



# The Bayford Bugle



**Courage Appreciation Peace Respect Responsibility Love**

**Jesus said, "I know my sheep...and my sheep know me." John 10:14**

**Bayford (C of E) Primary School and Nursery, Ashdene Road, Bayford, Herts, SG13 8PX**

**Headteacher: Malcom Foster**

**21<sup>st</sup> November 2023**

### School Dog

Nala has been settling into school life very well and even had her photo taken when the school photographer was in school recently. She currently spends much of her day sleeping in Dr Foster's or Mrs Sims' office but has been for some nice visits to all the classrooms.

Nala's puppy training is going well and she joins a large group of similarly aged puppies at her training school in Welwyn on a Sunday afternoon. Don't forget, you can follow her progress on Instagram by searching @nala\_schooldog



### Cars in School

Could we please remind parents that they should not drive their cars into the school grounds except in very exceptional circumstances and only with prior agreement with the school. If you are running late or dropping your child to school out of normal times for some reason, please park outside and walk them into the school.

Thank you for your cooperation.



### Class 2 Carol Service

Class 2 will be joining a number of other schools on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at All Saints Church in Hertford to take part in a carol service. The children have been rehearsing the combined choir carols, which they will sing with the children from the other schools, as well as their individual song.

Rehearsals will take place in the morning at All Saints for the service at 7.00pm. This really is a lovely event organised by the Herts & Ware Schools Music Association.



### Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

This year, our Christmas Dinner will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. This will also be Christmas Jumper Day when children can come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper for a small donation which will be donated to the Save the Children charity.



**Save the Children**  
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



### Teaching Arrangement for Class 3

To ensure high quality teaching for all children in Class 3, for this year only, we have split the class into Year 5 and Year 6 for the mornings. Year 6 remain in Class 3 with Miss Lourenco and Ms Cooper, while Year 5 are being taught by Mrs Foster and supported by Mr Younger in the ICT suite. This arrangement has been in place for a few weeks and has had a really positive impact already.

### New EYFS Staff Member

I am pleased to announce that we have taken on a new member of staff in our Early Years class. Ms Staines has been working with the children under a supply agency contract for a short while now, but she has recently accepted a permanent post, with immediate effect.

I am sure you will want to join me in welcoming Ms Staines to Bayford School.

### Christmas Service

Our Christmas service will be on the morning of **20<sup>th</sup> December at St. Mary's Church at 9.00am**. All parents are welcome to join us for the Christingle service. We will be walking to school after the service, so would welcome some help from some parents.



### Value

This half term our value is Responsibility

We have been focussing on this during our collective worships and also in our daily school life. Why not talk to your child about how they can be responsible at home to reinforce the work we are doing in school?

*'Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.'*  
Galatians 6 v 2

### Outdoor Shoes

Could we please remind you that children must have footwear to change into for playtimes and lunchtimes. This is to reduce the amount of mud brought into the school. These should be kept in a plastic bag in the children's lockers.



### Attendance

I was very pleased to see that attendance last half-term was good and was above national average. However, I am now disappointed to report that this has gradually been falling and is now currently only in line with average.

Can I please remind you that you should book your holidays during the school holiday periods only to avoid receiving a fine. Can I also urge you to only keep your child away from school if it is absolutely necessary. Sniffles, colds and coughs should not stop a child from coming into school.

Attendance to date for each year group is as follows:

	This Year	Last Year
Nursery	89.3%	86.8%
Reception	97.0%	90.7%
Year 1	96.2%	92.3%
Year 2	91.1%	97.3%
Year 3	98.3%	94.9%
Year 4	96.5%	90.7%
Year 5	94.7%	97.0%
Year 6	97.9%	94.8%

### EYFS Christmas

At 10.00am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December the children in Nursery and Reception will be performing some Christmas songs in the school hall for their families to enjoy.

Mrs Wheeler will send out further details soon.



### Pastoral Lead

Don't forget that Mrs Hill is our pastoral lead in school and is available from 8.45am – 9.00am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the outside classroom if you would like to speak to her about your child's mental health and wellbeing.

Mrs Hill has just started a course to become the school's ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant). She will be trained by some local Educational Psychologists in areas such as building resilience, friendships, self-esteem, motivation, feeling safe, separation, loss and bereavement.

I am sure you will agree this is a very worthwhile use of Mrs Hill's time and I'm sure many children will benefit from her training.

### Playground Equipment Reminder

Please remember that due to Health and Safety reasons, children should not play on the outside equipment before or after school. It is parents' responsibility to ensure their children adhere to this rule.

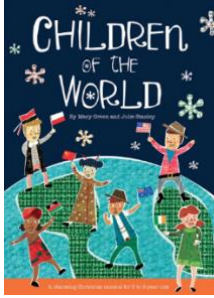
Thank you!



### **Class 1/2 Christmas Show**

There will be two performances of the Class 1 & 2 production of 'Children of the World' on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The first will be at 2.00pm and the second will be at 6.45pm.

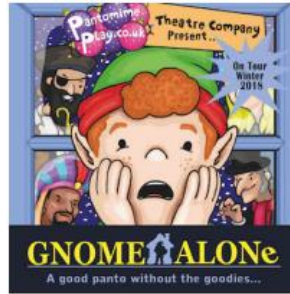
Details about ticket arrangements etc. will be sent out nearer the time.



### **Pantomime**

Children from Reception to Year 6 will be watching a pantomime in the school hall on the afternoon of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

More information will be sent out nearer the time.



### **Christmas Holiday**

Children break up for the Christmas holiday on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please note, school will be finishing at the **earlier times of 1.30pm** for all children from Reception to Year 6.

Staff will be in school for an INSET day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Children return to school on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January**