



## The Buzz this week ...

What another busy week we have had at Bovington Academy.

Next week we have parent consultations and I know the teachers are looking forward to meeting with you and discussing how your child is getting on. It is even more important now with Covid secure measures in place and the usual catch up at the end of the day not always able to take place, for you to book a slot through Parent Mail. Please note that I will also be available so do not hesitate to contact the school office if you would like to book an appointment to talk to me, either to share the positives or areas that you would like to bring to my attention or follow up. I am always available on the gates before and after school, but this is not the ideal place for an in-depth conversation.

To facilitate this, allow parents time to collect their children and get home for the earlier slots and give teachers enough time to dismiss their children and prepare for the meetings, on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of November, we will be closing school at the earlier time of 2.30pm for Year 5 & 6, 2.35pm for Year 3 & 4 and 2.45pm for Reception, Year 1 & 2 and siblings. The same arrangements for dismissal will be in place at the end of the day, just slightly earlier. After school provision will continue to run and any child that cannot be picked up at the earlier time will be supervised by support staff until 3.15pm.

Lastly, please note next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November is an inset day; the school will be closed to children.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

### Parent Consultations



Parent consultations are next **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November** if you have not been sent your online invitation please contact the school office. Many thanks

### Childrens Christmas Dinner



This year the children's Christmas dinner will be on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020**. To book a Christmas dinner for your child please go on-line at: <https://dorset.mealselector.co.uk/> or call the Chartwells office on 01202 691038

### Pupil Absence from School

Please can we remind parents/Carers that it is your responsibility, if your child is going to be absent from school, to report this to the school office by 9.30am on the day of absence. Thank you

### Attendance

I also want to take this opportunity to say again how happy it makes us to see our children and families at school every day. Please rest assured that every member of staff at Bovington wants to be here doing their very best for your child, and this will continue. We are extremely proud of our staff for the commitment and dedication that they are showing under very different circumstances. Obviously, if for some reason, something occurs which means that children or year groups have to isolate, we guarantee that the same level of effort and commitment will be put into our home learning provision. Thank you again everyone for this huge team effort - we really appreciate everything that you as parents and carers are doing for your children. Whole School Attendance: 96.35%

### Key Dates :

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents Virtual Evening

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November** – Staff training day (school closed to children)

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day – Mufti - £1 Donation

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Early closing from 1.30pm

## COVID-19 Updates & Reminders

I recognise this is an anxious time for families, particularly as children start to show symptoms of common illnesses that would normally occur at this time of year. I also know the school, yourselves and our community have had to deal with the real impact of positive Covid-19 cases. I can reassure you that we will always strive to do EVERYTHING in our power to reduce the risk of spreading the Covid-19 infection. Coronavirus Symptoms are: - A new persistent cough - A high temperature - A loss of taste or smell

Please DO NOT send your child to school if they or anyone in your household has any of the above symptoms. If you are unsure of any symptoms, please follow the guidance below. Thank you.

Please ring 119 for testing & 111 (<https://111.nhs.uk/>) for advice & support. A useful parent information link is: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>



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**11<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the Poppy Appeal and Wear Red for Remembrance. Everyone looked super in their red outfits!

We managed to raise a whopping £218.15. Thank you!

