



BCJS Weekly Update Friday 1st December 2023

Important News:



We would like to wish Years 3 & 4 good luck for their Christmas performances next week.

Please remember, if they have not already done so, Year 3 & 4 children must have their Christmas jumper with them on Monday for their dress rehearsal to the school.

In addition, a reminder that Year 5 are going to have PE on Monday 4th so need to come into school in their PE kit on a different day to usual and Year 4 are going to have PE on Tuesday 5th BUT need to come to school in their uniform, with their PE kit in a bag that they will change into after their performance for PE in the afternoon.

Thank you for your understanding and support!



NEW Value of the Month



KINDNESS



This month, the children will be focusing on being **kind** which in school may include, helping someone when they are hurt, sharing resources, or clearing up even if it is not their mess!

The competition entries last month were amazing. Mrs. Sheargold would like people who are interested to design a poster all about being kind in school and to our environment. There will be one winner that will be selected on Tuesday 5th December 2023.

The winner's poster will be displayed in classrooms and around school to promote our value of the month. Entries are to be handed to Mrs. Sheargold (Cedar Class year 4).

Cold Weather

Please can you ensure that your child/ren have their coats, hats, scarves, gloves, ear muffs etc. with them in school next week. We are still having play and lunch time outside where appropriate, so the children need all the necessary equipment with them to wrap up warm!



Parking – Please can all adults collecting children either at the end of the school day or at the end of a club take care when parking outside the main school car park as recently, lots of cars have been parked across the school gates which means there is not sufficient access and that it is both very difficult and very dangerous for anyone entering or exiting the car park. Thank you.



Star Writer – Starting on Monday, each week, the class teachers will be choosing a 'Star Writer'. These pupils will receive a certificate for their fantastic efforts and will have their work displayed in the hall. We look forward to celebrating the successes of the pupils in their writing across all subjects.



Amazon Wish List – A huge thank you to everyone that has already donated books and equipment to our school using our new Amazon Wish List. We only shared it on Wednesday and already we have received many donations to the school. We have also received a generous amount of monetary donations through School Ping. We are so grateful for the kindness and generosity you have shown, particularly at such an expensive time of year.



Children in Need – Here is a photo of our children enjoying the danceathon!



Book Looks - Thank you to the adults of Cedar and Willow class for attending our class Book Looks, it was a lovely start to such a cold and blustery week! We look forward to seeing the parents/ carers of Year 5 & 6 in the new year.

Year 3 Trip - Year 3 had a lovely morning at Christchurch today where the children were transported to the magical land of Narnia. They were re-told the story by some wonderful actors, learnt about the author of the book and how the story has links to Christianity. They even made Aslan (the lion) to take home. The children had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed the special experience.

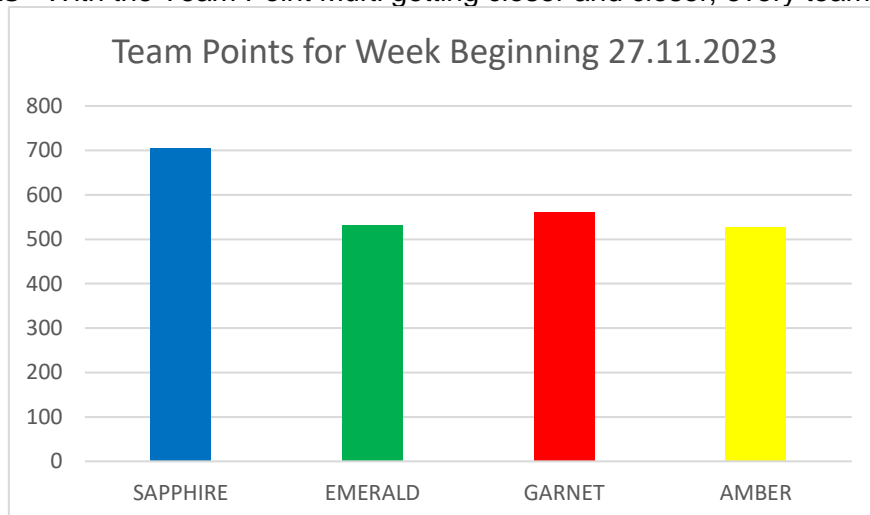




Year 6 Science - Year 6 had some help from Lego and Playmobile mini figures in their Science lesson this week! They investigated how the length of a shadow changes as the object becomes closer to the light source.



Team Points - With the Team Point Mufti getting closer and closer, every team point counts!



Homework – Tasks are set every Thursday and due back the following Monday.

- Maths** Activity in our new Maths homework booklets.
- English** See instructions for the task in the purple homework book.
- Reading** Read at home for 20 minutes, 5 times this week.

A green slip may be handed to your child as a reminder to complete their homework. If reading homework is not completed, your child will be asked to read during the school day. This could be during assembly, break or lunchtime.

Reminders:

Christmas Post – The Christmas Post Box is out and ready by the office. If you would like to send Christmas cards to your friends at school, please ensure that the envelope has the name, initial and class of the child that you would like to send the card to so it gets to the right person. Once a week, the cards will be delivered to the children. The deadline for the last post is Tuesday 12th December



Merits – Merits are awarded every Monday to two children from each class for great choices at school. If your child is awarded a merit, they receive a certificate in our whole school assembly.



Attendance - Just a reminder that if you take your children out of school without authority, you will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

Safeguarding - Our designated safeguarding lead is **Mr Scott**. Also on the safeguarding team is **Mrs Shooter, Mrs Danbury, Miss Bowry and Miss Woodman** Children can contact **Childline: 0800 1111**

Wellbeing – Please refer to the wellbeing tab on our school website for any supportive resources for you and your family.

Important Dates:

PTA Christmas jumper and donut sale	Monday 4 th December (after school)
Year 5 to come to school in PE kit (change to normal day)	Monday 4 th December
Year 4 to bring PE kit into school (change to normal day)	Tuesday 5 th December
Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performances	Tuesday 5 th December Thursday 7 th December Friday 8 th December <i>These performances will start at 9.15am</i>
Year 3 to watch the Year 2 Christmas Production	Tuesday 5 th December (afternoon)
Year 6 Wizard of Oz at The Beacon	Wednesday 6 th December, 12 – 2pm
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 8 th December (more details to come)
PTA Christmas Fair	Saturday 9 th December (11am-2pm)
Christmas Church Service	Monday 11 th December (morning)
Year 6 Roman Day	Monday 11 th December
Last day for Christmas Post	Tuesday 12 th December
Year 4 trip to Banstead Library	Tuesday 12 th December
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 13 th December
Team Point Winner Mufti (Winning team TBC)	Thursday 14 th December
Author Event at Banstead Library (tickets required.)	Thursday 14 th December 3:15pm
Finish for Christmas Holidays	Friday 15 th December Early closure – Year 5&6 @1.25pm Year 3&4 @1.30pm
INSET Day	Tuesday 2 nd January
Start of Spring Term	Wednesday 3 rd January
Year 5 Victorian Day	Friday 5 th January

You can now find term dates and dates for your diary, under the 'Parents' tab on our website: www.bcjs.org.uk

The best way to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or queries is by email – office@bcjs.org.uk . We will endeavour to reply to you as soon as we can.

School website: www.bcjs.org.uk

Follow us on X (formerly Twitter): [@BansteadJunior](https://twitter.com/BansteadJunior)

Please help us by not naming anyone in comments you make. If you have not given permission for your child to appear on social media, please discuss this with them so that they understand they will not appear on our Twitter feed.