became archaeologists - they studied artefacts from the Palaeolithic, Neolithic and Bronze Age.



We have 24 wrapped prizes to be won throughout December. We will draw one ticket per day to win that days prize. You will receive a page with 24 tickets on. Fill out each day you wish to enter the raffle and one winner will be picked daily. Each day will cost 50p per entry, or enter all 24 for £10. There is an option to purchase all 24 days on parentpay. Please take completed tickets and payment to the school office by 24/11 to be entered. The BFC will be in the playground every day week starting 20/11 to take cash or card payment. The raffle will be drawn at the end of each school day.





parentpay please. If you have any concerns please speak to the office.





# 14th December

## **Chicken Festive Lunch**

Roast Chicken with Homemade, Roasties, Carrots & Gravy

or

# Homemade Cheese & Leek Sausages

with Roasties, Carrots & Gravy

## Dessert

Christmas Pudding Rice Krispie Ball Cut fruit, yoghurt of jelly available

> FOOD FESTIVAL

> > By Aspens

#### Polite reminders and useful information:

- Reminder: Children are parent's responsibility from the time we hand over at the end of the day.
- Please ensure you park safely and respectfully when dropping off or picking up children.
- Please make sure all clothing and coats are named.
- Please note that no persons under the age of 16 may collect children at the end of the day.
- Please remember that Becket School has a no nuts policy.
- Please do not allow children to play in the pre-school area afterschool. This area is for pre-school only.
- All children in Reception, year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal as part of the Universal Free School Meal campaign.
- If you claim qualifying benefits your child may be entitled to Free School Meals. Please follow the link to see if you are entitled. <a href="https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals">https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals</a>
- Aspens to book your child's school meals please visit <a href="https://select.aspens-services.com/">https://select.aspens-services.com/</a>
- Amanda King Beansprouts Childminders, runs the afterschool club. You can contact Amanda on 07854 569315
- Breakfast club is available daily from 7.45am and must be pre booked on <a href="https://app.parentpay.com/">https://app.parentpay.com/</a>

#### 2023-2024 Term dates, insets and important dates

#### Term 2 - Monday 30 October 2023 to

6<sup>th</sup> December Year R, 1 and 2 Nativity 'A Magical Christmas Journey' 1.30pm or 3.30pm

13th December Mini Police assembly Y5 Parents 2.30pm

14th December Christmas dinner Day (please book on Aspens-Select)

14th December Christmas jumper Day (optional £1 donation)

14th December Year 3 and 4 carol concert 2.30pm

15th December Year 5 and 6 carol concert 2.30pm

18th Nursery, pre-school, Reception and year 1 class party

19th Year 2,3 and 4 class party

20th Year 5 and 6 class party

20th December - Rock Steady concert to parents of those doing Rocky Steady and School

20 December 2023 – last day of Term 2

Term 3 - Thursday 04 January 2024 to Friday 09 February 2024.

**Inset 4th January** 

Term 4 - Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024.

Inset 19th February

Term 5 - Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024.

Term 6 - Monday 03 June 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024

Inset 23rd July

Mrs Amos – Executive Head

Miss Bembridge – Head of School

