



# Bird's Bush News

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As this is the first newsletter of 2018 we would like to say a belated "Happy New Year" and welcome back. I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas holiday; the children have been very excited to tell us all of the wonderful things that Father Christmas brought them. We ask that the children don't bring toys or any items into school unless they are specifically asked by their teacher. We don't want anyone upset by things getting broken, lost or taken. On behalf of all of the staff I would like to say thank you for the cards and gifts that you treated us to for Christmas. Your thoughts and kindness are much appreciated.

The children have thrown themselves back into working hard straight away and are showing great enthusiasm about the new topics and learning opportunities they will be experiencing this term. You should have received your spring term Curriculum Passport which will tell you about some of the things your child will be learning about this term so that you can talk to them about what they are learning - you never know, you might learn something new from them!

We try to include lots of information and celebration on our newsletter so please take a moment to read them so that you can find out what exciting things the children have been learning about and know what events are coming up. The newsletter is always available on the website and can be accessed through the App and our Twitter feed. You should also get a text link to access the newsletter directly every week. If you want a copy emailed to you, please make sure your up-to-date email address is on our system. You can also get a paper copy from the Office area!



As part of our science learning, the children in lower juniors took part in a litter survey. They sorted the litter they found and generated ideas (which included a litter picking club) for reducing litter around our school.



## Bird's Bush Learners are...

- C - Confident
- H - Honest
- A - Ambitious
- M - Motivated
- P - Proud
- I - Independent
- O - Organised
- N - Never Give Up
- S - Safe



## Learning Champions

R1- Daisy	Class 5 - Logan
R2- Archie	Class 6 - Oliver
Class 2 - Jayden B	Class 7 - Lauren
Class 3- Georgie	Class 8 - Kieran
Class 4 - Talia	Class 9 - Sophie
	Class 10 - Keira

Our catering staff will be serving:-

- Monday Chicken Tikka OR Macaroni Cheese
- Tuesday Sausages OR Vege Sausages
- Wednesday Roast Chicken OR Quorn Roast
- Thursday All Day Breakfast OR Vege Breakfast
- Friday Fish & Chips OR Cheese & Bean Wrap & Chips

Jacket Potatoes and Sandwiches will also be served each day.

### Coffee Mornings

Denese Hill (our Family Support Worker) holds a coffee morning every Friday 8.45 - 10.15 a.m.

Denese is also available throughout the week to discuss any issues, problems or concerns you may have.

Happiness builds success.



## READ IT!

We have an amazing selection of books to choose from for the lucky winners. Children earn a Read It! Ticket for every time they prove they have read at home. We have so many children earning lots of tickets we choose a winner from each year group!

Our lucky winners on Friday 5th January were:-

Reception	Archie
Year 1	Alexi-Grace
Year 2	Ellie
Year 3	Olivia
Year 4	Madison
Year 5	Abbie
Year 6	Sophie



Our children have told us how much they love reading and earning 'Read it!' tickets!

### SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COLLEGE FAMILY LEARNING ENGLISH AND MATHS MADE EASY AT BIRD'S BUSH PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Confused by your child's homework ?  
Want to help them but don't know where to start ?  
Then come along to the Family Learning Taster Sessions (LITTLE ONES WELCOME)  
Refreshments will be provided. Come and see what Family Learning opportunities are available to you and how we can support you and your child(ren) with their English and Maths.**

#### FREE TASTER SESSIONS

09:00 – 10:30 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

09:00 – 10:30 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

If interested please call school or chat to Denese.

### DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE CROWNED BRITAIN'S BEST LEGO BUILDER?



Do you love to build awesome creations? We are looking for brick obsessed pairs of all ages to register interest in a second series of 'LEGO MASTERS' on Channel 4 to find Britain's most talented amateur builders.

Please email [build@tuesdayschild.tv](mailto:build@tuesdayschild.tv) to register your interest. If you are under 18 please ask a parent or guardian to email on your behalf. Unfortunately, we won't be able to answer all the requests individually. Applicants must be 9+.

**TUESDAY'S CHILD**

## Dates



- 18th January 3.20 & 5.30pm -consultation meeting for parents
- 26th January - Class 2 assembly
- 1st February—Boosters for Y6 start
- 2nd February - Class 9 assembly
- Dressing Up Day (number themed -details to follow)
- 6th February - Reception Stay & Play
- 9th February - Class 3 assembly
- 19th February - 23rd February Half Term
- 16th February - Back to school
- 16th March - class 4 assembly
- 20th & 22nd March - Parents evenings
- 30th March—11th April Easter Holidays
- 12th April - Summer term starts

## Consultation regarding the proposed changes to the structure of the school day.

There is a meeting for parents on Thursday 18th January at 3.20 pm or 5.30 pm to discuss the proposed changes to the structure of the school day.

To answer some questions raised so far:

- Proof of eligibility for childcare can include a letter from the employer or a time sheet for example - none of this is needed yet as we are currently only consulting on the issue. We don't plan to start the arrangement until April 13th.
- Teachers will be working on the Friday afternoon as this will be their statutory 10% release time for planning, preparation and assessment (PPA). Currently they have it at different times in the week. Having the time together will make planning and assessment more consistent and better for the children.
- The childcare arrangement will remain as part of the changes and will be available to new children when they start school.
- Children will still have lunch on Fridays but we may move it earlier so that we fit in a learning session before finishing at 1.15pm.
- Attendance will still be counted as 10 sessions per week.