



# Newsletter

## 2023-2024

### Issue 5 – 17th November

Believe to achieve!

'Roots will grow down into God's love to keep us strong.' – EPH 3:17

This term's value focus is Trust

## Message from Mrs Walch

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by saying thank you for your lovely donations towards the rainbow hampers, and to BEDSA for putting them together. I think you'll agree they look fantastic! They will be the raffle prizes for the rainbow raffle during the upcoming Bingo Evening.

We have had a few special days recently, with Remembrance Day, Odd Socks Day to mark the start of Anti-Bullying week and Children In Need Day. Thank you for all of your support towards these events. The children have been brilliant during these days, behaving respectfully during the Remembrance Assembly, learning about how good it is that we are all different, and enjoying putting their coins on our giant Pudseys. As you can imagine, counting all of those coins takes a long time, so we will announce the total once we have finished.

We have, this week, received a delivery of 30 saplings at our Lower Site from the Woodland Trust, to help towards developing our forest area, and I will be planting these with some volunteer children next week. This is really exciting, and we are hoping to use that area more and more (once the standing water has dried out). Mrs Howes is especially excited about this and has been planning all sorts of activities for the children to take part in.

In keeping with trying to develop our communication to you, and to give you as much notice for as many events as possible, I am pleased to say that we have now set the dates and times for our class assemblies. We have added these to the dates list below, so that you can add them to your calendars. As with last year, the children will share their learning with you in an assembly, then you are invited back to the classroom to look around and see their books. These times are a lovely opportunity to celebrate the children's learning.

Take care and God bless,  
Mrs Walch



## UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 28th November  
KS2 Trip to Malmesbury

Thursday 30th November  
Whole School Barn Theatre trip

Thursday 30th November  
Maths Information Evening for Parents - Postponed to later in the year due to staff capacity. Please accept our apologies.

Friday 1st December  
BEDSA - Guess the name of the reindeer game

Monday 4th December  
BEDSA Christmas Bingo

Thursday 7th December  
BEDSA Pop Up Shop - Preloved Uniform & Christmas Jumpers

Wednesday 13th (9.30am) & Thursday 14th Dec (1.30pm) -  
Lower Site Christmas Productions

Thursday 14th December (6pm)  
Upper Site Christmas Carol Service, Brinkworth Church

Friday 15th December  
Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day - Whole School at Lower Site

## The Value of Trust

The Bible story of Joshua and Jericho is a super example of putting trust in the Lord, and a Bible story that we have been learning about this week. Joshua was asked to trust God, even when the task given to him didn't seem like it would work. We have thought about how we can show our friends that we trust them, even if what they say doesn't seem like something we would say.

## Pupils of the week

The following children have received certificates in the last few weeks: Anya, Reuben, Louna, Poppy B, Aina, Rowan, Brodie, Bradley, Joshua, Angus, Oscar D, Yuma, David, Henry D, Catherine, Oscar A, Poppy G, Pippa H, Alex, Ben, Leah, Charlie BS  
Well done, everyone!



## Spotlight on ... forces families

At our school, we have a number of children who come from forces families. This means that one or both of their parents are serving in the Armed Forces. The children we have from these families in our school are fairly static families, but often schools will have children who move to a new school every few years. From my chats with our children from forces families, I can see that they are very proud of their parents, and love to tell me about what they have been doing, medals they have received, places they have been etc. Being a child of a forces family can sometimes be tricky, especially if their parent goes away on deployment. We currently have one family where the dad is on deployment, and another family will have their dad going away after Christmas.

At these times, it is important to look after both the children and the parents. Having been a single parent myself for a number of years, I can testify to the stress that this can bring, and I would encourage any forces families to reach out for any help we can give, whether that's a chat and a cup of tea at school, helping to order school dinners, or whatever else you need. We are here to help - please reach out to us if we can help. For the children, it's vital for them to have their friends around them and know that they have someone to play with. Forces parents - if you have a family member going on deployment, please speak with us so that we know and can support the child in school in the way that they need.

As a school family, it is important that we all look after each other; could you organise a play date to support a forces family? Could you ask them if they need anything? I heard a saying recently from a wise colleague - if one wins, we all win; if one breaks we all break. If you have capacity to help another school family in any way, please do so.



Dates for Brinkworth Church:

Messy Christingle - Sunday 3rd Dec 4pm in Brinkworth Church



## Christmas Productions

The Lower Site Christmas Production rehearsals are now under way, and the children are busy learning the songs and words ready to wow you!

They will take place on the following dates/times:-

Wednesday 13th December – 9.30-11.00am

Thursday 14th December – 1.30-3.00pm

Letters about costumes and tickets will be coming home soon.

The Upper Site Carol Concert is also under way, and the children are learning a variety of traditional carols ready to share with parents at the church in Brinkworth. This will take place on Thursday 14th December at 6pm. The children gave a wonderful Concert last year, and their singing was beautiful. I would encourage as many children as possible to attend this event; for me, it marks the start of my own Christmas as it always puts me in the festive mood. There will be a charity collection plate at the end, and the proceeds will be split equally between the church and the chosen charity - our worship council will be deciding this nearer the time and we will let you know.

## Remembrance Day

On Friday last week, five children from service families helped me to shared a special Remembrance worship on both sites. George and Sophie helped me at Lower Site, and Rafe, Harry and Ted led the Upper Site worship. We all thought about why 11th November is so important, and why we wear poppies. I will include the photo of the Lower Site children next time, as one was absent when I went to take their photo. It was also lovely to see so many children wearing their scouting and guiding uniforms.



## Children In Need

The children have once again enjoyed creating coin Pudsey bears for Children In Need this year. We are still counting the total collected, as this is a long process! If you are watching Children In Need this evening, you may see us as we have shared with them what we have been up to and sent them photos of our Pudseys.





Cash needed  
for festive  
games

Christmas  
raffle drawn  
7.30pm



# CHRISTMAS FAMILY BINGO

Prizes for a  
line and  
house

BRINKWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Monday 4th December 2023

5.30pm - 7.30pm

£5 a bingo book for 5 games

Refreshments available

Card payments accepted



## PRELOVED



Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – BEDSA Pop Up Shop

Preloved Uniform & Christmas Jumpers

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council  
PRESENTS

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & SHOPPING EVENING

Friday 1st  
December  
2023

5:30pm  
–  
8:30pm

Stalls, rides, food,  
Santa's Grotto,  
entertainment and more!

117 High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett, Wilts, SN4 7AU

Visit [enquiries@royalwoottonbasset.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@royalwoottonbasset.gov.uk), or call  
01793 850222

# Advance dates



Any updated dates in the future will be marked in red for you to be able to identify them easily..

Wednesday 20th December - End of Term 2

Christmas Holidays - 21.12.23-03.01.24

Thursday 4th January - Start of Term 3

Monday 15th January - Deadline for Primary School applications for September 2024

**Tuesday 6th February - Elm Class Assembly - 9.00am**

Wednesday 7th February - Safer Internet Day

**Thursday 8th February - Willow Class Assembly - 9.15am**

Friday 9th February - End of Term 3

Half Term - 12.02.24-16.02.24

Monday 19th February - Start of Term 4

Monday 19th February - Start of Birch Class swimming lessons

Tuesday 27th & Thursday 29th February - Parents Evenings, held at Upper Site for all classes

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th March - Y4 Residential Trip to Braeside

**Friday 15th March - Oak Class Assembly - 9.00am**

**Thursday 21st March - Rowan Class Assembly - 9.15am**

Tuesday 26th March - Easter Service - Whole School Day at Upper Site

Thursday 28th March - TD Day - Children not in school

Easter Holidays - 29.03.24-12.04.24

Monday 15th April - Start of Term 5

Monday 13th May - KS2 SATS week

**Wednesday 15th May - Beech Class Assembly - 9.00am**

Wednesday 22nd May - NextGen Class Photographs

**Thursday 23rd May - Birch Class Assembly - 9.15am**

Friday 24th May - End of Term 5

Half Term - 27.05.24-31.05.24

Monday 3rd June - Start of Term 6

Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June - Y6 Residential Trip to Morfabay

Thursday 20th June - Induction Meeting for Parents of new Foundation Stage children

Friday 28th June - Sports Day

Thursday 4th July - Brinkworth Earl Danby's Summer Fete - 6-8pm

Friday 5th July - TD Day - Children not in school

Thursday 11th July - Shuffle Up Day

Friday 12th July - Reserve Sports Day

Wednesday 17th July - End of Year Leavers Production - afternoon & evening performances

Thursday 18th July - Year 6 Leavers' Party

Tuesday 23rd July - Year 6 Leavers' Church Service - all of school at US in the morning

Tuesday 23rd July - End of Term 6