



Bird's Bush News

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The world's biggest short-story writing competition for kids has returned and we can't wait to read this year's stories!

Seven years ago, Chris Evans had a dream: to get children excited about reading and writing. All children, no matter what their ability. 500 Words is now one of the most successful story-writing competitions for kids in the world: Three quarters of a million children have written a story for them over the years!



It's very simple. Entrants write an original story on any subject or theme in 500 Words or fewer and submit it online. If they win, their story will be read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity...like Julie Walters, Tom Hiddleston, Sir Kenneth Branagh, Jeremy Irons, or Sherlock himself – Benedict Cumberbatch. Each year, 10 million Radio 2 listeners hear, read and love these stories.

As well as rubbing shoulders with the world's biggest celebrities and massive pop-stars our Bronze winners win their own height in books and the Silver winners the Duchess' height in books. AND our Gold winners not only win Chris Evans' height in books AND 500 books for their school, but also a special illustrated copy of their story printed by royal bookbinders.

We have been talking about 500 Words in assembly and listening to some of the winning stories from last year. There is lots of information on the BBC 500 words website and how to enter.

Entries are open NOW until 7pm on Thursday 22nd February.
All stories must be submitted via the online form on the BBC 500 Words website.

Let's all get writing!!!

Learning Champions



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| R1- Ashton | Class 5 - Hadley |
| R2- Elijah | Class 6 - Bonnie |
| Class 2 - Elsie-Louise | Class 7 - Emily |
| Class 3- Noah | Class 8 - Nell |
| Class 4 - George | Class 9 - Logan |
| | Class 10 - Bobby |

Happiness builds success.



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



Our catering staff will be serving:-

- Monday Pizza OR Cheese & Tomato Pasta
- Tuesday BBQ Chicken OR Cheese & Bean Wrap
- Wednesday Roast Turkey OR Quorn Roast
- Thursday All Day Breakfast OR Vegetarian Breakfast
- Friday Fish & Chips OR Vege Hot Dogs & Chips

Jacket Potatoes and Sandwiches will also be served each day.

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 19th January were:-

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| Reception | Ethan |
| Year 1 | Jayden |
| Year 2 | Charlie |
| Year 3 | Jackie |
| Year 4 | Madison |
| Year 5 | Pheobe |
| Year 6 | Keane |



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

Class 9 Assembly

Mrs Hathaway

Friday 2nd February at 9.00 a.m.

Parents/Carers of Class 9 are very welcome to come along.

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.

REMINDERS

- Our school doors open at 8.45 a.m. and close at 8.55 a.m. when the second bell rings. Please make sure that children arrive at school between these times. Children are not supervised before 8.45 a.m. Children who arrive after the second bell are late and must come through the main entrance and be signed in.
- Can you please let us know at school if you are unable to collect your child at the end of the day and you wish someone else to collect them on your behalf.
- Our uniform includes black/dark coloured shoes. Trainers are not acceptable school footwear.
- Nail varnish, false nails or make-up is not appropriate for school and should not be worn.
- Small stud earrings are acceptable but **MUST** be removed for PE.
- Children can bring a small snack for breaktime but please encourage a healthy snack such as fruit or a cereal bar
- Junior children can buy a snack at breaktime - we will no longer be able to lend money for children to buy something if they have forgotten.
- Fizzy drinks are not allowed in school

The school office is open from 8.30am until 3.30pm. Our answer phone is on 24hours a day and messages are checked regularly. Please leave a message if the phone is not answered and we will deal with your enquiry as soon as we can.

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

Your comments and questions regarding the changes are welcome and there are a number of ways to comment:

- posted in the secure drop-off post-box in the front office area,
 - sent in a sealed envelope with your child,
 - email responses to school to office@birdsbush.staffs.sch.uk or ieb@birdsbush.staffs.sch.uk
 - Contact us via the link on the school App.
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- Consultation period ends on 5th February 2018
 - IEB discussion and decision meeting 8th February 2018
 - Further communication with parents - w/c 12th February 2018

Dates



1st February—Boosters for Y6 start
2nd February - Class 9 assembly
Dressing Up Day
6th February - Reception Stay & Play
9th February - Class 3 assembly
19th February - 23rd February
Half Term
26th 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