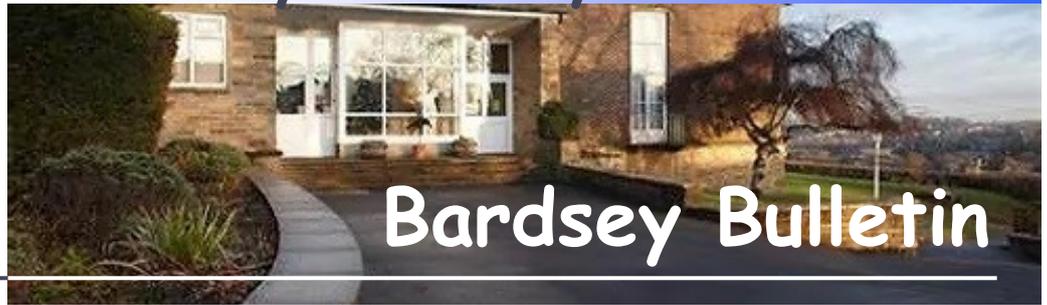


Bardsey Primary School

School Update

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Bardsey Bulletin

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 4th January—
School Opens for
Spring 1
- Monday 11th January—
Reception Training
Day (Reception children only not in school)
- Wednesday 13th January—Height, Weight, Vision Check—Year 6 children
- Friday 12th February—
School Closes for Half Term
- Monday 22nd February—
School Closed Teacher Training Day

Message from Mr. Knight.

It is beginning to feel a lot more like Christmas with so many Christmas jumpers in school last Friday and hearing the children sing so many lovely carols outside in the winter sunshine last Tuesday. We were really blessed with some lovely weather for singing outside too.

All of the classes have been very busy this week recording either their Christmas songs or poems. I have either heard or seen these and they are fantastic. The staff have worked really hard to put them together and found interesting ways to celebrate Christmas in their classes. Some of these are on the website (password protected for that class's parents) or Google Classroom.

I sincerely hope that you and your children stay safe during the forthcoming break and are confident to take the steps needed over the Christmas holiday to help ensure we are all back to school and raring to go on **Monday 4th January**. Many thanks for all your continued support and understanding at this unprecedented time. The children have managed brilliantly this term and we are all very proud of them!

On a personal note, I just wanted to end the term with a huge thank you to all the children, staff, governors, parents and families — as well as everyone else who has been lucky enough to be associated with the school. This has been the most challenging start to a Headship I could ever have imagined and the most unusual of starts to a school year. I am privileged to work with a team of such dedicated, passionate, creative and determined staff who keep our school exactly where we want it to be - at the forefront of caring for our children and always looking for new ways to make your child's experience a little more amazing.

I would like to wish you all a very **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and wish you all a happy, healthy and safe 2021. I look forward to welcoming your children back to school on **Monday 4th January**.



Managing COVID Cases

In last week's newsletter there was information about what to do if your child tests positive over the Christmas break. I ask that if your child tests positive you send an email to office@bardseyprimary.org.uk as soon as you are notified of a positive test result.

In your email please state the name of your child, the year group, the date of the onset of symptoms, symptoms experienced, when they were last in school and if there are any other members of the household who have tested positive.

This information will be helpful when liaising with Public Health England. When a case is reported, a teachers to parents message will be sent out to those bubbles and staff who have been recognized as a close contact of that child. All children and staff have to self-isolate for 10 days under the new guidance. Let us hope though, that we all stay COVID free over this Christmas break and no reporting of cases is needed.

Carol Singing Outside

As we were not able to go down to All Hallows in the village to take part in our usual carol service at the church this year, we sang carols in the open air at school in the front car park. We ensured one half of the car park was vacant and the children were arranged socially distanced in class groups separate from each other. There was some fantastic singing and the children really enjoyed the chance to sing some of their favourite carols. It certainly had a very Christmassy feel about it! The recording of this event should be going on the website today.





Behaviour of the Week

Our final Behaviour of the Week recognition for this term goes to the following children:

Reception: Bailey & Ella

Year 1: Viaan & Edward

Year 2: Jacob M & Vassoula

Year 3: Maxwell & Maymuna

Year 4: Charity & Mylee

Year 5: Faye & Billy

Year 6: Bo & Niamh



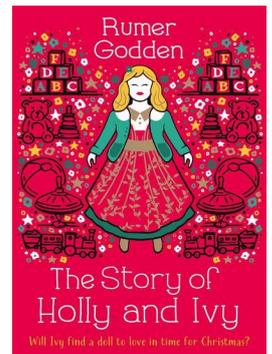
Christmas Jumper Day

Many thanks to everyone who supported Christmas Jumper Day last Friday. The school raised a grand total of £188.00 towards the charity Save the Children Fund.

Book of the Week

The Story of Holly and Ivy

By Rumer Godden



It is Christmas Eve, and for the toys in Mr Blossom's shop, it is their last chance to be sold.

Holly, a small doll dressed especially for Christmas, wishes hard for her own special child.

But the days ends and Holly is left in the window.

On Christmas morning a little lost orphan girl finds herself outside the toy shop. Ivy has never had a doll to love, but when she sees Holly, she knows at once that *this doll* was meant for her. But Ivy has no money and the shop is closed

The Story of Holly and Ivy is a Christmas classic by Rumer Godden and is beautifully illustrated by Christian Birmingham.

Word of the Week

mischievous

Adjective

Causing or showing a fondness for causing trouble in a playful way.

The mischievous elf hid in different places in the classroom.





Children's Corner

Nothing says Christmas more than a carol concert and our nursery and preschool children were excited to join the school's this week. It was a real treat to see big brothers and sisters singing in the playground, all wrapped up warm and cosy. We have enjoyed learning carols in nursery, so it was wonderful to put all our practice to good use and join in with the older children. It was a magical atmosphere and the voices of the whole school and nursery children combined could be heard drifting across the village.

We are very lucky to have such a talented knitter in our midst and Hannah's Granny Sue has been busy crafting some lovely characterful snowmen as prizes for our 'Name the Snowman Fundraiser', for our charity Changing Stars Malawi (www.changingstarsmalawi.org). A massive thank you to everyone who entered and contributed; your generosity means that Rebecca Brown (see photo) will go to school this year. We have chosen the lucky winners from the raffle who will be able to take their snowman home in time for Christmas. In case you are wondering, the winning name was 'Icicle'!

Although Father Christmas is very busy getting ready for the big day, he still managed to send us some presents for the nursery children. Our out of school children have been delighted to receive a reply to the letters they sent earlier this month, postmarked from the North Pole. Not long to go now!

We would also like to say a special thank you to one of our Bardsey families who have sponsored two children. Their generosity will pay for two children to attend school for the year, pay for their uniforms and buy a big bag of maize for the family. If you are looking for an alternative Christmas gift, please consider sponsoring a child for £60 for the year. For more information click on our link for the sponsorship page: <https://justgiving.com/campaign/schoolfees2020>

Wishing all our families and the community a magical Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



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Year 1 Christmas Decorations

Year 1 have made these fantastic Christmas decorations which show the Three Kings. They have been made by shaping material to form the figures of the kings. They have also been making these lovely Christmas trees and decorating them. They look fabulous! Well done Year 1!



Year 2 Calendars

Year 2 have been making these lovely calendars which depict the changing seasons by showing how a tree changes throughout the year. Year 2 used their fingers to make the shapes of the leaves. Can you work out which season belongs to which picture? Here is a lovely set of pictures created by Jacob. What a splendid piece of art work, well done!



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