



# Newsletter

## 2023-2024

### Issue 6 – 8th December

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,

What a busy few weeks it has been! Last week saw an Upper Site trip to Malmesbury, where we learnt about the history and geography of the place. We even stood in the same room that King Henry VIII ate a banquet! I think I was more excited by this than the children, but they enjoyed learning other things, such as the fact that the doorway of the old fire station (now the town hall) needed to be carved out a little when they had a new fire engine in the 1960s!

We also enjoyed a whole-school trip to the theatre on Thursday last week, where the wonderful cast members delayed the start of the show so that we could all arrive - one coach took the long way round! It was a fantastic performance, and it was great to see the actors being the musicians as well - a really talented bunch.

This week, it was Lower Site's turn for excitement. We had a power cut yesterday! The children had a wonderful time, with a picnic in the hall on the PE mats at lunchtime. Some of them even asked if we could do that again! Thanks go to the staff in the kitchen, who whipped up over 100 packed lunches on a moment's notice yesterday. They have confirmed that the kitchen is back up and running, so normal service will resume from Monday; thank you for your understanding today. Since the flood in half term, we have been relying on electric heaters to warm up the site, but obviously they couldn't work in the power cut... Fortunately, the replacement was fitted yesterday, so today we are piping hot!

A letter is coming home today about the whole-school Christmas Day next week, so that's something to look out for. We have also sent out a parent comms regarding the Upper Site carol service next Thursday.

I'd like to end on some fantastic news. Mrs Cross' treatment has gone really and she is planning on returning after Christmas on a part time basis to start with. I'm sure you join me in a prayer of thanks at her speedy recovery. She will need a little time off for some further treatment later in term 3.

Take care and God bless,  
Mrs Walch



## UPCOMING DATES

Friday 8th December (6.30PM)  
Carols Around the Tree at  
Brinkworth Church

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

Sunday 17th December (6.00pm)  
Carols and Readings at Dauntsey  
Church

Monday 18th December  
Y5 Trip to Somerhill Care Home

Wednesday 20th December  
End of Term 2

21.12.23-03.01.24  
Christmas Holidays

Thursday 4th January  
Start of Term 3

## The Value of Trust

Collective worships this term continue to focus around the value of trust. As advent begins, we have been thinking about how Mary trusted the angel who came to tell her that she was having a baby. We also thought about how God trusted Mary to be the one to look after Jesus. This made us think about how trust is a two-way thing, and how we can work on this in our friendships.

## Pupils of the week

The following children have received certificates in the last few weeks: Faye, Fin, Eric, Melie, Alexa, Ruari, Isla D, Cody, Daisy G, Aurora, Libby, Kate, Poppy B, Christopher, Alfie, Rosemary, Katrina, Amelia, Olivia, Lottie, Eva, Seth, Ava, Josie, Sam C, Jensen, Pippa

Well done, everyone!



## Spotlight on ... BEDSA's fundraising

At our school, we have a very dedicated committee of people who raise funds for our school. Last year, they gave us around £8000 for various projects, and this allows us to provide an even better experience for the children in our care. This obviously relies on them giving up their time and talents to plan and deliver events to raise this money. I would like to say a huge thank you to the team for everything they do, and for the support they give our children. They are always welcoming new volunteers, even if you can only help occasionally. Please contact them on [bedsacontact@gmail.com](mailto:bedsacontact@gmail.com) if you are able to support them, and therefore our school. They put on wonderful events that the children really enjoy. Most recently, we have had the Bingo Evening, and what a great night it was!

Here is a message from BEDSA:

The bingo, raffle and the squish mallow competition together raised over £1180, which is incredible at this time of year in the current climate. A huge thank you to everybody who supported our fundraising efforts.

Well done to the competition winner David Mitchell who correctly guessed Felix as the reindeer's name.

Well done to all of the raffle winners: Faye Perrett, Becky Newman, Libby Smith, Craig Logan, The Oliver family, Ceri Cryer, Rosemary Crabb, The Jones-Cook family, Bev Powe, Sharon Hitchings, Nikki Waterman, Tereza Possolo, Sibley family, Gemma Ross, The Broadhurst family, the Durrans family, the Sjoberg family, Aimee Hull and Miss Mewis. Congratulations and we hope you enjoy your raffle prizes and days out and experiences!

From all of the BEDSA team we wish you a very Merry Christmas.



## Fundraising in Tesco for BEDS

Tesco Stronger Starts has selected Brinkworth Earl Danby's CE Primary School to compete for a grant!

When people receive blue tokens, they will choose which cause they would like to support.

Stronger Starts is about supporting early years so we have asked for funding for Beech Class.

Ms Mewis our Beech Class teacher, said, "As a knock-on effect of the Covid pandemic children haven't had the same opportunities to use school resources and experience the structure and different forms of play and learning. It has changed how children learn and we need to work on providing better ICT resources to build skills and teach them in the ways that they can respond. We also want to build core muscles and motor skills and encourage reading and the enjoyment of books. The project aims to give children the best possible start for their first year of education to thrive in their environment and begin their learning journey. Our aim is to build resilience and confidence in their abilities. We would like to broaden experiences that haven't been possible at home and support the community by getting educational resources for not just this set of pupils first year of learning but future children as well. Many of the existing resources are old and have been kept going as long as possible but new items would be amazing! Budgets are really tight and it would be fantastic to receive the funding for this project."

Voting will commence in store from Mid-January 2024 until the end of March 2024 in the following stores.

Please support Beech Class at Brinkworth Earl Danby's CE Primary School.

2521 Foundry L Chipphm Exp SN15 1JB Small unit

5059 Lyneham Chippenhm Exp SN15 4PS Small unit

5257 Frogwell Chipphnm Exp SN14 0JH Small unit

5758 Chippenham SN15 3JP Large unit

5758 Chippenham SN15 3JP Small unit

6882 Pewsham Local Cent Exp SN15 3SY Small unit

## Remembrance Day

As promised, here is the photo of the children from Lower Site who helped me to lead the Remembrance Worship last month. They did a super job, standing at the front and sharing information about Remembrance Day with the rest of the children. Well done, you two!



## Children In Need Podcasts

As part of their work in computing lessons, Rowan class have been creating podcasts about our Children in Need Day. These are available to listen to on their class page, or by clicking the link [here](#).

They sound very professional, and the children developed lots of skills in putting these together, including how to edit out the parts they didn't want to include!





We need sleep to function but sleeping doesn't come with a manual. It can be confusing finding the right information and advice about sleep that you can trust. The Sleep Charity produces a wide range of evidence-based information on all aspects of sleep from triggers to treatments.

# **Sleep Tight Workshop**

**4 weeks, 90 minutes per week**  
**January 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>,  
February 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**1:15pm – 2:45pm**

**Malmesbury Primary School Pod**

Must be able to attend all sessions.

**Places are limited to 10**

No children, please.

Free Parking is available off site.

**To register please contact**

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**Don't forget your teddy. *Zzzzz***

Wiltshire Sports Academy - bookings for Term 3 after school clubs will shortly be available on the Wiltshire Sports Academy website. As previously advised, unfortunately they are no longer able to offer the Monday after school multi sports club at the Lower Site.



Wiltshire Sports Adacemy are also running a Christmas Mainstream Football Holiday Camp - details and bookings can be made [here](#).

# Advance dates



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

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