

ISSUE 12

FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER 2016

Year 2 Nativity

Once again, I find myself feeling so proud to be the headteacher of Bourne. Our amazing Year 2 children put on a fantastic Nativity, and entertained a very large audience with their impressive acting and wonderful singing.

The children did a wonderful job, and my thanks also go to the Year 2 team: Miss Flude, Mrs Barrett, Mrs Few, Mr Robson and also to Mrs Brown who taught them all the songs for the show.



Reception Carol Concert

Also this week, our Reception pupils held a Carol Concert for their parents. This took place in the hall on Thursday afternoon. As with the Nativity, we had record numbers of parents, grandparents, carers and friends come to watch.

The children performed magnificently, and filled the hall with Christmas cheer! Thank you to our fantastic Reception team for organising this lovely event – I think it may be the start of a new Bourne tradition!

Our New Post Box

You may have noticed our fantastic new post box, which was created by Heather Beames and Richard Ray at Gildredge House School. It has already been well used, and has caused quite a stir in the foyer.

My great thanks go to Heather and Richard for their efforts. I hope this post box will be a feature of Christmas at Bourne for many years to come!

If you wish to post cards for pupils or staff, please label them with the name of their class, and please post them by Wednesday morning. Thank you!



Trip to Tesco's

Mrs Loader took a group of children to Tesco's on Lottbridge Drove recently. They learned facts about Christmas, including:

- the origin of Brussels sprouts, and various facts about this most Christmassy of vegetables;
- the tradition of giving an orange at Christmas time;
- the history of gingerbread.

Each aspect had a healthy eating element.

The children also decorated gingerbread and made a Christingle and looked at its origin.

As usual, the children were extremely well behaved, and were fascinated to learn so many interesting facts.



Reception 2017

Remember, if your child is due to start Reception next September, please fill in an application form by 15th January 2017. Forms are available from the school office, or you can easily apply online, by going to www.eastsussex.gov.uk. Even if you have an older child already in the school, or your child is already in our Nursery, you must still make a formal application. Failure to do so on time will mean that you may not be offered a place at the school.

Saying Goodbye

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to four members of staff:

- Mr Robson is moving to Portsmouth, and is taking up a position much closer to his new home
- Mr Hartley is leaving to take up a post at Marshlands School in Hailsham
- Mr Anderson is leaving us as Mrs Polidano is returning from her maternity leave
- Ms Jones is leaving to take up a post at South Downs School, and will be leaving early next term.

I would like to thank each of them for their many contributions to Bourne School, and wish them every success for the future.

House Points for last Week

<u>Unicorn</u>	157	points
Centaur	130	points
Gryphon	109	points
Dragon	104	points
Phoenix	103	points
Minotaur	95	points

Well done **Unicorn!**

House Points for this Week

<u>Phoenix</u>	83	points
Unicorn	79	points
Minotaur	72	points
Gryphon	68	points
Dragon	67	points
Centaur	65	points

Well done **Phoenix!**

Diary Dates

Make a note in your diary!

- Infant trip to 'Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs'
Tuesday 20th December
- End of Term 2 – school ends at the usual time
Wednesday 21st December
- Staff training day – school closed
Tuesday 3rd January
- Start of Term 3 – school starts at 8.45am
Wednesday 4th January
- Coffee morning for EAL parents
Friday 27th January at 8.45am

Rewarding Good Attendance and Punctuality



In Fang's family Hedgehogs had the best attendance, while Eagles were the most punctual class.



Leopards were the best attenders in Miss Lilac's family, and Badgers were the most punctual class.



Well done to all four classes!

Earrings

It is very usual for both boys and girls to have at least one of their ears pierced. If your child wears earrings, we insist that they are small plain studs (no diamonds, etc). This is a requirement of the school, and is clearly stated in our uniform expectations. Thank you

A Parking Request

I am appealing to those of you who drive to school and who park in our local streets to be considerate towards our neighbours and our local community at all times. Please do not park across our neighbours' driveways, or in their private car parks, as it causes a great deal of unnecessary bother and friction. We have had a few complaints about this from the residents of the flats.

Did You Know?

If you are in receipt of certain benefit payments, you may be eligible to register for Free School Meals. This is a really useful thing to do, because you may receive other benefits including:

- A free P.E. Kit and book bag once every school year
- A 25% reduction on the cost of any class trip
- A 50% reduction on the cost of the Year 6 Residential trip to Blacklands Farm

Even though all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered a free school dinner, this new entitlement does not include these benefits.

If you would like more information, please ask at the office.

ALL THIS FREE:

