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NEWSLETTER 10

Dear Parents and Guardians

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that Mrs Sarah Williams, the Pre-Prep music teacher, passed away earlier this week after a short illness. Mrs Williams only joined our school in September but during the past three months she had established herself as a caring, enthusiastic and outstanding teacher. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Mrs Williams's family at this sad time.

The children were told the news during assembly yesterday. Please be aware that some children may wish to ask further questions, in the surroundings of their own home. The following web link offers some simple suggestions and ideas should you wish to use them: <https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/help/bereaved-family-friends/supporting-grieving-child>

Aftercare

If you need to contact aftercare between 4.00-6.00pm to make any changes to your pick up arrangements you will now be able to email on aftercare@bromsgrove-school.co.uk. Please do not use this email for bookings. All bookings must still go through the office.

Year 1

Year 1 were greeted by Year 3 pupils on Tuesday for a fun filled morning of woodland activities at the Prep School. Working in pairs the children completed a quiz, decorated candle holders and made popcorn on the fire in Forest School. It was lovely to hear the children from the different year groups working together, sharing ideas and listening to each other. Reminder: On Tuesday 1st December Year 1 will be visiting Upton Warren. The children will need to come to school as normal in their school uniform. They should bring coats, warm socks and Wellington boots in a plastic bag. Please arrive at school promptly.

Holiday Club

Christmas dates: 17th to 18th, 21st to 23rd December, 4th & 5th January

Holiday Club forms are available for the Christmas holidays, from outside the office. Today is the deadline for all bookings. You can also print out forms via the website <http://www.bromsgrove-school.co.uk/afterschoolandholidaycare.aspx>. **Please note the school is closed on Wednesday 6th January due to staff training. The Lent Term starts on Thursday 7th January.**

Mini Reds Tennis Tournament Bromsgrove School Tennis Academy

We are pleased to announce the third of our tennis tournaments. This will take place on Sunday 29th November, 1pm to 4pm at the Bromsgrove School Main Arena. The tournament is open to anyone aged 8 and under of any standard (the tournament will be split into two ability groups with a certificate for everyone and a prize for the winner of each group). The cost is £12.00 per entry. There is no need to pre-book. Enrolment and payment will be made on the day (max of 50 participants). Equipment can be provided free of charge. For further details please contact Mr Richard Lawton: Director of Tennis at rlawton@bromsgrove-school.co.uk or contact reception on 01527 572129.

Advent Service

Christmas preparations will begin in earnest next week; there is already a great deal of glitter and sparkle coming out of the cupboards. The children have been rehearsing for the different seasonal services, the first of which is this Sunday in the school Memorial Chapel. The candlelit Advent Service starts at 5.30pm and is a wonderful way in which to begin the Christmas preparations. Pupils from Year 2 will be taking part and parents, family and friends are most welcome. Please can all **Year 2** children arrive at the Chapel in full school uniform (blazers, but no hats/caps) for **5.15pm** where they will be met by the staff. Please park in the South Gate (swimming pool) car park.

Car Park

Please can I remind all parents and carers to closely supervise their children in the car park at all times. The mornings and evenings are now dark and the car park is extremely busy at drop off and collection time but there have been instances recently which have given cause for concern.

Junior Swimming Squad

Junior squads (5.30pm – 6.30pm) is cancelled on December 1st due to the swimming match against Warwick.

Christmas Cards/ChildLine

We will be supporting 'ChildLine' again this year by asking children to only bring one Christmas card in to School for their class and to donate the money that would have been spent on Christmas cards to 'ChildLine.' Christmas cards can be brought into school from Tuesday 1st December and there will be a collection box outside the office for donations (in a sealed envelope please). The school has had a close association with this charity for many years. Please help us to continue with this tradition.

Chapel Rehearsal

Years 1 and 2 are going to the Memorial Chapel on Wednesday 2nd December for a rehearsal for their Christmas Service. Please make sure children arrive at school promptly.

P.A. Christmas Shopping Event

On Monday 14th December the PA will be holding their annual Christmas Shopping morning for the children in school. In order for this to be as successful and enjoyable as previous years the PA are asking for any donations of unwanted gifts. We are particularly in need of presents for men. Collecting boxes will be placed outside Nursery and in the main school entrance hall. Please support this wonderful and special event for the children.

Reminders

- Please can you contact the office with any changes to parent contact details and addresses.
- Would all parents please remember to sign children in to school if they are late for registration or have had a medical appointment. Your child should also be signed out of school if they are sent home due to illness or need to leave early.

Prep Events

- All aftercare bookings for Thursday 3rd December (Prep Junior Christmas Concert 3.00pm) have now been noted.
- If you have a child at the Prep School and will be attending the Prep Junior Christmas Service on Monday 14th December at 2.45pm you may wish to book aftercare for your Pre-Prep child. We would appreciate as much notice as possible so that we can organise extra staff if necessary.
- Prep children in Years 3 & 4 will finish at 12.00pm on Wednesday 16th December. If you have children in Nursery, or Reception please collect your Pre-Prep children **first**; your Prep child will be supervised until you arrive at the Prep School. This system should help alleviate car park congestion at both schools.

School Bus Service

Please be aware there will be no bus service after the morning run on Wednesday 16th December.

END OF TERM - Collection times Wednesday 16th December

Nursery	12 noon	Reception	12.10 p.m.
Year 1	12.20 p.m.	Year 2	12.30 p.m.

If you have children to collect in different year groups, please collect them all at the later time, with the eldest child.

Lost Property

Oliver Jones-Elliott 1C – green swimming goggles and named school sweatshirt.

Morgan Kirkden-Smith 2W – school fleece.

Curtis Norton 1C – black waterproof coat.

Star Pupils

Congratulations to Bertie Fountain, Alfie Smith, Leo Fuller, Harry Helmore (Reception), Alfie Aston, Ndanji Simbeye, Isobel Boardman (Year 1), Eva Mein, Henry Foster, Emily Wiggins, Henry Conyers (Year 2) for being this week's Star Pupils. They were each presented with their golden star and certificate in assembly yesterday.

Yours sincerely,

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