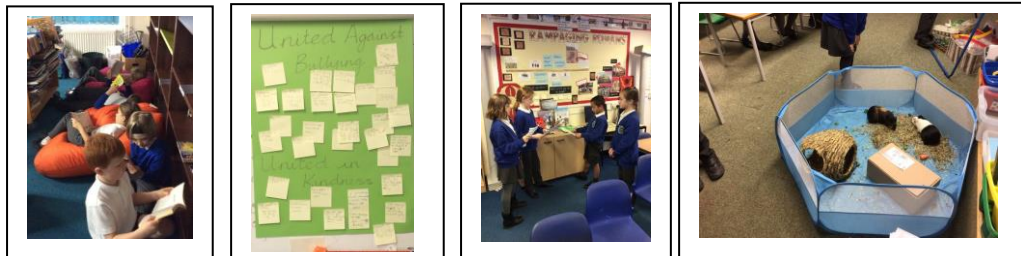




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**Newsletter No.10**  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Dear Parents / Carers



I hope you all enjoyed seeing some of the things your children were learning about in the book fortnight 'The Quiet Music of Gently Falling Snow'. The videos and presentations are on the year group website pages and on our You Tube channel. If your child does not have permission granted for photos, they will not appear on the video. The Reception nativity will be uploaded on to You Tube but will be made private so only parents can view – more information to come.

Please remember that, in these difficult times, if you need support and help please let us know. You can contact us by phone or email and we may be able to help directly or we may be able to signpost other services that will help you. Do not hesitate to ask us for help.

**House Cup**

Well done to Petworth who won the House Points Cup.

**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**

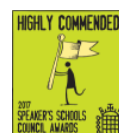
If you have had your child tested for Covid 19 and receive a positive result outside of school hours, in the evening, at weekends or during the holidays, please email [covid19@billingshurstprimary.org.uk](mailto:covid19@billingshurstprimary.org.uk) as soon as possible. This email account will be monitored 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.

**Children in Need**

We raised an enormous £1159 which breaks all our previous records. Thank you so much for your generosity in helping us support this charity which does so much for children across the country. Be very proud!

**Christmas Penny Post**

I am afraid the Christmas Penny Post will not be taking place this year and I ask that children do not bring Christmas cards in to hand out to other children.



What we can do is put on display in each class a Christmas card from your child to the class. These will be appropriately quarantined and in a place where other children will not be tempted to touch them.

### **Baby Zone Support Group For New Parents**

Baby Zone is run by St Marys church, and is an opportunity for those with a baby (under one) to meet other parents and share experiences. We are permitted to continue running during lockdown and have put in extra measures to make us as COVID secure as possible. We are running sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the St Marys Room. If you would like to come along, or for further details, please email us to book: [babies@stmarysbillingshurst.org](mailto:babies@stmarysbillingshurst.org)

### **Switch off fortnight – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November to Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Switch off fortnight is an energy saving campaign which takes place each year. It is a way to save energy by remembering to switch off your lights and appliances. This year switch off fortnight is focusing on renewable power alongside saving energy. Our school has signed up again this year so we are encouraging the children to come home with the message to 'switch off' lights and appliances which aren't being used. During this fortnight the children will be learning more about how to save energy around the school and the home. Remember to switch off!

Many thanks from The Eco team!

Take care and keep safe.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Williamson  
Headteacher

### **Letters Home This Week**

All – Family Grapevine  
Year 6 – Blackland Farm Letter  
Year R – Nativity Costume Letter

### **Dates for Diary**

<b>Autumn Term -</b>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020 – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
<b>Half Term -</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
<b>Spring Term -</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021
<b>Half Term -</b>	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 -</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021
<b>Half Term -</b>	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