

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

You should have received a letter earlier in the week about the run up to Christmas. We aim to make school as Christmassy as possible to give our children some sense of normality, but there are some things that we won't be able to do. Some key points:

- We regret we are not able to hold our usual Christmas Fayre or Year 4 Christmas Show this year.
- Year 4 are working on a Christmas video instead, and this will be made available on our website before the end of term.
- We are holding a Christmas raffle details below.
- On the last day of term, we will have an optional early finish, but this will be a bit different from usual. Years 3 and 5 can be collected at 1.30pm, Year 6 at 1.40pm and Year 4 at 1.45pm. Any difficulties with siblings, please contact Miss Lodge: e.lodge@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk The gates will be locked at 1.50pm and any child not collected by then will have to stay in school until the usual finish time. Year 5 and Year 6 children can go home alone at the earlier time if we have written consent. This consent must be sent in by Monday 14th December at the latest. Likewise, if you want your Year 5 or 6 child to take your Year 3 or 4 child home, please contact Miss Lodge.
- Children can bring in Christmas cards, but the envelopes must be folded and not licked. We will quarantine the cards for three days before distributing them. The last day to bring in cards is Monday 14th December.
- We will have a non-uniform/Christmas jumper day on Friday 11th December. We are inviting optional donations to Save the Children.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our Christmas Dinner is taking place on Tuesday 15th December, and this is available to book on School Grid. This is open to all children, including those that normally bring a packed lunch. If you have no access to School Grid, please contact the office staff who will be happy to help you.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Thank you to all the parents who have said they are happy to buy gifts for other families. We have not had any families who have said they would like to receive them, so we will not need any gifts sent in. If you and your family are struggling this Christmas, please do reach out to us and we will try to help. Please contact Mrs. Liddington.

MR. ALI'S QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The more you read, the more you can write and the further you can get in life." Ellie Mae, 6SA

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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Although we cannot hold a Christmas Fayre this year, we are having a raffle, and tickets will go on sale next week, charged at £2 for a strip of 5 tickets. We have some excellent prizes, including a bike, a Kindle Fire, some board games and some hampers. We will be outside school most days selling tickets, and the draw will take place during the last week of term; we will stream the draw to the classes so the children can watch. In order to boost the prize list, we are asking for donations of certain items that we can make up into hampers.

Next week, we are asking you to bring in the following if you can afford to:

Year 3: Chocolate and confectionary items, including boxes of chocolates.

Year 4: Toiletries and pampering/grooming items for men.

Year 5: Toiletries and pampering items for women. Year 6: Items for "coffee time" - tea, coffee, biscuits, mince pies.

The items can be brought in throughout the week, and please don't worry if you are unable to bring anything. Please ensure the items you bring are new, unopened and well within their use-by date. All proceeds of the raffle will go into School Fund, which is all used to buy nice things for the children. Thank you, as always, for your help and support.

DIARY DATES

Fri 11 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Tue 15 Dec	Christmas Dinner
Fri 18 Dec	Last day of term
Mon 4 Jan 2021	Teacher Day - school closed
Tue 5 Jan	School reopens

THIS WEEK'S TEAM POINTS

1	Team Malala (Yellow)	922
2	Team Cadbury (Red)	765
3	Team Lewis (Blue)	762
4	Team Zephaniah (Green)	753

THIS WEEK'S ACT OF KINDNESS AWARD Giselle (5M)

GENRE AWARD THIS WEEK Bronze: Dylan T (5S)

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Lacey-Rae (3L) Year 4: Phoebe (4CP) Year 6: Brontie (6LA) Year 5: Renesmee (5S) Year 6: Alya (6SA) Year 6: Kaiya (6SA)

BEECHES BRILLIANT WRITERS

Last week's winner: Jesse (4KP) This week's title: A Christmas Wish for the World

ATTENDANCE

Whole School This Week: 83% This Year So Far: 88.3%

PUPIL OF THE WEEK