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## Tuesday 4th January

- INSET day for staff

## Wednesday 5th January

- Start of Term 3 for pupils

## Monday 24th January

- Proposed date for clubs starting

Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of a really brilliant term. Despite the implications of Covid-19, we have continued to offer the children a full and wide curriculum, with so many rich learning opportunities. It has been a joy to see the children progress, to develop in confidence and to reap the benefits of all that school life offers. We are so proud of our children and I wish to thank each and every one for all that they bring to our school and to their learning, each day. Thank you, to you, for your continued support throughout the term and, with this, for accepting the difficult decisions that have had to be made along the way. I know it has not been straightforward, and bumpy at times, but your appreciation and understanding of the obstacles we have faced, helps a great deal. And thank you to all of the staff, each has played their part in ensuring school life has been consistent and supportive for the children – they have worked tirelessly and very much deserve the upcoming break. Your acknowledgment of their work through generous gifts and cards is greatly appreciated and, on behalf of the staff, I wish to say thank you.

All of our hopes are pinned on another successful term ahead, as we wish to build on all that we have achieved so far this year. Despite the uncertainties we face, please know that we remain fully committed to ensuring every pupil thrives in our care.

### The Nativity and Upper School Festive Performances

Please know that the recordings of the Upper and Lower School performances are now ready to view on both Google Classroom and on the school website. Please follow this link <https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/school-life/festive-videos> and, for the Nativity performances, enter the password starsoftheweek.

Thank you to all of the staff for enabling these to happen and especially to Mrs Best for preparing the Upper School children for their performances, and to Mr Matt Amor for filming and producing the Nativity video.

I really hope that you enjoy watching these and that you are able to share them with your wider family for them to enjoy, too. What a brilliant keepsake of an unusual year.

### Our NPSA

Thank you to every single volunteer who has driven the NPSA and all of its events and activities forward this term. I don't think many schools would be able to match the commitment demonstrated by our team. I remain extremely grateful for all of the work in raising funds, and for affording fun and memorable moments for all ages. Santa's Woodland Grotto and the completion of Winter Windowland last weekend, sum up all of the effort and support. This afternoon, all of the children watched an online pantomime of Cinderella - this too was funded by the NPSA – thank you.

Please know that any one is welcome to get involved next term; look out for the date of the next meeting and come along to share your ideas and get involved.

### Kindness at Christmas

Thank you to Year 4 for considering others. They have worked together to produce a reverse advent calendar. With this, the children have brought a food item to school each day, for Julian House. Thank you for demonstrating our value of citizenship.

### Goodbye and Good Luck

We wish Zach from 4KR well today, as he leaves Newbridge to set off on his travels with his family. We hope to see all of the family again in the not too distant future.

### Thank you and best wishes

Today, Miss Kitchener and Mr Gibbons complete their teacher placements in 4KR and 1R. We wish them both great success in their future careers

### Extra-Curricular Activities

The clubs lists for Terms 3 and 4 are being drawn up and we hope, safety permitting, that these will commence in the week beginning 24th January, 2022.

**WISHING  
YOU ALL A  
VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
FROM  
EVERYONE  
AT  
NEWBRIDGE  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**



### Email address for parents

To support the volume of emails we currently receive, for all parent communication, please use [enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk)

### Ongoing measures

The following measures will be in place on the return to school and for the first two and a half weeks of term.

- There will be no assemblies.
- Face to face meetings with parents will not be able to take place. Meetings can happen by telephone or Zoom or Teams.
- School meals and packed lunches will be served in classrooms.
- Parents are requested to wear a face covering when gathering at the school gate.
- Parents and visitors must wear a face covering when entering the school site.
- Parents are asked to distance when waiting to enter the site or collecting children.

None of the measures will impact on the children's education.

### Public Health Advice – Daily testing for close contacts of Covid-19

From Tuesday 14th December, there has been a change in the action close contacts of Covid-19 should take. Once notified by Test and Trace or the NHS Covid-19 app that you, or your child (see eligible ages below) is a close contact, an LFD test should be taken each day for 7 days (or ten days since your last known contact with the person who has since tested positive for Covid-19, if this is earlier than the 7 days), and report the results via the Online Reporting System.

- It is advised that the daily LFD test is taken before leaving the house for the first time of that day and not within 30 minutes of eating.
- If a pupil tests negative, they should continue to attend school.
- If they test positive, they should isolate and arrange a PCR test.
- If they become symptomatic they should isolate and arrange a PCR test.
- Daily testing is advised for all eligible contacts of a confirmed positive Covid-19 case whether Omicron or not.
- LFD kits for primary age children will not be supplied through school. Parents and carers are asked to acquire tests via their pharmacy, online or their community testing site.
- Further information on LFD testing can be found on the B&NES Rapid Testing webpages.

### Eligibility

The Government has introduced daily testing for close contacts of Covid-19 for those who are:

- fully vaccinated (those who have had two doses of an approved vaccine or more)
- people who can prove they are unable to be vaccinated for clinical reasons
- people taking part or who have taken part in an approved clinical trial for a Covid-19 vaccine
- children and young people aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccination status.
- Anyone over the age of 18 years and 6 months who is not vaccinated and not exempt, must isolate in line with Government guidelines if they are a contact of a positive case.

### Under 5s

- Under 5s are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19.
- They can continue to attend education or childcare settings.
- Under 5s who are a household contact are recommended to get a PCR test. They do not need to isolate while waiting for the results.

### Symptoms, testing and reporting

Please can all families continue to be vigilant for symptoms of Covid-19 and seek a PCR test when required. A PCR test is required when symptoms are known. Please can parents continue with twice weekly LFD testing to identify asymptomatic cases of Covid-19. The outcome of all tests, whether positive or negative, must be reported to the school office. Please continue to do this throughout the holiday period, so that the situation can be monitored. Please email [enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk) with the subject heading Covid-19 results.

I wish you and your family a Happy Christmas and a peaceful holiday period, with very best wishes for 2022.



Gill Kennaugh

# STARS OF THE WEEK



<b>Bee</b>	Whole Class	<b>Ladybird</b>	Whole Class
<b>1EO</b>	Beau G & Max S	<b>1R</b>	Mackenzie P & Alfie N
<b>2T</b>	Zachary C & Mabel C	<b>2A</b>	Henry G & Benjamin W
<b>3OG</b>	Maddie H & Oscar D	<b>3C</b>	Chloe G & Bethan T
<b>4B</b>	Seb S & Alfie G	<b>4KR</b>	Bea V & Louie A
<b>5G</b>	Whole Class	<b>5HT</b>	Sebastian K & George E
<b>6B</b>	Amuri V & Rufus K	<b>6H</b>	Zoe L & Mohamed S

## Music Stars of the Week

Sophia W & Zoe L



# CHRISTMAS REINDEER ART



by Amuri V, Eszter B & Rufus K



# SANTA'S GROTTO & ELVES





# YEAR 4

Year 4's Enquiry this term 'Does charity begin at home' has given the children the opportunity to think about those who are needing support and care, particularly at this time of year.

At the start of term, the children spoke with Jessica Gay, who is linked to Julian House. She told Year 4 all about the work they do within the city and the South West. The children were so inspired that they decided to start a reverse advent calendar. This has meant they have been collecting food for the Julian House hostel, all through the month of December and rather than receive, they have been giving to others.

We are so proud of them. Thank you, Year 4, your thoughtfulness and kindness has been absolutely brilliant this term.

