

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy 1st December! We are busy today in school getting ready for the Christmas Fair tonight – we hope to see you there! Our Christmas performances take place on the last week of term, with separate plays for KS1 (squirrels) KS2 (Otters & Badgers) and EYFS (Butterflies & Bumblebees) – please see below for dates, venues and times. Badger class have been invited to carol sing at Bradbury Daycare centre and to take part in Christmas Crafts at Elmhurst Care home this month. This will be a wonderful opportunity for them to experience the value of supporting our local community, and to see the positive impact they can have on others.

This week we have trialled the new drop-off system at the Village Hall carpark to reduce congestion around the school. I am pleased to say that feedback is that this is working well for children and parents, so we will continue this through to the end of term. Please let us know any feedback- positive or developmental- in the office, so we can ensure this works for everyone.

The Trust have launched their Extreme Reading Challenge. All you need to do is have your photo taken reading in an unusual location or situation. Send your photo in to your class teacher for your chance to win the overall trust prize! Closing date 21st December 2023 – Details on Dojo - Good Luck!

Reverend Sue is looking for any Tilstock pupils who would like to sing Christmas carols at the Tilstock Village Christmas fair this Saturday 2nd December 2:00pm - 4:00pm at the Village Hall. If you have any willing volunteers, please pop into the Fair on Saturday with Reverend Sue. Many thanks

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Headteacher



Winter School Science Fair

Friday 8th December 2023



REMINDERS & NOTICES



Attendance Matters!

We believe that all our children should receive a full-time education, maximising the opportunities for all to realise their true potential. Regular attendance is vital for children as it promotes good learning, positive attitudes and maintains continuity in their education and in their friendships. **We will consistently work towards a goal of 100% attendance for all our children.**

How we monitor attendance

We check children's attendance every 2 weeks to ensure that it remains at or above the school target of 97%. We may contact you, either by phone or letter, to discuss if attendance falls below 96%. The Education Welfare Officer also checks attendance every half term and may write to you if there are any worries.

We always try to support families and children to improve attendance, but sometimes it might be necessary for the Education Welfare Officer to enforce school attendance. This often happens when attendance falls below 90%. If this does happen the Education Welfare Officer will either invite you into school to discuss, agree an action plan and explain the legal implications of further absence from school or write to you and explain that further absence from school could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice or Prosecution. It is never too late to try and resolve attendance problems, so ALWAYS talk to us or the Education Welfare Officer. We are best when we work together.



UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.

Events at a glance:

- Tilstock Church Christmas Fair:** Saturday 2nd December, Tilstock Village Hall, 2pm – 4pm.
- Badger Class Assembly:** Monday 4th December 2:15pm
- Otter Class visit to Ford Green Hall:** Thursday 7th December.
- School Science Fair:** Friday 8th December
- Christingle Service in Church:** Wednesday 13th December 9:30am (parents welcome)
- Nursery trip to Alderford:** Thursday 14th December
- Squirrels Christmas Play:** Monday 18th Dec (2pm & 6pm)
- Otters & Badgers Christmas Play:** Tuesday 19th Dec (2pm & 6pm)
- Butterflies & Bumblebees Nativity in Church:** Wednesday 20th Dec 10:00am
- Last Day of term:** Friday 22nd December
- Children return to school:** Monday 8th January 2024



BE CURIOUS

Pupils & Parents
Take part in our Winter Science Fair on Friday 8th December 2023!

1. Choose a Science investigation from the selection on our website [here](#) (or ask in the office for a paper copy) or create your own.
2. Complete the investigation at home.
3. Record your investigation however you want to - drawings, powerpoint, photographs
4. Bring your results/ presentation into school the week commencing 4th December.
5. On Friday December 8th you will be able to present your investigation to the school (with help from staff if you would like it)
6. All entries will receive a badge and certificate.
7. A special Science judge will award 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes
8. Parents will be invited to view all entries in the school hall from 3:00-5pm

PARENTS WELCOME TO VIEW ENTRIES
3:00PM - 4:00PM
IN THE SCHOOL HALL

<https://www.science-sparks.com/winter-stem-challenges/>
<https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/community/collection/11076/snow-and-ice>

 **Christmas Performances**

- Squirrel Class Monday 18th December 2pm & 6pm- Village Hall**
- Otter & Badger Class Tuesday 19th December 2pm & 6pm- Village Hall**
- Butterflies & Bumblebee Class Nativity. Wednesday 20th December 10:00am - Church**



WORSHIP

We are focusing on the value of **Nurture** this half-term. Please click [here](#) to read this term's bible story with your child.

NEWS

[Click here](#) to view what our students have been up to recently.



Happy Birthday to
Hollie-Mae
who celebrates her birthdays this week!
We hope you have a great day celebrating.

