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**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Dear Parents / Carers



**House Cup**

Well done to Petworth who won the House Points Cup.

**Ventilating classrooms**

An important part of our risk assessment in preventing COVID infections in school is to keep the school and all our classrooms well ventilated with the doors and windows open. This is shown to reduce possible infections and we will continue to do this as we have been fortunate enough for no child to test positive in school and there be no spread of infection, although doors will be propped rather than wide open where possible. However, winter is really setting in and, despite the heating being on full, it is really cold in many parts of the school. Please make sure your child is wearing layers of clothing – vests, trousers, jumpers, tights...even fingerless gloves so they can keep warm. Children are able to put their coats on when it gets too cold but coats are bulky and not ideal. You will see staff layered up and wearing lots of clothes and it is actively encouraged for you to do the same with your children. The weather is likely to get colder and we will have to keep the rooms well ventilated – extra clothes are the only answer.

**On line Pantomime**

Our children will be enjoying Jack and the Beanstalk with BBC Blue Peter's Peter Duncan (for those old enough to remember him...) and will be watching this in the last week of term. Peter Duncan wrote, produced and filmed this in his own garden! Apparently there is even a real beanstalk. Thank you to the Billingshurst Lions for funding half the cost of this festive treat.

**Relationship, Sex and Relationship Education and Health Education**

As we move forward with our curriculum design for R, SRE and HE, we are inviting you to complete the attached survey. The survey will take approximately five minutes and will be available until 11 December - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RKKK2NB>. Once complete it will help us identify our children's needs and shape the focus of our curriculum accordingly.

During parents' consultations many of you have commented on a slight increase in your child's anxiety. We have attached our information for health and wellbeing which can also be found on our website under "Support". If you need further advice, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Please note if you are more than one child at the school you will need to use a different email address to complete the survey more than once.



## **BPS News**

We are thrilled that so many of you have bought Christmas trug raffle tickets already, but please do let us know if you would like additional books of tickets by getting in touch on email [bpsca@billingshurstprimary.org.uk](mailto:bpsca@billingshurstprimary.org.uk) or via our facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/BPSCA>.

The 21 trugs are beginning to fill up with Christmas goodies and we also have a Series 4 Apple Watch and a FIFA 20 500GB Playstation 4 bundle looking for a new home, so buy some tickets for a chance to win and raise money for the school at the same time.

The JustGiving page we set up a month or so ago to help close the gap in our missed fundraising as a result of the pandemic has now raised £1,045 towards our £5,000 target. A huge thank you to everyone who has made a donation so far. We'll keep this page open until we reach our target and have exciting plans to share with you shortly that will hopefully help us to hit the £5,000! In the meantime, if you wish to make a donation, please go to [www.justgiving.com/campaign/bpslibrary](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/bpslibrary)

Take care and keep safe.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Williamson  
Headteacher

### **Letters Home This Week**

None

### **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>16<sup>th</sup> December -</b>	Christmas Lunch
<b>17<sup>th</sup> December -</b>	Christmas Jumper / Christmas Clothes Day