



Bradfield C of E (Aided) Primary School

December 2019



Dear Parents and carers,

The end of term is nearly upon us and the excitement of Christmas is clearly mounting across the school, and in your homes too I am sure. We have talked in school about the difficulty of waiting and how we need to be prepared not only in our homes but in our hearts. While we wait, we are able to reflect on the things which make us thankful and on the people who enrich our lives, helping us to be ready to welcome Jesus into our hearts.

Our Reverse Advent Calendar is another reminder that we can help others with simple gestures. The response has been overwhelming and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your generosity. These gift boxes will definitely help bring some Christmas cheer to some elderly and isolated neighbours.

As always, this term has been full of activities (not to mention a visit from Ofsted!) and I want to thank our wonderful staff for the continuing effort they put into creating lasting memories for the children. From dancing like a star to making a stone age axe, I am sure that these are moments the children will remember in years to come! Whilst we look forward to the end of term and some welcome rest and relaxation I know that the teachers are already planning more excitement for the coming term.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Monty and Connie Stringer all the best in their new school as they leave us to embark on a new adventure.

Polite reminder

Please drive carefully near school and be aware of pedestrians, especially in wet weather. We are aware of people being splashed by passing motorists as they walk to or from school. Please therefore take extra care when driving in wet conditions.

There has also been a near miss recently when children ran out in front of a car; please remind your children of their road safety responsibilities. Similarly, please can we remind parents/carers not to park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside school or to use the school car park as a dropping off point. Thank you for your cooperation.

New website

We hope you all agree that our new website is an improvement on the old one, with some fantastic photographs taken by Mrs Sawtell. Check out the latest news section for the latest activities/events.

Y3 Stone Age museum

Y3 children shared their Stone Age Museum with parents last week, and also presented an assembly to share their history learning. This was a culmination of all their hard work this term. Harry was pleased to report that they had made Stone Age axes out of flint, wood and twine, and Alfie told about Paintings on walls that showed people hundreds of years later what life was like in Stone Age times. It was agreed by the class that they have enjoyed this topic "very much".

For details about events, latest news etc please visit <https://www.bradfieldceprimary.co.uk>

Christmas events

Christmas lunch - Children from all classes sat together for their Christmas lunch last Friday. Festive hats were made in class and worn proudly by all (including staff!) alongside an incredible array of Christmas jumpers. A big thank you to the kitchen staff for a delicious meal and to all the volunteers who joined us making it a real community event.

It was also Save the Children Christmas jumper day, and we raised a fantastic £100.15 for the charity.

Christmas Shhhop - last week the PTA held their annual Christmas Shhhop, raising much needed funds for the school. Children from across the school were able to choose a gift for their loved ones and have it wrapped ready for the big day. The choice was incredible and for some almost proved too much! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped organise and run this fantastic event.

Infant Nativity performances - children from Oak, Hawthorn and Hazel classes performed in "The Landlord's Cat" last week. They worked really hard to learn their songs, and everyone agreed that they all did a great job. Many thanks to the staff who gave up their time to help with the costumes and scenery. Thank you also to everyone who donated to the collection which raised £90.94 for the school.

Infant Christmas craft day – children from Reception, Y1 and Y2 have been working in house groups to produce some fantastic crafts. The day has been thoroughly enjoyed by all, and thank you to the parents who came in to help.

The week ends with our **Christingle Service** on Weds 18th December at 2pm, and our **Carols and celebration assembly** on Thursday 19th December at 9am. Term finishes at 1.30pm on Thursday 19th December.

Dates for your diaries – (please keep checking the school website calendar for dates)

Tues 17th December – Non-uniform day and Christmas discos

Weds 18th December – 2pm Christingle Service

Thurs 19th December 9am Carols and Celebration assembly. Term finishes at 1.30pm

Mon 6th January 2020 – Spring term starts

Facebook Page. You can find us at www.facebook.com/bradfieldceprimary.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2020 .

Caroline Johnson

Berkshire Maestros Christmas course

Woodwind, brass and percussion Christmas Course

On Friday 20 December 2019 9am – 3pm

At The Croft Hall, Hungerford, RG17 0HY

£25

For more info please visit

www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk

Berzerk's production "Into the Woods"

18th – 22nd December 2019 at the Alan Cornish Theatre,
The Oakwood Centre, Woodley

Tickets £11.75 (family deals available)

An engaging and funny musical comedy that twists
familiar fairy tales into a brand new story.

Book now at

www.ticketsource.co.uk/berzerkproductions

Jubilee Christmas holiday clubs

20th – 24th December 2019 and 2nd – 3rd Jan 2020 8am – 6pm

School Road, Padworth. www.jubileejets.co.uk or call 01189834018. Early booking
essential.