



## Newsletter 5

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

*The Friends of Bretforton Village School organized a brilliant Bingo session after school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. The children and adults who took part had a great time and there were some fantastic prizes on offer. Thank you to Mrs Griffiths for very kindly donating the adult raffle prize which was very popular! I'm sure we will be having another Bingo session as it was so well attended and popular. Thanks to the committee for organising it so well.*



*Those of you with long memories may recall that before the summer break, we took part in the Evesham Schools in Bloom competition. We are delighted to announce that Bretforton Village School has won the Gold Award for its work cultivating and developing its garden. The Eco-Team and Pupil Parliament explained to the judges everything that happened here and why the school gardens and growing plants were such an important part of our curriculum. Well done to Miss Ellis, the Eco-Team, Pupil Parliament and all the parents who have helped out in the gardens over the last two years.*



**Can I say a huge thank-you to everyone who came along to the school Book Fair which we held before the October half-term break. The end result was that we sold over £400 of books and that means we have £186 in free books we can claim. Thank you for enabling us to increase the range of books we can provide for the children in order to support their reading development.**



*You may have noticed that the last newsletter sent out was marked up as Newsletter 3. It was actually meant to be Newsletter 4, so this one is Newsletter 5. Apologies for any confusion caused by this!*

*Although we are just at the start of November, Christmas is already starting to loom large in our thoughts here at school. It is always a very busy time of year (and a very exciting one for the children), so we thought it might be helpful to share some of the more important dates that are coming up. The Christmas performances (which will include the Hedgehog class Nativity) will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm. these will both be at St Leonard's Church. Also at St Leonard's, on the last day of term, 20<sup>th</sup> December, is our Christingle service which you are all welcome to join us at. The children will be going to the Everyman Theatre to enjoy Cinderella on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Bretforton Village School, and our school Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – details of that will follow later in the term. Finally, the Friends' Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November after school and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 11.00am to 3.00pm.*

Staff and governors alike are delighted with the end of year outcomes across the school which have now been announced and compared to other schools locally and nationally. In our Reception class, 80% of children achieved the national expectation of a Good Level of Development. This compares to local and national percentages of 72%. In the Phonics screening in Year 1, 91% of Bretforton students achieved the pass mark, compared to 82% locally and nationally. Finally, in our end of Key Stage 1 results, 75% of our children achieved the age-related expectation in Reading, Writing and Maths. This compares to a local and national percentage of 65%. We are delighted that in all of our key assessments, we are ahead of the results nationally and in comparison to other local schools. Well done to all the children for their hard work and the staff who have worked so hard to help them make such good progress.



## *Diary Dates*

*Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance assembly - St Leonard's Church – 9.15am*

*Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Children's Individual Photographs*

*Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need day*

*Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Fair in school – 3.00pm to 4.00pm*

*Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Fair in school – from 11.00am*

*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Walk-in Session from 3.00pm to 3.30pm*

*Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas performance at St Leonard's – 2.00pm*

*Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas performance at St Leonard's – 6.00pm*

*Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Cinderella at the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham*

*Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas lunch - details to follow*

*Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service at St Leonard's Church – 9.15am*

*Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – End of term*