



# Newsletter 13

9<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Welcome back after the Christmas break. I hope that everyone had a peaceful and restful time and is refreshed and ready for another busy term. As ever, there is a lot happening over the next few months and we are sure that the children will have an interesting and varied experience in and out of the classroom.

2019

Thank you all for your generosity during our Christingle service. Those of you who were able to come along will know it was certainly a very festive occasion. Your donations raised £96.39 for the Children's Society, a very worthwhile charity which works with children in this country and overseas to improve their lives.



May I also say thank you to those parents and children who joined the Bretforton Choir on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December as we went carolling around the village. It was a lovely way to end the term and filled everyone with festive spirit. Due to the generosity of the villagers, the carolling raised £100 for school funds – a wonderful total for an hour's singing! Thank you to Mrs Gibson and Mrs Kyberd for organising this.

As part of our commitment to broadening the opportunities your children enjoy while with us at Bretforton Village School, we have been lucky enough to secure some cricket sessions which will be provided by Worcestershire County Cricket Club. These sessions will begin on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January and will be for Oak and Ash class and held in school time. Children will need their PE kits in school on each Wednesday. The news of this came through too late to put onto our termly letters and so is additional to the information provided on there.



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We are welcoming visitors from Challenge Partners into our school from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January. They will be helping us to review our school against the OFSTED framework for inspection. We are looking forward to evaluating the quality of education we provide by looking in detail at what we do well and receiving feedback about what could be even better. The outcomes of the review will be shared with you when the report is published in February.

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As you can see below, we have added some dates to our school diary – there will be other events happening which you will be notified about over the coming term. Don't forget that the school website also has the calendar dates on and the galleries are updated with photographs from events the children take part in, over the course of the year.

We will be holding our first Celebration Assembly of spring term on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 9am. As ever, all parents are welcome to join us for this and those parents whose children are receiving awards will be notified in advance.

For those of you who were not able to attend the final celebration assembly of 2018, the end of autumn term scores for each house were –

*Dragons – 792 house points*

*Unicorns – 780 house points*

*Griffins – 742 house points*

Well done to the Dragons! For spring term, all scores will return to zero and we will start afresh.

Also, I am pleased to let you know that our school attendance for autumn term was **97.1%** which is above both the national and local average. The class percentages were as follows –

*Willow – 98%      Ash – 97.9%      Oak – 95%*

It is good to see attendance has improved dramatically over the past year and can I thank parents for their support in this; good attendance and time-keeping are essential part of children being ready and able to learn.

### Dates for your diary

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Challenge Partners Review

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January - First Celebration Assembly of spring term

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January – Whole school visit to Broadway library - afternoon only

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Young Voices concert at the Resort World Arena (NEC)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January – First swimming session for Years 1-5 (except Young Voices children)

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – First cricket session for Oak and Ash class

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – End of spring term 1

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – INSET day for teachers

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – First day of term for children