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Bassingbourn Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

What an exciting and full term we have had in school this autumn. A huge **thank you** to all FOBS members, staff, parents/carers and children who supported the Christmas Fayre this year. It was a roaring success and for many children, it was the first time they had met Father Christmas! A total of £1518 was raised.

The snow might force some things to a halt but we made sure it did not stop our children having fun on our field. It was a joy to watch so many of them playing. Here, we very much believe that allowing children the freedom and time to play brings out the very best in them.



All classes across the school recently enjoyed their Christmas parties. The staff certainly picked up some new dance moves!

This year was the first time we held a festive-themed Book Fayre – 'Jingle Books' complete with music, pigs In blankets and hot chocolate. Thank you to all of you who came in to browse or buy books this year. The money raised goes straight back into purchasing new books from Scholastic. We took in more than we ever have done, with a total of £898.54!



We are proud of our EYFS children who put on a wonderful Christmas Nativity for the school and their family members. Performing on stage in front of hundreds is a big step, especially for 4 and 5 years olds. Well done to all of you!

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We'll see you in 2023!

Mrs Coles

DATES

January 5th – Start of term
for the children

Monday 9th January – EYFS
Parent Phonics Zoom
Session

**Thursday 19th January—
Census Day Can you help?**

The more children we have signed up for a school dinner on this day, the more funding the school receives to spend directly on our pupils.

Monday 23rd January –
FOBS KS1 Movie Night



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Headteacher's Awards

Carly, Jonah, Joseph, Caitlin, Ralph, Annabel, Vinnie, Olivia, Seth, Holly, Lulu, Mya, Hugo, Evelyn, Isla, Grace, Lizzie, Priya, Marshall, Wayde, Theo, Luke.

Well done to you all!



Staff Updates

Mrs Thompsett has made the difficult decision to end her role as class teacher in Year 5. We are delighted that she will continue to stay on in our school in a slightly different role, as a tutor for key groups of children. Mrs Thompsett has been extremely committed to her class teacher role in her time with us and we would like to thank her for the endless care and compassion she has shown to all of the children she has taught.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Risdale (also a governor) who has joined us in the front office on a temporary basis, until February.

In the new year we will be joined by some further new members of staff. They are:
Mrs Worboys, who will begin her role as a teaching assistant in KS1 in February.

Mrs Moore, who will join us as a teaching assistant in KS1 in January.

Mrs Harrison, who will be starting in the role of office administrator in January.

Mrs Boote, who has been appointed to the role of lunchtime supervisor. She will begin her role in January.

We look forward to welcoming them all to the team!

Mrs Green finished in her role as class teaching assistant this week and will instead take on the role of daily Pastoral Lead in January. Her work this term in the Front Room (supporting children with their social and emotional development) is having a significant impact on our children and we wish to support her in devoting more time to this important role.

School Development

What have we been doing this term to improve the opportunities and outcomes for our children?

- Our exciting new reading approach is being delivered across the whole school. Children are extremely positive about this change.
- Our new phonics scheme is being taught consistently across EYFS-Year 2.
- The work to develop our new website is almost complete, with it being due to go live in spring 1.
- All Year 1 children now take part in our daily play-based learning approach. Watching the children learning through play in the courtyard in all weathers is a joy!
- The development of our new Core Purpose (vision) is nearly complete. We look forward to sharing this with you all in the new year.
- Our new arrangements for assemblies mean that every week, children from Yr1-6 take part in cultural enrichment assemblies. Throughout the course of the year, every teacher will deliver one on a personal interest of their choice. This term our topics have include Japanese culture, pantomime dames, Christmas traditions around the world, support dogs and life in Wales.

Safeguarding

No doubt many children will enjoy a little extra screen time during the holidays. Please talk to your children about how they can keep safe whilst online.



...useful tips for Parents and Carers

Attendance

Highest attendance awards since the last newsletter go to:

Week Beginning 28/11, Swordfish Week Beginning 5/12, Orcas

Week Beginning 12/12, Dolphins Week Beginning 19/12, Sea Otters

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