



Bierton Church of England Combined School

Dear Parents,

The first half term has flown by. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable and restful half term, allowing the batteries to be recharged for what is set to be a fully packed second half of the Autumn Term.

This half term will see all the children getting their chance to perform either through acting or dancing in our Christmas Productions. Letters regarding tickets have already been sent out, so please get them filled in and sent back to the school office as soon as you can so that we can start allocating tickets.

I am really pleased to see children and parents walking, cycling and scooting to school down Parsons Lane. Keep this up. Remember every time you walk or cycle you can get your Go for Gold Card stamped to work towards rewards including money off vouchers for items such as swimming sessions or bowling games. Keep up the walking!

There is so much to do this half term but I am sure it will be an enjoyable half term as well with lots of opportunities for the children.

Ms Martin
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Key dates for Autumn 2nd Half Term

November

Monday 6th—Year 5+6 Oxford Castle Trip

Wednesday 8th —FOBs meeting 7pm at the Red Lion.

W/C Monday 13th—Anti-Bullying Week

Thursday 16th — Cine Night 3:15—5:15pm

Monday 20th — SEND Parents Drop In 2:30pm

Friday 24th - Years 3+4 Ancient Greek Day

Tuesday 28th— Beech and Birch Trip to St Albans.

November continued

Thursday 30th—Disco

EYFS+KS1 3:30—4:30pm

KS2 4:45—6pm

December

Monday 4th—KS2 Production 1:30pm and 6:30pm

Tuesday 5th—KS2 Production 6:30pm

Wednesday 6th—Children's Hot Christmas Lunch

Monday 11th—EYFS+KS1 Christmas Production 1:30pm

Tuesday 12—EYFS+KS1 Production 6pm

Remembrance

Please can we ask every child to bring in a 2L plastic bottle by Wednesday 8th November.

Children only need one bottle each but if you know your friends do not have one, maybe you can help them out if you have spare!

We are going to be using these plastic bottles to create poppies—watch this space!

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Keeping your child Safe Online—Top Tip

The Internet is a valuable tool but we also should be aware of keeping children safe while using it. Parental controls are just one aspect of this. For further information and videos on how to set up parental controls with different internet providers please visit:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider>

What are parental controls?

Parental controls are software and tools which you can install on phones or tablets, games consoles or laptops – and even your home broadband.

You can also use them to help you block or filter the content your child sees when searching online. And family-friendly public WiFi can help when you're out and about.

Parental controls are also available to help you to:

- plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for
- stop them from downloading apps they're too young for
- manage the content different members of the family can see.

So whatever your child is doing online, there's a way that you can help keep them safe.

Remember that filtering is only part of the solution

No filter or parental controls tool is 100% effective, and many of the risks that young people face online are because of their own and other's behaviour. It is therefore important to talk to your children about staying safe online and make sure they know that they can turn to you if they get into any difficulty. For more information about key topics such as cyberbullying, sexting and social networking, see more advice for parents.

Other services that are popular with young people also provide tools that are helpful to activate in addition to filters. Find out more about [safety tools on popular online services](#).

Devices that connect to your home internet

In addition to content filtering offered by your ISP, many devices such as games consoles, smartphones and tablets have their own parental controls, for example to limit spending or restrict access to apps based on age rating. Likewise, many web browsers have built-in tools and features to help you control the kinds of content users can view. You can find out more about this in our [Parents' Guide to Technology](#).

Staying safe when out and about

If children are taking their devices out of the home, it's worth bearing in mind that they could connect to public wifi, for example, in a shop, cafe or restaurant. Look out for the [Friendly WiFi](#) symbol which shows that the wifi has filters in place to limit access to pornographic content.

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Roles and Responsibilities

Head Boy and Head Girl

Head Boy and Head Girl this year will represent our school at several events across the year as well as playing a part in celebration assemblies. A huge congratulation to this this year's Head Boy and Head Girl:

Noorhafsa Khan and Sean Dover

Ambassadors

The Ambassadors work alongside the Head Boy and Head Girl to aid the staff in promoting different areas of learning and to represent the school in these areas. They will be undertaking a number of different tasks: Creating displays to promote their area of learning, talking to other students to find out about their experiences within their area of learning and taking a key role in organising events to celebrate successes within these areas.

I would like to introduce and congratulate our chosen ambassadors for this year!

Literacy Ambassadors

Levi Sond and May Bloomfield

Numeracy Ambassadors

Joanne Tollyfield, Harrison Nunn and Jake Ward

PE Ambassadors

Makoto Sato and Lewis Golding

Growth Mindset Ambassadors

Georgia Bolland and Adrian Simmons

Science Ambassadors

Sophie Hancock and Juraniyan Kesevan

House Captains

Each pupil in Bierton C.E Combined School becomes a member of one of our houses when they join our school. House points are awarded throughout the week as part of our behaviour and good work policies. During Friday's celebration collective worship the house points for each house are totalled up and the captain for the winning house is presented with the house cup.

At the end of each academic year the house who have culminated the most house points over the year are awarded the 'end of year house cup'.

House Captains :

Blue: Darcey Morris and Jack Redwood

Red: Adrian Simmons and Daniel Gordon

Green: Emily Ndwambi and Sophie Hancock

Yellow: Millie Percival and Georgia Bolland

Anti-Bullying Leaders

Our Anti-Bullying Leaders this year are:

Cherry Rogers, Hope Shepherd and Theo Tomlinson

Junior Road Safety Officers

This year's JRSO Team have already been out at an exciting workshop gaining lots of ideas. They promote road safety and continue to find ways of looking to make the journeys safe, healthy and enjoyable for everyone.

The team promoting safer roads this year are:

Sid Alex Eloise and Rhiannon.

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Harvest Festival

On Friday 20th October, we celebrated harvest through a festival held at the Church. All the children spoke so clearly and sang beautifully for the parents who had queued up to fill St James' Church. They did us all proud!



We were over whelmed by all the children's and their parents generosity with harvest goods. At one point in the morning we had so many that the entrance hallway was almost impassable. I came out of a meeting in my office and could barely walk through the corridor! There were so many boxes and bags of food that were donated that I could not fit them all into the photograph. There is another huge pile of donated goods to the side as you can see in the second picture.

Thank you so much for your very kind generosity!



All the donations were collected on Friday by Aylesbury Vineyard who were very grateful. The donations will all go to supporting local families. A huge thank you for your kind generosity!



Hello! Your new Bierton JRSOs are: Sid, Alex, Eloise and Rhiannon. We would like to tell you about our awesome adventure on our JRSO Fun Day...

Hi, JRSOs Sid and Alex here. On our fun day at the Aylesbury Multi-Culture Centre we learnt lots of interesting things and had lots of different agencies talk to us about road safety. The Police told us lots about using crossings safely. We discovered that there are 4 different types of crossings in England? These are: Tucan, Island, Pelican and Zebra crossings; Wow!

JRSOs Eloise and Rhiannon here and we will tell you what we learnt on our Fun Day. We learnt how to save somebody from a car crash! A member of the Fire Brigade helped us re-enact what it would be like to save a person with all the equipment. Eloise was the Fire Chief and Rhiannon talked to the patient to make sure he was OK and let him know what was happening.

Head lice

Please can you take a few minutes to check your child's hair for Head Lice. Having Head Lice does not mean you're dirty—In fact Head Lice thrive in clean hair! Head lice do not have wings but move from person to person through close contact of hair. They can become quite irritating for the person if they are left untreated. However, they are very easy to treat with a whole range of different shampoos and products available on the market.



Can I please ask that all parents ensure their child comes to school with their hair tied up where long enough. This helps to reduce the spread of Head Lice but also keeps children's hair out of the way when they are working.

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Aylesbury Music Centre

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OPEN DAY

Fantastic opportunity to
perform at the Royal
Albert Hall July 2018

MUSIC
for munchkins
for all kids aged 4-6

**COME AND JOIN THE BUZZ!
SATURDAY NOV 4TH**

BUSKING
All welcome!

BRING A FRIEND

TWO FREE

CONCERTS
10:15 & 12:45

9 – 10:30 SENIOR SYMPHONY

Open to all instrumentalists grade 4/5+

10:45 – 11:15 BIG SING

Open to all players and their parents!

11:30 – 1 JUNIOR JAM

Open to all instrumentalists up to Grade 4/5

CAFE

**HOMEMADE
CAKE**

TUCK SHOP

Aylesbury Music Centre
Walton Road, Aylesbury, HP21 7ST

email: aylmusic@learningtrust.net

Competition Time

Your local hospitals are asking for your help with a very important issue.

Antibiotic resistance is one of the biggest threats facing us today. Without effective antibiotics many routine treatments will become increasingly dangerous. Setting broken bones, basic operations, even chemotherapy and animal health all rely on access to antibiotics that work. **The overuse and misuse of antibiotics can lead to the emergence of drug resistant bacteria.** Please help us protect these life-saving medicines and support the Antibiotic Guardian campaign to **Keep Antibiotics Working.**

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust would like to invite you to participate in a poster competition for Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). Children must design a poster about the topic using the poster template. The aim of this competition is to raise awareness of this issue, and enable children and young people to learn about the topic.

How do I participate?

Design your poster using the template attached

Send your poster to:

Claire Brandish, Pharmacy Department, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Mandeville Road, Aylesbury, HP21 8AL
or email claire.brandish@buckshealthcare.nhs.uk

Deadline for submission for poster competition is Friday 10th November 2017.

Only one submission per child.

Why participate?

Each participant will have their poster displayed in the foyer of Stoke Mandeville Hospital where staff and patients will be able to view them.

One winner will be selected from each age category.

What should be included on the poster?

The poster must be designed on the template attached. It can be designed using whatever media the child wishes. It should incorporate some or all of the key messages:

- Regular hand-washing prevents infection, particularly:
 - Before, during and after preparing food
 - After using the bathroom
 - After exposure to animals or animal waste
 - After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose
 - Using a tissue when coughing and sneezing can prevent sharing your infection – Catch it, Bin it, Kill it!
 - Only use antibiotics when prescribed.
 - Never demand antibiotics if your health professional says you don't need them.
 - Always follow the advice given when using antibiotics.

Never share or use leftover antibiotics.

Hints and tips:

- Keep it simple.
 - Make it eye catching.
 - Make sure that the messages are clear and concise.
- Think about how much space you have, and how you might use it effectively.

What information is there to help?

The [Junior and Family Antibiotic Guardian](#) website as part of the wider Antibiotic Guardian campaign.

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Keep Antibiotics Working

Full name:

School

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My actions protect antibiotics

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ANTIBIOTIC GUARDIAN**

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