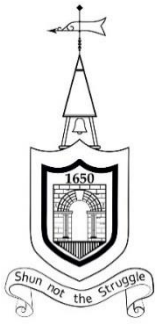


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HEADLINES

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Year 6 Bikeability Course - The second day of the Bikeability training course for Year 6 children will take place next Tuesday, **5th December**.

Grand Christmas Raffle Tickets - Any money and ticket stubs for the Christmas Raffle can be sent into school at any time. Thank you to everyone who has sold their tickets already. Extra tickets are available from the School Office.

Christmas Fair - We are looking forward to Friday evening's fair which begins at 6:00 p.m. We hope as many people as possible will be able to come along and join us for this fundraising and social event. Father Christmas will be in his grotto to meet **Nursery, Infant and Year 3 and Year 4 children** - **timed tickets will be available at the entrance to the fair but these are limited in number, so come early!**

Thank you to everyone who has sent in prizes and items for stalls. Please could all cakes and goodies for the Cake Stall be brought into school on Friday morning.

Following our usual policy, please be aware that if your child wins a bottle of alcohol on the Bottle Bola we always ask that an adult collects the prize from the stall. There will be a 'pram park' just inside the main entrance of school for buggies, push chairs and prams to ease the flow of 'traffic' in the hall and corridors.

As last year, the members of the Buddies Committee will be easy to spot during the Fair as they will be wearing specially made bright yellow polo shirts with the school logo on them. Please ask any Committee member if you need any help or information.

Christmas Parties - A separate letter will be sent home about the children's class parties which are being held in school time during the last week of this term.

Extra-Curricular Activities - Our extra-curricular activities finish for the term at the end of **this week**. A 'big thank you' to all the staff and volunteers who give their time so willingly to organise and lead these activities. Please note that BECC's After School Care Club will be open as normal and peripatetic music lessons will continue to take place in the last few weeks of term. There will also be one more **Junior Choir practice on Wednesday, 6th December**.

All extra-curricular activities and the football squads will start again in the week beginning **22nd January 2018**. However please note that Junior Choir will start again in the first week back after the Christmas holidays on **Wednesday, 10th January 2018**.

Christmas Cards - Next Sunday, 3rd December, is the beginning of the season of Advent; the four weeks during which Christians prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. The children will be learning about Advent in their weekly worship in school. From Monday the Christmas post box will be open and the children may bring in their cards for their friends and for the staff. Our Year 6 monitors organise the emptying of the post box and the distribution of cards to each class and the staff room. To help the monitors please could we ask that all cards are clearly marked with the **name and class** of the person they are being sent to. Please note that we are not able to supply lists of names of the children in your child's class.

All Hallows Church 'Messy Church' - The next event is on **Saturday, 9th December 2017** in The Barn from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be crafts, cooking, games, a quiz, a cafe, fellowship, worship and fun for all the family and there is no charge for this event! For more information call 01253 274172 or email secbah@googlemail.com.

'Little Lambs' at All Hallows Church - The next session is on **Wednesday, 6th December 2017** in The Stable at 10:00 a.m. These free sessions are for 0 to 4 year olds and an accompanying adult and involve learning Bible stories through games, crafts, sensory play and more! Refreshments are provided. For more information call 01253 274172 or email secbah@googlemail.com.

Christmas Productions - Due to the generosity of our parents and carers, the Bispham Buddies have had enough donations of raffle prizes to be able to hold a small raffle at the start of each of the Christmas performances led by Nursery & Reception children and Year 1 and Year 4 classes. Tickets will be 50p a strip and will be available in the main entrance as you arrive at school.

Car Parking - Despite many requests and reminders, there are **STILL** parents and carers and other adults who are parking in the school car park to drop off and collect children from school or Nursery. This is causing great difficulty for those parents, carers and other family members who have a disabled child or who are disabled themselves and also for staff. A number of members of our school family have a valid reason for parking in the school car park, which is **only** for staff, visitors and people who have a current disabled driver's permit. Please could we ask that you **do not** use the school car park unless you have a genuine reason for doing so. Some members of staff and parents and carers have also expressed concerns about 'poor parking' in the Council car park between school and the Community Centre. Please do not park in the unmarked tarmac area near the entrance to the car park. Drivers who are parking in unmarked spaces are creating a hazard for other cars trying to enter and leave the car park. **Thank you for your support in this matter.**

Primary Times in Lancashire - Before the end of term each family in school will be bringing home a copy of this free magazine which is distributed throughout the county. Please note that as a school we do not endorse any of the products or features in the magazine. You will also be aware that we regularly send home flyers giving information about activities and events that our children and families may be interested in at our neighbouring high schools and in the local and wider community. However please note that by sending such information home we are not recommending any particular school or organisation's activities.

