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## **Newsletter No.9** **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Dear Parents / Carers



It has been a lovely fortnight immersing ourselves in Jackie Morris's beautiful book 'The quiet music of gently falling snow'. The music, art and writing that have come from the book has been astounding. By the end of Friday, each year group will have a presentation of the work they have been doing on their page of the website. These will also be able to view through our You Tube channel – just Google Billingshurst Primary You Tube channel! We are all really sorry that you cannot come into school and see all the wonderful work we have been doing but we hope the virtual experience will be nearly as good.

Some of our older children are arriving at school too early. Normally this would not be an issue but they need to arrive at the right time for their staggered start. Their early arrival means we have crowding at the gate and in the entrance area which we really need to avoid. Some children were arriving early to meet their friends on the lower playground and I have stopped this because the lower playgrounds are for parents waiting with siblings between start times and not for Year 6 play before school! These are challenging times and we have been able to keep the school open and safe. Please support us by ensuring that children are here at the right time. I also ask parents waiting to drop their children to Spain class to keep over to the left hand fence and keep the main path clear for children and parents walking down to KS2. Thank you.

### **Children in Need**

Please make a donation to the charity via the [Just Giving](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/billingshurstprimary) page we have set up! Please do not send cash in to school. Thank you. So far we have raised over £900!! Double what we have raised in each of the last 2 years. Thank you.

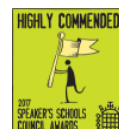
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### **BPSCA**

COVID has hit the work of the BPSCA significantly with most of the usual events unable to take place. They have set up a Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/bpslibrary> to help raise money to fund the new KS1/EYFS library. Please give if you can.

### **Covid 19 Positive Test Results**

If you have had your child tested for Covid 19 and receive a positive result outside of school hours, in the evening, at weekends or during the holidays, please email [covid19@billingshurstprimary.org.uk](mailto:covid19@billingshurstprimary.org.uk) as soon as possible. This email account will be monitored out of hours so that the close contacts of your child can be asked to self-isolate before they come into school again the next day. This email **is only for positive tests for children at our school.**



If someone else in the household tests positive, you should keep all children off school for the correct isolation time and inform us the next school day.

### **Virtual School Tour**

This is now on our website and You Tube channel. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YE2FSt-WPzE&feature=youtu.be&safe=true> to view the tour. Thank you to the Year 6 children and Mr Timmins for producing this tour of our school!

Take care and keep safe.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Williamson  
Headteacher

### **Letters Home This Week**

Year R – Sharing Books in Reception Letter  
All – PSHCE Letter and Powerpoint

### **Dates for Diary**

<b>Autumn Term - Half Term -</b>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020 – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
<b>Spring Term - Half Term -</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
<b>INSET Day -</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 and Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
<b>Summer Term - Half Term -</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021 Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021 – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
<b>INSET Day -</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
<b>13th November –</b>	Children in Need Non Uniform Day
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December –</b>	Christmas Lunch
<b>17th December –</b>	Christmas Jumper / Christmas Clothes Day