



Autumn Term – November Update 2

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It seems Christmas is approaching and the early snow has definitely set the mood!

There are a lot of exciting events coming up with our Year 4 Egyptian Day, Year 6 Duxford Trip as well as the upcoming Year 3 and 4 Carol Concert and Year 5 Play. It is going to be full steam ahead and I can't wait!

Mr Armoogum



Autumn Term 2024 Dates

22 nd Nov	INSET DAY
2 nd Dec	Yr6 Duxford Trip
4 th Dec	Flu vaccinations catch up
5 th Dec	PTA non uniform day (hamper donation)
6 th Dec	Yr3 Trip to Verulamium
10 th Dec	Yr3&4 Carol Concert
11 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
12 th Dec	PTA Christmas Hamper Raffle draw
14 th Dec	PTA Odyssey trip
16 th Dec	Yr 5 Production
19 th Dec	Gingerbread village.
20 th Dec	END OF TERM AT 1:30PM
7 th Jan	TERM STARTS
22 nd Jan	Yr 6 Young Voices at 02

Gingerbread Village



We plan to set up a gingerbread village in the hall on the week of Monday 16th December and are hoping lots of families will get involved. Your building can be made from a kit or you can make it from scratch. You do not have to make a house but could make anything that you might find in a town. **Please bring your creations in on Wednesday 18th December** to the classroom so we can set up the village.

They should be brought to school on sturdy boards so they can be easily carried. It would be good if the boards are only slightly bigger than the creations and if they are covered with white paper or silver foil.

Classes will visit the display on Thursday 19th December and parents can come and visit after school on the same day. The village will be dismantled on Friday 20th, ready to be taken home at the end of the school day. *We look forward to this new BHJS event and hope there are many contributions for our gingerbread village.*

PTA Chairs

As you will have seen, our PTA has been looking for a new chair/co-chairs to continue the great work our PTA bring to our school.

They have already raised funds to help update our IT suite and are looking to support with the development of our outdoor quiet areas.

Unfortunately, we are yet to find someone to take on this role. This will mean that after Christmas, the PTA will not be able to organise any further events which bring valuable money for the school.

If you are someone who can help, please contact Nicole Bryant on pta@bernardsheathjnr.herts.sc.h.uk to talk through how you can help.

Thank you.

Instagram and Facebook

As mentioned in our previous newsletter we are expanding our use of social media on the platforms Instagram and Facebook and will be sharing photographs and news stories over the festive period.

To join us please use the following links:

Instagram - bheathjuniors

Facebook – Bernards Heath Junior School



Free Piano

We are looking for a new home for one of our pianos. The piano was tuned last Summer and is in reasonably good condition. Please note you would need to be able to transport it. If anyone is interested or would like to view it after school, please e-mail:

Email sbm@bernardsheathjnr.herts.sch.uk

Logo Competition



With some fantastic entries to our recent Year 6 Logo Completion, it was difficult to choose the winner. Well done to the final winner Bea who has had her design printed and turned into her own set of logos.



Books

Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/bernards-heath-a13/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on our Autumn Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. You will also find a selection of Christmas books. Please place your **order online by December 9th, 2024.**

We would also like to let you know about our Amazon wish list for the Library, please see the link below.

<https://amzn.eu/cUGdnqi>. We have created an Amazon wish list of books that teachers and children 'wished' to see on their library shelves. We would like to thank all participants for their contributions. It means that the library continues to provide the Junior School children with an imaginative choice of books. The wonderful selection of books we have has given many children a lifelong enjoyment of reading.

Sports Update

BHJS continues to promote sports for all with pupils taking part in the recent Can Do Sports Festival. Activities included: races, speed bounce, jumping activities and Boccia. The favourite (from pupils) was Javelin and Boxercise that tested their skills and power!

Recent fixtures have seen Netball, Boys football and Girls football all take place. The netball team continue to display great attitude and perseverance despite results not always going their way. In football, the boys B team and the girls team continue their unbeaten record. The boys A team have also come on strong with 2 wins – one in the recent cup game.

Reminder e-mails:

The school office receives a large volume of e-mails. Please can you ensure that you put the child's name and class in the subject header to ease burden on the school office.



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School Nurse

Please see the following if you would like to contact the school nursing team.

Duty line: 0300 123 7572 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm).

The referral website, which also has information about the service – scan the QR code.

