



Friday 20th December 2024

**We are a Caring, Celebratory, Courageous, Christ-inspired
Community, rooted in love.**



Dear All,

What a wonderful last few days we have had in school to wrap up this busiest of terms. It was great to see so many of you attend the Open Classroom Afternoon again last week. We really hope that you enjoyed having your child(ren) show you their learning and that you can see the progress made since the start of the academic year.



Our Santa Fun Run on Monday was a resounding success. Thanks to your generosity, we have smashed our target of £550 and have currently raised £800! We can be so very proud of the fact that our school will more than fund a special Christmas dinner for all the patients on an inpatient ward this Christmas. How wonderful is that? And what a **great** way to exemplify every one of our core school values. Thank you, one and all.

The highlight of the week though must surely be our wonderful children showcasing their talents during our Christmas service in church; whether it was through singing, narrating or acting, they were



fabulous - a total triumph. Nothing says Christmas more than children telling the story of Baby Jesus being born and a community coming together. Once again, huge thanks to Mrs Pantrey for leading the children and choir with their beautiful singing and a special note of thanks for Mrs French who sourced the costumes for the Nativity. It was a 'full house' with standing room only and absolutely fantastic to have so many of you there with us. Thanks also to Helen and Revd. Rich . . . with his starring role as King Herod!

I know that class teachers have been very busy posting photos on Class Dojo from the last few days, whether it be the Santa Fun Run, church, Christmas dinner or in-class activities so please do check your child's Class Dojo page if you haven't yet had the chance.

BJS Choir – Mrs Pantrey

On Thursday 12th December BJS choir went to Godwin Court in Brackley to sing carols. We had a great turn out and the residents enjoyed Christmas classics such as Jingle Bells, Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer and Feliz Navidad as well as some of our Christmas service songs. The children sang beautifully and represented the school really well. We have been invited back to sing in the summer term as well!

Violin & Cello lessons

Yesterday, we were treated to a rendition of Jingle Bells, played by our talented violinists and cellists. Their performance was super and definitely brought a smile to everyone's faces. For these children, their lessons will resume on **Thursday 16th January**.



Our week has beautifully 'rounded off' with not one but two visitors to school today. Firstly, we were joined by Sarah Boole, the MP for South Northamptonshire. An annual competition is held for children to design a Christmas card that can be used by Sarah across her constituency. This year, the competition was offered to school children within Brackley and we are delighted to announce that Milania's beautiful entry was selected to be used. Owing to the impressive quality of entrants, Sarah also chose four runners-up who have had their design printed on the reverse of the same card. Well done all of you; enjoy your goodie bags!

And finally, every child in school has had the opportunity to meet "The Man in Red" today and will be coming home with a Christmas gift. I am extremely grateful to our wonderfully supportive PTFA who have not only provided the gifts for the children but been busy wrapping them as well. Our PTFA team have many plans for the Spring and Summer terms. Do look out for a future PTFA events update.



School Attendance:

CLASS	SINCE 4 TH SEPT.	WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE . . .	CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .
3JE	94.10 %	<p>. . . currently stands at 95.45%.</p> <p>We are perilously close to dropping below national expectation.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>The national expectation is 95%.</p> </div>	
3EG	94.98 %		
4LF	93.97 %		
4AW	94.99 %		
5MM	95.41 %		
5PR	95.56 %		
5BFG	96.14 %		
6KW	96.35 %		
6LS	97.53 %		

As this term draws to a close, I want to congratulate all our amazing children on their fantastic efforts and achievements through what is always a long and tiring term. Your enthusiasm, resilience and hard work have been truly heartwarming and inspiring. A heartfelt thank you also, to the incredible staff at BJS for their unwavering dedication and commitment to supporting children’s learning and growth; their passion helps make BJS the special place it is. What happens at BJS, couldn’t happen without you continually ‘delivering’ day in and day out.

On a personal note, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone for making me feel so welcome in my first term here as Headteacher. I have thoroughly enjoyed the Autumn term and loved getting to know the children and of course yourselves. The kindness, support, and warmth of this community are wonderful, and I feel truly privileged to be part of it.

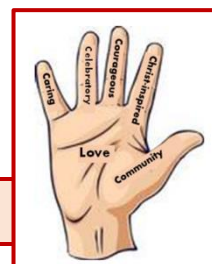
Finally, the staff and I would like to wish everyone in our school community a very happy, restful and peaceful Christmas. May your holiday be filled with joy, laughter, and precious moments with your loved ones.

See you all in the New Year, bright and early on Tuesday 7th January!

Mrs Akers
Headteacher

Our BJS Stars of the Week

A mighty well done to . . .



Date	13.12.24	20.12.24
Year 3	Kaya, Rupert, George & Dexter	Oliver, Teddy, Mia & Beverly
Year 4	Lilly, Alessia, Alice & Taylor	Stanley, Callum, Ellie & Ethaniel
Year 5	Olivia, Lois, Edward, Evie, Sam & Anastasia	Bradley, Daniel, Freddie, Juan, Hope & Ruby
Year 6	Joseph, Chay, Milania & Millie	Sam, Jane, Noah & Eva

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE TERM			
Date	Event	Where	Time
6 th January	INSET for staff	School	All day
7 th January	Term 3 begins for children	School	8:30 am
5 th February	Candlemas Service	St. Peter’s Church	9:30 am
11 th February	Open Classroom Afternoon	School	2:10 pm – 2:50 pm
14 th February	Last day of term 3		3:10 pm