



# South Benfleet Primary School

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## Autumn Term 2014 Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Firstly can I thank everyone for their support of our recent Children in Need day, the children looked really colourful and helped raise over £570 which is over £150 more than last year. Please see our website and Twitter feed for some photos of this and other recent events.

### **Videos and Photographs- A reminder**

As Christmas productions approach can I again take this opportunity to request all parents continued cooperation in adhering to the school's policy regarding the taking of photographs and videos in school – 'ANY FOOTAGE TAKEN IS FOR PERSONAL VIEWING ONLY.' **Therefore it should not be uploaded to sites such as Facebook or YouTube for shared viewing.** This is part of the school's safeguarding policy which we take very seriously as it is our duty of care to protect all children in our school. Many schools have banned the taking of photographs and videos in school. As yet, we have not felt the need to follow this path however; it may be something we have to consider in the future without the full cooperation of all parents in following our policy. Thank you for your support in this important matter.

### **Christmas Meal: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

This year our Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December- menu below.

Roast turkey / vegetarian option  
Sausage  
Sage and onion stuffing



Roast potatoes  
Choice of vegetables  
Gravy



Vanilla ice-cream stars *or*  
Chocolate covered ice cream *or*  
Mincemeat slice



Drink selection  
Cracker

The cost of the Christmas meal will be **£2.60 for junior age children**. Please send in money on the Monday of the week of the meal or on the day itself. **Please note Early Years and Key Stage 1 children (years 1 and 2) - do not have to pay for their Christmas meals as it is covered by the Government funded free meals initiative.**



### **Christmas Class Parties-these will take place on:**

Early Years (EYFS) - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Party and Magician

Rest of school (Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2) - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December (the last day of term). This will be a **non-uniform day** for all children (including EYFS) - however

please remember that the children will need to be dressed for a possibly chilly/ wet playtime. As usual the children will be having a small 'tea party' in their classrooms. Please send in a small donation of food to share. Please do not send in any food that needs refrigeration. Drinks will be provided by the school.

**PTA run Christmas Discos- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Years 1 and 2:-** straight after school until 5.00 pm. Please send in party clothes and the disco admission fee ( £3- includes drink and snack) to school, the children will change in class and then be taken down to the hall by school staff. (the disco is **not** for Early Years children as they will have a special performance from a magician- see above).

**Junior Disco 6.00 – 7.30 pm.**

Please **no mobile phones** and can parents meeting children after the disco come into the school, rather than wait outside so that we can ensure the children don't leave alone in the dark. Please note the school car park will be closed as usual, please walk or park in Richmond or WRVS car parks or in front of the shops. Admission to junior disco is £2- food, drink and novelty items on sale!

**School Carol Service**



As part of our Christmas celebrations we will be taking **all** the junior aged pupils (Years 3-6) to St Mary's Church on the afternoon of Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Unfortunately we are unable to invite parents as the children will fill the church. We are not asking for an additional permission slip to be completed as this outing is covered by our local visits authority signed by parents when children start the school. It will be important that the children have a suitable warm and protective coat on as our weather is nothing if not unpredictable!

**Community Carol Service- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Thank you to staff and children who attended the local schools cluster ( BATIC) carol service held at Holy Family Church last Wednesday.



**Important dates for your diary:**

- **Last day of school this term Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**
- **We return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**

**Attendance for the month of November**

Unless ill or in truly exceptional circumstance being in school to learn, develop social skills and build habits for life is vital, well done to the following classes for their high levels of attendance

Key Stage 1 Top 3 classes for attendance		Key Stage 2 Top 3 classes for attendance	
Lime	97.5%	Yellow & Orange	98%
Green	96.1%	Amber	97.2%
Red	96%	Gold	96.4%

**School Motto Competition**

Please see attached sheet for details of our school motto competition.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a **Very Merry Christmas**. Thank you all for your continued support during 2014; wishing you all the very best for 2015.

Yours sincerely

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