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## Whole School Newsletter 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term! We hope you have all had a nice, restful half term break.

It has been a whirlwind of activity during this past half term and it was so nice to see so many of you at our different events such as Tea and Tissues, Meet the teachers, Phonics Workshop, Harvest time at the church and last but not least our celebration assembly at the end of the term. The children have been working incredibly hard since starting in September and it was lovely to be able to give out so many certificates and shining star awards! We also enjoyed inviting parents in this term for Parent Consultations to share the children's fantastic work.

There are lots of exciting things happening for the children this term, and lots of Christmas activities to look forward to. There are also a new range of after school clubs for the children to enjoy.

### New logo and vision for the school

Hopefully you'll have noticed our refreshed logo and our new biblical vision (see above) which we have developed following training with the Diocese and our governors.

### Further changes

Speaking of governors, we're looking forward to meeting at the end of the month to discuss some exciting and expensive plans as we look to improve our environment and:

- Develop and open our new library
- Create a refreshed room ready for our planned parent and toddler sessions and nursery.

We also have a series of further plans over the current and next school year as we look to further improve our school.

One of these will be to our uniform. This was discussed by leaders and governors during the last academic year and there will not be any changes until September 2024. We're



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currently reviewing what has been agreed and will share with you all in a separate letter once the policy has been reviewed at the next governors' meeting.

### After School Clubs for this half term

Thank you all for using the new booking system to book places at the new clubs for this half term. It is great to see so many pupils enjoying the after-school activities. **The new clubs for this half term are:**

Monday	Athletics
Tuesday	Dodgeball
Wednesday	Dance
Thursday	Mini trampolining
Friday	Arts and Crafts

These clubs will run until **4:30** each day. The cost of each club is £4.00

Please email the school office at [enquiries@bakewell-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@bakewell-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk) if you have any questions about the clubs or booking places. Please note all **clubs will be at the Infant school.**

### Friendship and Anti-Bullying week





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The week of 13<sup>th</sup> November is Friendship and Anti-bullying week and we are looking forward to wearing our odd socks to school on this day to celebrate how we are all unique and special in our own way.

Wear your odd socks to school on 13<sup>th</sup> November!



The children will be doing a range of activities this week to learn about and discuss what friendship and anti-bullying means to them. **Please see the attached information pack from the Anti-Bullying Alliance** which provides further information, guidance and a range of activities to complete at home.

If you have any concerns regarding bullying then please contact school:

[enquiries@bakewell-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@bakewell-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk)

[safeguarding@bakewell-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@bakewell-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk)

### Children in Need Day 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023







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It is nearly Children in Need Day! We are inviting all children to join us in dressing up for this special day. You could dress like Pudsey Bear, wear as much yellow as possible, or dress in spotty clothing. Or have a super silly day and wear your pyjamas to school! Don't worry, the staff will be dressing up too!

If you can, don't forget to bring your £1 donations to school on the day for us to donate to the Children in Need Charity.

### Now for all the Christmas activities at Bakewell Infants!



**6<sup>th</sup> December** - In the afternoon, the whole school will be going to the Junior school to watch the dress rehearsal for the Junior school's Nativity play \*please note that the infant school children will be dismissed from the Junior school on this day.

**7<sup>th</sup> December** - **Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day.** Wear your Christmas jumper to school and if you can bring £1 to school on this day for the school to donate to the Save the Children's charity.

**7<sup>th</sup> December** - **Christmas Tree Festival 7pm at All Saint's Church in Bakewell.** The children will be decorating a tree for the festival again this year.

**11<sup>th</sup> December** - **Christingle service at All Saint's Church 6pm.** The children will make their Christingles in school and sing some of their Nativity songs for the service at 6pm.

**13<sup>th</sup> December** - **The children are going to Buxton Opera House to see the pantomime of Cinderella.** 1-3pm performance so children will be collected later on this day (more information to follow with a letter and permission slip)

**15<sup>th</sup> December** - The whole school will be going to the Medway Centre in the afternoon to enjoy a sing along and ukulele orchestra performance.



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**19<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Dinner at school today

**20<sup>th</sup> December** - **Whole school Nativity play in the Medway Centre.** There will be a 2pm performance and another one at 5:30pm. Parents are invited to both and the Junior school children will also be attending the 2pm performance.

**22<sup>nd</sup> December** - Last day of term! Christmas party food for lunch and wear your own clothes to school day.

**Christmas Fair at the school** - **Date to be confirmed** with 'Friends of Bakewell' more details to follow soon.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Mrs Harry and Mr O'Connell