



Bentfield Primary School

Issue 2

Thursday 5th
December

Messages from Mr Rogers

I can't believe it's almost the end of the term! We are now fully in the throes of Christmas and have some very excited children throughout the school! It has been a long term, but one which has been packed with an enormity of different activities and events. Since the last newsletter, we have held our Harvest festival with a brilliant quantity of donations collected by Uttlesford Foodbank (please see their thank you message), as well as raising over £290 for Children In Need during our non-uniform day. This was a great occasion, especially as all classes had a surprise visit from Pudsey Bear!



In addition to this, we have had several assemblies and showcases throughout the term. These have included a visit from Bishops Stortford Woodwind, who played to the children in both a KS1 and KS2 assembly, a talk from Essex Fire Service on staying safe during Halloween and firework events, and a visit from Macmillan Cancer Care, who gave a talk to our pupils, and collected the donation we had raised through our Enterprise day earlier in the year. Next week, we are looking forward to performances from our pupils who take part in rock band sessions on a Monday afternoon. Good luck!

Thank you to two of our Year 6 pupils, Matilda and Hugo, for laying the wreath at the Remembrance Service at St. John's Church at the start of this half term. They demonstrated great maturity and represented our school admirably.

Well done to our Year 5 pupils for successfully completing their week of bikeability training, ensuring that they have the knowledge and skills to cycle safely on the roads, and congratulations to our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes who all successfully took part in a 'Teddy Bear Run.' Organised by our local Sports Association, the children brought in their teddy bears (or other cuddly toys) and joined in a range of exercises, followed by a session of running on our daily mile track. All the pupils (and teddies) enjoyed it enormously!

As we near the end of term, we enter the build up to our Christmas events and the children are all becoming very excited. We have our Reception and Nursery Nativity, as well as our Year 1 and 2 Christmas production, and we are also looking forward to a visiting pantomime production of Aladdin (kindly funded by our PTA). We are holding our Carol Concert, led by our school choir, our mini Christmas Fete (which includes 'Elfridges' throughout the day for pupils to buy presents for relatives), and a Christmas jumper day to raise money for Save the Children. The dates for all these events can be found at the end of this newsletter and also on the calendar on our school website.

Finally, on behalf of staff at school, I'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and hope you all have enjoyable festive period.

A message from Uttlesford food bank:

Everyone at Uttlesford Foodbank would like to thank the children, parents and staff of Bentfield Primary School for your very generous Harvest Festival collection which weighed 99.42kg. This is enough to provide around 200 meals! How fantastic is that?



Every month we hand out on average 5 tonnes of food which is the same as 10 baby elephants! Without the support of children and schools like yours and our amazing community, we couldn't do the work that we do. Harvest donations are so important to keep our shelves topped up after a busy summer and keep us going until all the Christmas goodies come in. We have been overwhelmed by the level of generosity. Above all, your thoughtfulness will provide so much hope and comfort to those people who are going through a difficult time and will help them while steps are taken to provide more permanent support.

Once again thank you so much for your generous donation.
Best wishes from everyone at Uttlesford Foodbank.

Sports News

Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Archery

On Friday 22nd November, we welcomed St. Mary's and Magna Carta schools for the KS2 archery tournament. The children were competing in the year 3/4 or year 5/6 competition. Certificates were handed out to the top scoring teams made up of 2 boys and 2 girls and medals to the top individual scorers in each tournament. At the end of 6 rounds of archery, our teams finished 1st, 2nd and 5th in the year 3/4 competition and 1st, 2nd and 4th in the year 5/6 competition. This means that four teams have qualified for the Uttlesford finals next term. Well done to everyone and congratulations to our individual medallists:

Year 3/4:

Harriet - 1st girl

Ruby - 3rd girl

Taye - 1st boy

Albert - 3rd boy

Year 5/6:

Zoey - 1st girl and top scorer overall

Matilda - 2nd girl

Ruby - 3rd girl

Sullivan - 1st boy



Year 3/4 Dodgeball

On Thursday 14th November, 3 teams from across year 3 and 4 walked to Forest Hall for the Stansted dodgeball tournament.

They played 5 or 6 games in the afternoon. All games were played in an excellent spirit with honesty and sportsmanship shining through. At the end of the tournament Bentfield red came 1st in the 'A' tournament, Bentfield blue came 1st in the 'B' tournament and Bentfield green came 4th in the 'B' tournament where they were so close to the other teams that they had 3 games that were drawn! Well done to everyone who took part; they represented the school brilliantly.



Year 5/6 Dodgeball

On 11th November, we took 3 teams to the Stansted dodgeball tournament. After walking up there, all teams took part in many competitive games against 5 other schools. At the end of the games Bentfield yellow finished 2nd and Bentfield red came 4th in the 'A' tournament meaning both teams go through to the Uttlesford finals. Bentfield green came in 1st place in the 'B' tournament. A great afternoon of sport played in excellent spirit by everyone.

Key Stage 2 Cross Country

We took over 40 children up to Forest Hall School for the KS2 cross-country competition on 7th November. After a 'warm-up' walk to the school, the children took part in races over approximately 1,700m for years 5 and 6 and 1,200m for years 3 and 4. Everyone tried their best and represented the school brilliantly. Overall, the team results were fantastic and we had some individual medallists as well!

Year 3 girls - 2nd

Year 3 boys - 1st

Year 4 girls - 5th

Year 4 boys - 3rd

Year 5 girls - 4th

Year 5 boys - 2nd

Year 6 girls - 4th

Year 6 boys - 3rd

Well done to everyone but a special mention to Hugo (2nd place year 6 boys), Josh (3rd place year 5 boys), Annabelle (2nd place year 4 girls) and Albie (3rd place year 3 boys)!



Year 5/6 Tag Rugby

Just before half term, we had the Stansted tag rugby tournament. Two teams went to Manuden playing fields to take part, and after a great morning of tag rugby with a lot of skills, effort and teamwork on display, our 'blue' team managed two draws and

our 'red' team got 5 wins and a draw to be crowned champions. This took us through to the Uttlesford finals on the 21st November, where we finished a very respectable 8th



**THINK BEFORE...
YOU PARK!**



Please park considerately by not blocking the local bus routes or our neighbours driveways.

Dates For your Diary

DECEMBER

Thursday 5th	Apple and Cherry class visit to Audley End Christmas Train
4.15pm	Nursery Open Day
Friday 6th	Pine Class visit to Hargrave House
W/C 9th	Last week of Autumn Clubs
Thursday 12th	Non Uniform Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
9.30am	Early Years Nativity for Parents
5pm	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Production
	Santa Dash for years 3,4 & 5

Dates For your Diary continued

DECEMBER

Friday 13th	Non Uniform day for PTA in exchange for wine or chocolate
2pm	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Production
Monday 16th	Pantomine Aladdin for Pupils in the afternoon
Wednesday 18th	Non Uniform Christmas Celebration Day
	Christmas Lunch - Please note that there will be no yellow choice
	Elfridges – PTA Children's shopping event £3 a gift
3.30pm	Mini Christmas Fair and Carol Concert
Friday 20th	Last day of Autumn term 1.30pm finish

JANUARY

Monday 6th	First Day of Spring term
W/C 13th	Spring Clubs commence (excluding Football)
Wednesday 15th	Closing Date for Reception Pupil applications for Sept 2025
Friday 17th	Swimming Gala for selected pupils
Tuesday 28th	Football club starts TBC

FEBRUARY

W/C 17th	Half Term Holiday - Normal 3:20pm finish time on Friday 14th
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MARCH

W/C 24th	Last week of Spring Clubs
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APRIL

Friday 4th	Last day of Spring term 1.30pm finish
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Pine Class - Year 1	pine@bentfield.essex.sch.uk	Maple Class - Year 5	maple@bentfield.essex.sch.uk
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