



Weekly Notices

Date: 18th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

2020 has definitely been a year that no one will forget. There have been some incredibly tough times but there have also been lots of positive opportunities as well. We know that for many, there have been lots of stresses and lots of people concerned about their job and income security. As a community you have been amazing at supporting others and there is never any judgement on any family who comes forward asking for support. If your circumstances do or have changed and you feel you would now qualify for free school meals please do make contact with us for the form required.

I would like to thank our whole community for being so adaptable to the measures we have put in place to try and minimise the risks for everyone. We will continue to communicate with you any changes that are needed going forward. We really appreciate your support in being flexible and understanding to the changes that we have had to put in place. So far, probably more from luck than anything else, we have not had to shut any bubbles this term as there have been no cases within school. The measures we have put in place would definitely have contributed to this. So Thank you for supporting us with these procedures. For those people in our community but outside of the school who have unfortunately become unwell, our thoughts are with you and we wish you a speedy recovery.

As you have probably heard on the news, Buckinghamshire goes into Tier 3 as of midnight tonight. At present, the five days over Christmas with a bubble of three households still stands. As always, we urge you to put your families safety first and that of the community around you. So we hope that you can have an enjoyable Christmas in a safe but small way so that you can remain healthy. Take time to enjoy the little moments and continue to let your lights shine brightly throughout the community.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas. Please keep safe and look out for each other.

Merry Christmas,

Ms Martin

Headteacher





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Future Dates in January :

Monday 4th—Inset Day. School will be closed.

Tuesday 5th—School Opens.

Monday 25th—Virtual Parent Meetings

Tuesday 26th—Virtual Parent Meetings

Wednesday 27th—Virtual Parent Meetings

Friday 29th—Class Birthday Parties

Pupil Social Action

Jessica in Year 4, has been inspired to raise money for a charity that she is passionate about. She had made posters, held meetings and encouraged other children to join her. Although it fizzled out with the other children, Jessica was still keen to raise money for the RSPCA Charity. She therefore wrote invitations to all her neighbours and held a take away Christmas Bake Sale outside her house. Jessica made all the cakes herself and took all the orders from her neighbours. She raised an incredible £175 for the RSPCA and involved her community in a heart warming event. Well done Jessica.

Reminder

As we come to the end of the year, it is still important for us to look out for each other. Although the school building will be shut over the holidays, we still need to know if any of our families develop symptoms or test positive so that we know if we need to take any action and make contact with any families.

Please inform school by emailing office@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk to inform us that you have developed symptoms and when your test date is.

Once you receive your results, please email the school again at office@biertoncombined.bucks.sch.uk to inform us of your results. Currently, most results have been coming back within 24hours.

By keeping us updated we are able to act quickly for the safety of everyone in our community.

Thank you

FOBS Raffle

A big thank you for supporting the FOBS Christmas Raffle. They raised almost £800 in such a short space of time.

A huge thank you to the FOBS Team who also have had to adapt this year in how they can raise money. I know it has taken hours of work but it has all paid off. Well done and Thank you!

Birthday Parties



For those of you who have had a Birthday in December, don't worry we haven't forgotten about your birthdays. We felt that with all the Christmas festivities it wouldn't be as special to celebrate your birthday in this last week. Therefore, at the end of January we will have birthday parties to celebrate all those children who have had birthdays in December and January. We look forward to celebrating with you then.



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Proud of Bucks Awards

The proud of Bucks awards are a yearly celebration of the efforts and achievements of people in the Bucks Community.

As a school, we always aim to provide the best we possibly can for the children of Bierton CE Combined. We believe that every child has their own unique sparkle and we aim to ensure that we allow all their lights to shine brightly.

2020 has been an incredibly tough year with numerous stresses and strains to our whole community. Throughout the whole Pandemic, I have been incredibly proud of the whole team here at Bierton. Every single staff member (Senior Leaders, Teachers, TAs, Office Staff, Lunchtime Supervisors, Cleaners, Caretaker and Kitchen Staff) have worked tirelessly to support the opening of the school to as many children as possible and provide remote learning for those that were at home. Since September, their efforts have not stopped, everyone has pulled together as a whole team to try and keep things as 'normal' for the children as possible, whilst also ensuring we minimise the risks for our whole community.

It is with great joy and a huge amount of pride that I can announce that the whole team at Bierton CE Combined School have not only been nominated but have also WON

Education Hero in the Proud of Bucks Awards.

I am absolutely delighted for the team who have had their hard work, dedication, enthusiasm and their efforts of going above and beyond for all the children recognised. It is an amazing team here at Bierton and I couldn't be more proud! Congratulations to the whole team!!





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Christmas Lunch

This week, we had our Christmas lunch cooked by our two amazing ladies in the kitchen. It was absolutely delicious and was finished off with a Christmas tree Biscuit and ice cream.

Thank you to Miss Hyrons and Mrs Fletcher for their hours of cooking in preparation for our Christmas Meals. It was absolutely delicious and the children enjoyed their dinners along with Christmas Crackers and Christmas Music.



Christingle Service

This year we couldn't all come together in the hall for our Christingle Service. However, we did not let that stop us marking the occasion. Instead, for the first time ever, we held our Christingle Service virtually. Thank you to Reverend Dan for leading our service from St James' Church. It was still a magical occasion and a time for reflection and prayers.



More Christmas Festivities

A huge thank you to FOBS for paying for an online pantomime for the children. 'Once Upon a Pantomime..' was very well received by all the children. There was lots of laughter and audience participation and the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

Thank you

We hope, that although this year is very different, that the children have still had a magical last week full of festivities. Thank you to our whole community for pulling together to provide the children with these experiences.



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Spreading Christmas Joy to the Senior Citizens in our Community and beyond

A huge thank you to all of our families for all your donations of mince pies, biscuits, chocolates, crossword puzzle books, hand creams etc. We were able to make up around 60 hampers to deliver to the senior citizens who would usually attend our Senior Citizen Christmas Treat Afternoon.

Thank you to Mrs Wheeler and Miss Dell for putting all the hampers together and making them look Christmassy. On Monday and Tuesday, we spent the days taking the hampers to each persons door step. We were greeted with huge smiles and tears of joy from every person that received a hamper. So a huge thank you to the whole Bierton CE Combined School and Nursery Community as you have spread a lot of joy in these tough times.



Hulcott Nursing Home





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Message from the Governing Body

As we bring 2020 to a close it is a good time to reflect and to look to the future. This year has been a hugely challenging and difficult year for us all, but despite this everyone has “Let their light shine” and come together as part of the Bierton C of E Combined Community.

We cannot thank our parents, carers, and pupils enough for the support and adaptability you have shown. It is with great pride to congratulate Bierton C of E Combined School, a winner of the Proud of Bucks award in the Education Hero category. This clearly evidences the gratitude that we have to all the teachers and support staff who have continued to provide learning opportunities and safe and happy environment for our children.

The kindness you have shown to each other and with all your donations in such difficult times has been overwhelming. Again thank you for your patience and support with all government and policy changes that have had to be implemented to ensure a safe environment for us all.

We hope next year brings some normality back to our community and hope you all have an opportunity to recharge over the holidays. We wish you a restful and safe Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

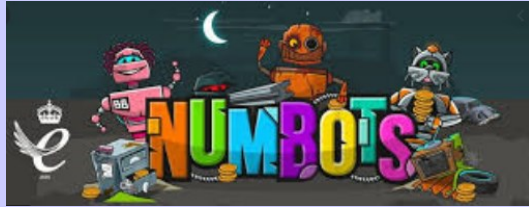
Best wishes from the Governors.



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Times Table Rock Stars and NumBots Weekly Awards



Highest Number of Coins

1st: Dakota K (Cherry)

2nd: River K (Cherry)

Passed the next stage:

Iron: Sienna D (Cedar); Stanley M (Chestnut).

Tin: Dakota K (Cherry).

Brass: Florence S (Cedar); Dakota K, River K, Shoaib K (Cherry).

Copper: Dakota K, River K (Cherry).

Steel: Pranshu D (Birch); Kobi N, River K (Cherry); Harrison W (Chestnut).

Tungsten: Odesh F (Blackthorn).



Top Classes

(percentage of pupils using Times Table Rock Stars)

1st: Cherry

2nd: Hazel

Most Improved Studio Speed

1st: Grace N (Hawthorn)

2nd: Maxwell S (Cherry)

Highest Number of Coins (last 7 days)

1st: Iman A (Hazel)

2nd: Thomas S (Cherry)