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Bilton Community Federation

**"To cherish peace and goodwill, to be
plenteous in mercy, is to have the real
spirit of Christmas."**

~ Calvin Coolidge



8th December 2023

BULLETIN

The weekly newsletter to keep you updated with the highlights of
the school week

Headlines

Points of Interest

**Carol concert
St Marks Church**

19th December
Y3-5 10am
Y4-6 2pm

**School closes for
Christmas**

Friday 22nd
Dec 3.30pm

School reopens
Tues 9 Jan

Dear Parents/Carers,

We began the week with our first assembly for Advent in preparation for the coming of Jesus. The purple 'Prophecy Candle' was lit in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. We talked about hope during challenging times and the anticipation of celebration. A few children from Year 4 helped to create a wreath for our candles, which we will continue to light over the following weeks. Next week, we will light our second purple candle, representing peace. This will lead up to our carol concert at the end of term, where we will celebrate the birth of Jesus.



It has been a week of productivity and creativity as children have prepared for the Christmas Fair. Thank you to all those who came and supported the school and purchased items that the children had made. I know they were very proud of their achievements and excited about having them on sale.



As always, it has been a real pleasure to spend time in classes looking at the work that has been created. I was impressed with Year 5 and the work they completed about Blists Hill following their great day out. They have been writing 'child friendly' leaflets that are beautifully presented and really engage the reader. Year 6 have been busy writing some emotive poetry linked to World War 1. Year 4 children have been creating great texts linked to Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer's Night's Dream'. Children in Year 3 have been impressing me with their ambitious vocabulary and fabulous spelling of challenging words.

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards

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Celebrations

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Learner of the week

3HN Leon For super tracking in his learning this week.]

3AL Joshua For always being ready for his learning
3ED Vinson C For always being ready and working hard

4EL Adem For his enthusiasm and fantastic letter writing in English.

4SM Alissia For a super letter using Shakespearean language
4SS Maks For settling into life at BJS so well.
5LM Aksa For working hard

5JB Sophie For super writing in her Children's Guide to Blists Hill Victorian Town
5MB Lexi T For always working hard and doing her best

6LC Lauren For showing excellent perseverance when making her poppy
6KC Braden Making a fantastic effort all round
6NV whole class Fantastic work with the magistrates

Mme Jago Isaac T 4SS For a fantastic register answer, remembering extra words from previous weeks

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Thank you from all @ BJS

YOU are the
LIGHT
of the WORLD

3HN Elliot For showing kindness to others.
3AL Emily For awarding another child the Kindness advent calendar
3ED Emily S For always being kind and helpful

4EL Gammell For always celebrating others achievements and showing kindness to all.
4SM Thea For her kindness and thoughtfulness to others
4SS Allegra For her kindness, thoughtfulness and care towards others

5LM Cabhan For showing respect and kindness to others.
5JB April For being a kind and thoughtful member of the class
5MB Chloe K For being kind and helpful

6LC George For always being kind and respectful towards everyone
6KC Joules For being a fantastic computer monitor
6NV Jasmine and Harvey For showing kindness and helping each other when making our Christmas crafts

Mme Jago Jack L 4EL For kindness, helping his partner to remember the words in a supportive patient way.



School activities



Blists Hill

A fabulous Victorian experience for year 5





Our Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) SEND Family Experience application form for the Winter school holiday is now LIVE!

Featuring a variety of funded family experiences, these are specifically aimed at supporting families where at least one young person has an EHCP and is eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

For more information about HAF, please visit the HAF website <https://searchout.warwickshire.gov.uk/holidays-activities-food-haf>

To apply for a SEND Family Experience, please complete the online form.

If you have any questions or need any additional support completing the form above, please email hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk or call the Family Information Service on 0800 408 1558.



SEND Christmas events and activities

With Christmas well on it's way, here is a round up of festive activities in and around Warwickshire for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.*

Warwick Castle - Sensory-friendly after dark light trail - various dates

Children's Play Village - Budbrooke, Warwick
<https://www.childrensplayvillage.co.uk/christmas-visits/>
SEN session 17 December 2023

Belgrade Theatre, Coventry - Cinderella. Accessible performances: Captioned (30 November), audio described (9 December) and British Sign Language (8 December)

Priory Theatre, Kenilworth - Relaxed performance for those with sensory needs and other disabilities - **Thursday 4 January 2024**

St Mary's Guildhall, Coventry - Relaxed storytelling session - **Saturday 2 December 2023**

Dobbies Garden Centres, nationwide - Santa's Quiet Grotto - available at centres across the country for children with additional needs - **Friday 8 December 2024**

For more news about local events and activities for children and young people with SEND, follow the Local Offer SEND Facebook page.



Here is the link to Allsorts Nov/Jan (Christmas) – you can tap straight to advertisers' websites too when viewing the mag on your phone (please mention allsorts). There are lots of attraction to visit and services to help your family. You can view this issue at www.allsortsmag.com too or on the allsorts Facebook page soon.

https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS_NOVJAN23



Nurture programme

10 weeks

Starting Mon, 22 Jan 2024 12:30 - 14:30 GMT for 10 weeks

at Henry Hinde Junior School.

Throughout the programme we will cover many of the common parenting issues and offer advice that will help you:

Gain confidence and develop insight by understanding why children behave as they do

Recognising the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)

Explore different positive parenting strategies to help guide behaviours

Find different ways to develop co-operation and emotional regulation in children

Learn the importance of looking after ourselves as parents and carers.

<https://tinyurl.com/5n7auvpf>



Your school nursing service

Connect for Health's December health and well-being update

<https://www.compass-uk.org>

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Activities

BILTON JUNIOR SCHOOL
PLANTAGENET DRIVE, RUGBY CV22 6LB
AGE LIMITS - 5 years - 11 years old

AK COACHING

There will be an activity packed programme every day to suit BOTH Boys & Girls of ANY ability who are interested in a variety of sports that include the following - **Football, Tag Rugby, Frisbee, Dodgeball, Hockey, Tennis, Basketball, Rounders, Cricket, Netball, Table Tennis and Plenty of other fun games.**

The emphasis of the activities will be FUN & ENJOYMENT, whilst teaching the skills of the games and how to improve how you play them! There will be a Certificate of Attendance for each child undertaking the course.

Each child will be required to bring the following with them EACH day -

1. A packed lunch & plenty to drink (avoid Fizzy Drinks)
2. Clothing suitable for an OUTDOOR Activity, which MUST include a Waterproof. We will be outdoors if the weather is "showery"
3. Suitable footwear for both indoors and outdoors (please pack 2 pairs of footwear)

AK COACHING and its staff are Insured for Public Liability, DBS checked and First Aid trained - Coaches regularly coach children of all ages & abilities in local schools.

TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY - FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY 2024
09:00 - 16:00 at £15.00 per day

ALL SESSIONS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE - BACS (details to be forwarded via email on request) - CHEQUES should be made payable to ALISTAIR KEAY - CASH PAYMENTS please send EXACT money as we do not have facility to give change.

THERE WILL BE PLACES AVAILABLE FOR A MAXIMUM OF 45 CHILDREN. PLACES WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

ALL SESSIONS BOOKED MUST BE PAID FOR EVEN IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT ATTEND. THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS WHEN A CHILD HAS BEEN ILL AND A COPY OF A DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE IS PROVIDED TO AK COACHING. CREDITS ARE AT MANAGEMENT DISCRETION.

PLEASE COMPLETE CLEARLY ALL AREAS ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM
COMPLETED FORMS CAN ALSO BE SENT VIA EMAIL (AKCOACHING2020@GMAIL.COM)

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AK COACHING
Email: AKCOACHING2020@GMAIL.COM Tel: 07725 876 612

HAF FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITY @ FOOD PLACES

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Education Through Performing Arts

Winter Wonderland Camp
"THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA"

£25 PER DAY

8:45AM - 3:30PM
RECEPTION - YEAR 6

PLAY THROUGH PERFORMING ARTS
2ND, 3RD, 4TH, 5TH
JANUARY 2024

BOUNCY CASTLE, SNOW DISCO, ALPACA VISIT, BODY TATOOS, CRAFTS, PARACHUTE, INDOOR GLOO DEN MAKING, SNOW BALL FIGHT, KARAOKE, GAMES, PERFORMANCE.

DUNCHURCH BAPTIST CHURCH,
COVENTRY RD RUGBY CV22 6RF

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Winter Sports & Fun!
2nd - 5th January 2024

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Email us at bookings@kitsacademy.com

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spaces available

Musical Theatre - Monday
8:00 am - 8:45 am

Street Dance - Friday
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

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AGES 5-11

Your Christmas Childcare

COURSE DATES
Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th
JANUARY 2024

DROP OFF 8.30am - 9am
COLLECTION 3.30pm - 4pm

£18 Per Day Or 4 DAYS for only £68

Lawrence Sheriff School
Whitehall Rd, CV21 3AG

Binley Woods Primary
Coombe Dr, CV3 2QU

onsidecoaching.co.uk EAST WARWICKSHIRE

ISI Inspection
Excellent in every area!

Princethorpe is a bit like a melting pot. Pupils join us from far and wide and settle in really well. Our staff and pupils are fantastically kind and welcoming, and that's so important to me.

Sarah Harris - Head of Foundation at Princethorpe College

PTA Christmas Fair Sunday 10 December 2023, 2.00pm to 4.30pm	Year 5 Choral Fun Day Saturday 20 January 2024, 9.00am to 4.30pm	Year 5 Tag Rugby Friday 26 January 2024, 4.15pm to 6.00pm
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Entrance Examinations for September 2025 admission take place on Saturday 9 November 2024.

Princethorpe College
A non-selective independent day and boarding school for boys and girls aged 7-18 years.
11, Princes Road, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV32 3JF

For more information and to book call 01926 634201, visit princethorpe.co.uk or scan the QR code.

THE GOOD SCHOOL GUIDE

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Dates and Contact Details

School Diary Dates 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

School Closes at 3.30 Friday 22 December

Spring Term 2024

Teacher Training Day Monday 8 January 2024

School Opens Tuesday 9 January 2024

Half Term Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February

School Closes at 3.30 Friday 22 March

Summer Term 2024

School Opens Monday 8 April

May Bank Holiday Monday 6 May - school closed

Half Term Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May

Teacher Training Day Monday 3 June

School Closes at 3.30 Friday 19 July

Key Information

School times

School gates open at 8.30am

Doors open at 8.40am

School starts at 8.50am

School closes at 3.30pm

Any child arriving after this time is late and will be marked as such.

If your child is ill or going to be absent please email absent@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk with your Child's NAME AND CLASS with the reason for their absence

School contact details

Office hours are 8.30 - 4.30 each day by phone or email

If you feel you need to meet with a teacher face to face please email the school office office@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

If you need to talk with a teacher over the phone or have a general enquiry for them please email office@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk.

Our teachers are busy with your children in the classrooms all day, however, they will get back to you as soon as possible

If you would like to share concerns or contact Mrs Smith our Home/School Support worker, please call the office, pop into school or email her directly on homeschoolsupport@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

If you have specific feedback you would like to give us please email us on feedback@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

School policy information can be found here: <http://www.biltonjuniorschool.co.uk/policies>

How can you help your PTA?

WHEN PLAYING



Rugby Lotto is an exciting weekly lottery that will raise money for BJS

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 a week. Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize each week

There will be a draw every Saturday night when a six digit winning combination will be picked.

From every £1 ticket sold 60p will go to good causes in Rugby.

<https://www.rugbylotto.org/support/bilton-school-pta-rugby>



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PTA EVENT HELPERS

WhatsApp group



This group is JUST for people that can help at events. Those who join can opt out at anytime please just let the PTA team know

Scan or upload this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to join this group

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