

## Dear Families,

And here we are for the last Binstead Buzz of 2021 and what a year it has been. It has been lovely since September to be able to return to a more 'normal' school year, and we have all especially enjoyed being able to welcome parents and carers into the building safely for the Christmas Performances, thank you so much for joining us and making it such a wonderful experience for everyone! The children were all fantastic, and had such stamina to spread their joy over 7 performances. We are very proud of them all.

This afternoon I have the pleasure of drawing the Friends of Binstead Christmas Raffle. This will be recorded and uploaded onto Class Dojo for you - I feel this may take a while as there are so many wonderful prizes to win! Thank you to all of the Friends for their hard work in gathering prizes, collecting everything in and organising in time for the draw today. Please see the message from the Friends on the following pages to see what else they have been up to, and the winners of their competitions etc this term.

On Monday we have our Christmas Dinner, and I cannot wait, the children really enjoy this day, whether or not they are eating a Christmas Dinner. The Friends have bought every child a Santa hat to wear to add to the festivities, a HUGE thank you to them. Please note there will be no other dinners available on this day if you have not already booked a Christmas Dinner.

I am as hopeful as you all are that we will return in January as normal, and as always, I only have the same information as you do. We have put together sensible contingency plans just in case, that involve the potential for returning to a bubble system if schools are advised to do this, but if this is the case, I will communicate this with you before we return, as things may not progress in that way, or may change completely in the meantime.

Tuesday will be our last day of school in 2021 until the 5th January 2022 (Tuesday 4th is an INSET day where the school is closed to Pupils) and we look forward to seeing you all well rested after the Christmas Break.

I hope you all have a most wonderful and magical Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Thank you as always for all your support throughout the year, it really does mean such a lot to us all and is very much appreciated.

Best wishes,

Mrs Chessell

Next	Monday	Tuesday
weeks		
menu		
Option 1	Christmas Dinner	Fish Fingers
Option 2	Christmas Dinner	Meat-free Nuggets
Dessert		Main pudding or fruit

Cheese, Beans or Cheese and Beans Jacket potato, or tomato pasta, and fruit available Tuesday

## **PCR Test Results**

Most people get their result the next day, but it may take up to 3 days. You'll usually get a text or email with your result when it's ready. If you use the NHS COVID-19 app, you may also get your result in the app. If you do not get your results by day 6, call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

**Year 3 Swimming Badges** If you have ordered your child's swimming badge, they have arrived and will be presented after Christmas



Happy Christmas from everyone in the office.

Thank you for all your help throughout the year.



## **End of term messages from The Friends**



This half term has been quite a busy one for The Friends and we hope that you have been able to enjoy some of the activities that we have been able to do.

We hope you all liked the design a Christmas card that the children did in school and we thankyou to all those who purchased cards and gifts with the designs on. Your purchasing has raised an amazing £516.10 for the Friends. We are hoping to make this an annual event 🔾

In years 3 – 6 there has been a Guess the number if sweets in the jar competition running, with the sweets kindly being donated by The Kandy Box in Ryde. The winner of the year 3 – 4 jar was Charlie in year 3 and in the year 5 – 6 was Lola in year 5. Congratulations to both of you and we hope you enjoy the sweets!!!! This raised £64.00 for the Friends

The Jolly Jars and chocolate tombola was back and along with the pre loved uniform sale raised £180.80 this week. The winner of the Jolly Jar competition for decorating a jar was Jude in Year 1. Well done to you ② A big thankyou to those who decorated or decorated and filled their jars or brought in chocolate, your contributions were amazing, and the children were so happy to be winning them. Thankyou to the volunteers for coming up each day and selling.

The Christmas raffle is being drawn this afternoon, good luck to all those who have bought tickets. Thankyou to everyone who has purchased tickets, donated raffle prizes or have asked people for raffle prizes. There are lots to be won and so far has raised an enormous £830.10. A big thankyou to Jasmine and Becky who have run and organised the raffle.

All the money raised this term goes into the Friends account for equipment and supplies that the school would otherwise not be able to have.

For Christmas this year the Friends have provided the Christmas Tree in the hall and are providing a Christmas hat for all the children on Christmas dinner day. We will also on Monday be giving each class a £100 voucher that they can use in the New Year for classroom supplies or equipment that they may need between Jan and the summer.

All this has been possible to do thanks to the support and donations of all the parents and we look forward to organising some more things in the New Year.

> Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from The Friends.











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MONTEREY ROAD

**80 UPTON ROAD** 

RYDE (NEXREST RYDE)

OUR OHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR HAS PROVEN SO POPULAR, IT'S SOLD OUT FOR 2021.

ZOE'S LAW



WHITECROSS LANE

**GARFIELD ROAD** 

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NEW ENTRY IN 2021

RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITY

ON THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR BUS ROUTE

