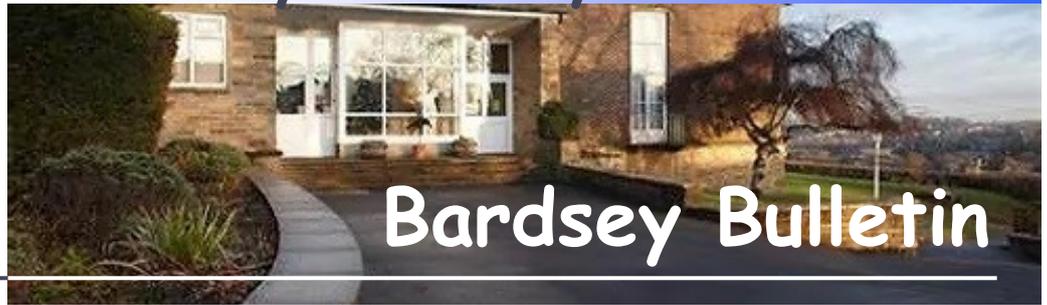


Bardsey Primary School

School Update

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Dates for your diary:

- Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 11th December
- Friday 18th December—
School Closes, End of
Autumn 2
- Wednesday 16th Decem-
ber FOBPS AGM
7.30pm
- Friday 18th December -
Christmas Dinner
- Monday 4th January—
School Opens for
Spring 1
- Friday 12th February—
School Closes for Half
Term
- Monday 22nd February—
School Closed Teach-
er Training Day

Message from Mr. Knight.

With the onset of December, Winter is well and truly upon us especially with the first flakes of snow this morning. This week certainly has seen the turn to a lot colder, more wintry weather.

This week also sees everybody coming out of the latest Lockdown, though with us all entering Tier 3, it doesn't seem that a lot has changed really. What certainly hasn't changed is the need for us all to still take the safety precautions which have become so familiar to us all over the past months. If we all continue to do these things, then Christmas can be celebrated in much more of a normal way in our homes. After such a difficult year, I am sure we are all looking forward to this.

This week Miss Williams delivered all of our 'Hearts For Homes' messages and heart pictures to two care homes in Wetherby. Every child in the school decorated their own heart and wrote a message, a few more of which are pictured later on in this newsletter. I hope some of you managed to catch the interview I did on BBC Radio Leeds on Wednesday, it was so nice to have the opportunity to celebrate to a wider audience what we have been doing at school. If you missed the interview, it will shortly be up on the school website.

The preparations for Christmas are fully underway at school! The Christmas trees are out and have been fully decorated and I have already had my first mince pies of the season! Although we are unable to gather in the hall as a whole school, each class will be celebrating in their own way. I am sure many of you will be out this weekend catching up on that Christmas shopping which many people will be behind with due to the Lockdown.

Warmest greetings and stay safe.



Christmas Parties/Carol Singing

At a recent staff meeting, some of the things planned for Christmas were discussed. I can now confirm that that Thursday 17th December will be party day for every class in the school. This will be a non uniform day where each class will organise their own activities for the day. Each child can bring in their own plate of party food to eat themselves that day. No food to brought in to share with others please.

Christmas dinner will be on Friday 18th December. If your child doesn't normally have a school lunch, they will be able to have Christmas dinner on that day if they wish to. A text went out this week with more details about this.

Various activities have been planned in different classes for Christmas and each class teacher may try to film these things if it possible. I am sure they will let parents know if anything becomes available for you to view. I know many of you are keen to see some Christmas activities.

We are also going to do, weather permitting, carol singing in the open air during the last week. This will either be on Tuesday 15th December or Wednesday 16th December. We would like children to come in dressed especially in woolly hats and scarves on that day, akin to carol singers themselves. This will be a lovely opportunity to sing some Christmas carols!

Mrs Law's Running Fundraiser

As you may already know from earlier mention in a newsletter, our assembly theme has been generosity. I asked the children to think about generous deeds they could do. Well, Mrs Law, who works as a teaching assistant in Year 1, literally, went one step further!

In the spirit of these recent assembly messages, during November, she has been using morning playtimes to get a bit fitter with the children by running round the playground with anyone who wants to join her. The children have loved it too! They have taken on roles such as coaches, lap counters and running buddies.

Mrs Law has used her running to help raise some money for the charity Maggie's which is something very close to her heart at the moment. All being well, she is hoping to run a mile every play-time to raise funds. Any of the children can join her for however long they wish.

When I heard about this, I thought what a lovely idea it was and Mrs Law needs to be commended for doing such a thoughtful piece of fundraising. I thought it would be lovely for you to hear about it too! Good luck Mrs Law with all your running and fundraising!

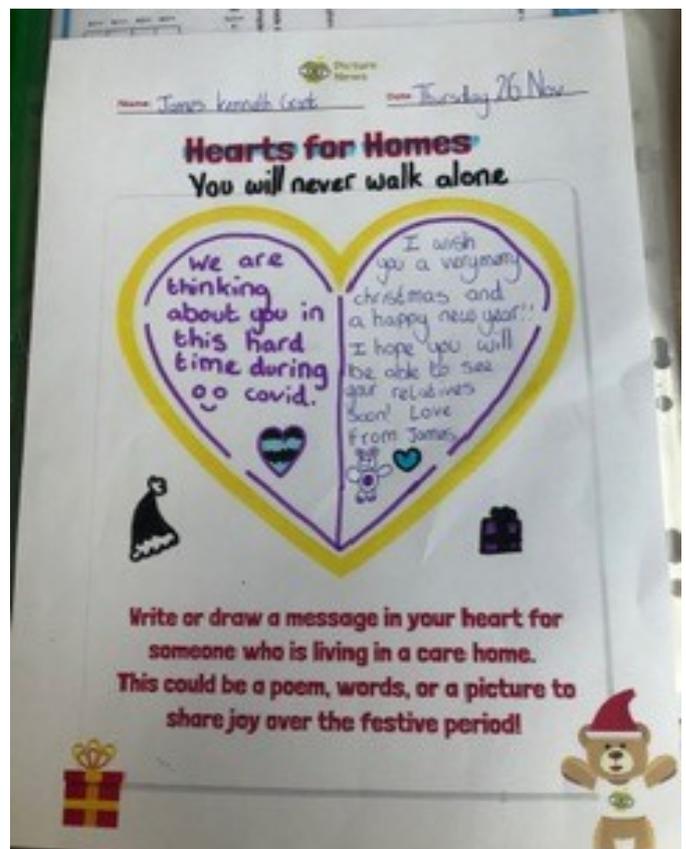
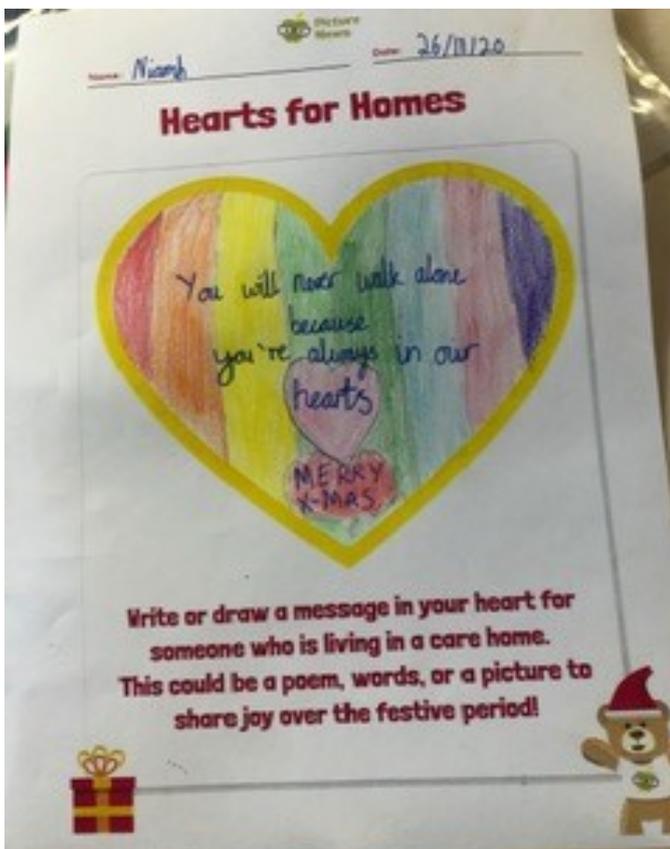
Safe Delivery!



Miss Williams delivering some of our Hearts to Windsor Court in Wetherby.

Hearts For Homes

Here are some of the Hearts for Homes some of our Year 6 pupils produced. What lovely messages they wrote!





Year 1 Lanterns

During their topic Festivals and Celebrations, Year 1 have been learning about the festivities which take place at the end of the festival of Ramadan. They made these sun catcher lanterns called Fanoos which are usually lit around this time. These lanterns were made by Kier, Harriet and Mabel.



Behaviour of the Week

Behaviour continues to be very good at this school and this week these children in particular have been displaying the attributes of a positive role model for others:

Reception: Edie & Luca

Year 1: Joe & Eleanor

Year 2: Carrie & Arjan

Year 3: Lilly & Max

Year 4: Hector & Arjan

Year 5: Emilia & Jacob

Year 6: Euan & Anaiya



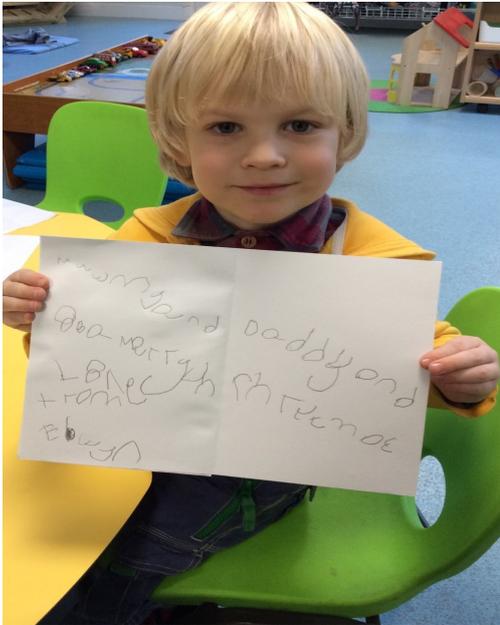
Tin Tuesday

Next Tuesday 8th December sees the second of our 'Tin Tuesdays'. On this occasion it is the turn of Year 2 and Year 3 children to have the chance to donate a tin to the Wetherby Foodbank. Last time, donations from Reception and Year 1 were fantastic! Green bins will be placed outside Lower School Hall and at the foot of Upper School steps for anyone from those classes who would like to donate a tin. All donations will be most gratefully received.

Christmas Jumper Day

Next Friday 11th December is Christmas Jumper Day. Everyone is invited to come to school in a Christmas-themed jumper. If you do not have a Christmas jumper, then a jumper or t-shirt you already have can be decorated just as effectively with sparkly things. This is not a non-uniform day as such, so school trousers, skirt or shoes should be worn also as usual. Christmas Jumper Day is run to raise funds for Save The Children so donations of £1 can be sent in to your child's class teacher or made online via the 'Donate' button on the school website. Thank you for your anticipated support with this.





Children's Corner—Update

The Christmas fairies have been sprinkling their magic over Bardsey nursery and out of school club this week. The children were very excited to discover that a beautifully decorated real Christmas tree had been delivered. They were able to explore the feel of the pine needles, look at their reflections in the baubles and breathe in the lovely scent. They enjoyed adding some extra decorations to the branches and stood back to admire their hard work.

The fairies had left another surprise: a wooden story cube decorated with twinkling lights. This is a wonderful addition to our space and the children couldn't wait to crawl inside the cosy space and curl up with our new Christmas books.

Christmas activities have started in abundance this week. The boys and girls have enjoyed festive crafts, cutting and sticking to decorate stockings with shiny paper and cotton wool. We have had lots of fun learning festive songs and the sound of our singing can probably be heard in the village!

Our older children have been wanting to practise their writing skills and have demonstrated excellent pencil control this week. We're sure families will be delighted to receive handwritten messages on their crafts when they are sent home.

We are now taking bookings for January for 15 and 30 hour funded places. Places are available for 2, 3 and 4 year olds dependent on eligibility. You can find out if you're eligible at www.gov.uk. Feel free to drop into nursery or give us a call on 01937 573999 if you need any more information and we will be happy to help.

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Year 4 DT Work

Year 4 have been very busy making 3D models of The Water Cycle. They have used a variety of materials such as cardboard boxes, scrap paper and mod rock. The model on the left was made by Harry, Ahmed, Emma, Mylee and Lucy. The model on the right was made by Ellie, Hasnain, Lucy, Ted and Rayaan. They have labelled them too. Well done for working so hard on them, they look fantastic!



FOBPS AGM

The Friends of Bardsey Primary School Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th December at 7.30pm. This will be via Zoom and all of the details about accessing the meeting are on the FOBPS section of the school website. The passcode for the meeting is Charity. Link below:

[FOBPS AGM | Bardsey Primary School](#)

Please see the school website for a presentation about what FOBPS have done over the past year.

FOBPS are still on the look out for new members for this year, so if you feel you have time to give to help plan events and help raise funds for the school then please email the school office:

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