



## The Buzz this week ...

Well, we have come to the end of a long term, I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who has supported the school this term, in any way at all - it's fantastic that our school is at the centre of such a warm and supportive community, and we all look forward to strengthening our links in the new year.

It was lovely to see everyone enjoy watching Santa arrive by tank and distributed gifts, despite the weather. Thank you to all those involved in organising and making this Christmas tradition happen. The children loved it and their faces were pure magic. Thank you also to the PTA for providing the gifts.

KS1 filmed their virtual performance of 'Lights, Camel, Action!' this week and we have been so proud of every year group as they have "Spread Christmas Joy" virtually in their own way

On Thursday it was wonderful to see everyone dressed in their Christmas jumpers and festive gear. The children had a fantastic Christmas Lunch. They loved their crackers, party hats and delicious food. Thank you to everyone for making it such an enjoyable day. The photos overleaf capture a little of the atmosphere.

As you may be aware, Miss King is due to have her baby in January and her maternity leave starts today. We wish her the very best of luck and happiness as she awaits the birth of her little girl. We would also like to thank her for her hard work this year with your children; she has invested much time and energy into making sure they learn lots and behave well. Good luck Miss King we can't wait for a cuddle when the baby arrives.

So, from myself and all the staff at Bovington I want to say a big thank you to you for your support and involvement this year. I know we have many more exciting developments planned for 2020. Until then I hope you have a fantastic Christmas and superb New Year.

### Reminders:

#### Hot School Meals for January 2020

If you would like your child to have a hot school meal when we return in January please remember to order on-line by **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December** at [www.dorset.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.dorset.mealselector.co.uk) 01202 691038

#### GOVERNMENT ADVICE

Important advice from the Government: We recommend all schools ensure staff, parents and carers are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays: • Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted.** Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. • For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **within 48 hours of being in school,** the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Therefore if any child tests positive within 48 hours of finishing school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December please inform school via email: [covid@bovington-aspirations.org](mailto:covid@bovington-aspirations.org)



#### Don't forget to tune in to 'Bedtime Stories'

As the nights get longer and our beds get snuggler, bedtime stories are the best way to drift off to dreamland. Every night, on the Bovington Academy's Facebook, we will be posting a video of your teachers (and a few special guests!!) sharing some of their favourite Christmas stories with you to help you count down to the big day! Make sure you tune in every night from now until Christmas Eve. Click on the link below for direct access:

<https://www.facebook.com/Bovington-Academy-101097435128402>

### Key Dates :

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January** – Pupils return to school



**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** – School closed; staff training day

## A Fond Farewell

Before the October half term, it became necessary to commence consideration of a staffing restructure to ensure Bovington Academy continues to run within its financial means.

As part of this restructuring exercise Mrs Maslin accepted redundancy and she will be leaving her post at Bovington on 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2020.

Mrs Maslin is and has been instrumental in leading the school through various changes in leadership and she is highly thought of by children and staff alike. She loves Bovington and has been a significant part of its history since joining in September 2011. Her commitment to the school is unquestionable and we hope she will remain in touch as we continue along our journey of improvement. Her last day in school will be Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, but we are hopeful to be able to arrange a socially safe opportunity to say an official 'good bye' in the new year. Watch this space.

We wish Mrs Maslin every success and happiness for the future and thank her for always being there when needed.

Good luck Mrs Maslin, we will miss you!



### Bovington Academy Online

Keep up to date with all the events happening at school.

There are QR codes strategically placed around the school for you to scan. You don't need to have a Facebook account to see the posts.





Every week we will be celebrating our

Some of these superheroes are the same week after week! Come on the rest of you reading champions let's get our names on the list! Congratulations for another week of being reading millionaires! I think we need to raise the challenge to half a billion words a week! Let's do this!

We are exceedingly close to meeting our first individual word Millionaire- they only have 250 000 words to go! AMAZING!

Please do not forget to put a book or 2 on your list for Father Christmas. And please read and quiz over the holidays! Merry Bookmas!

Top KS2 Class:

Swanage 486,264



Top KS1 Class:

Tyneham 8,848



Top reader in Moreton

Lily 1,725

Top reader in Studland

Lucas 3,349

Top reader in Tyneham

Brauley 8,265



Top reader in Weymouth

Lola 5,130

Top reader in Poole

Logan 193,431

Top reader in Kimmeridge

Ruby 5,857

Top reader in Dorchester

Belle 88,657

Top reader in Swanage

Jenna 335,079



Top reader in Wareham

Liam 138,002

Whole school word count

1,423,883

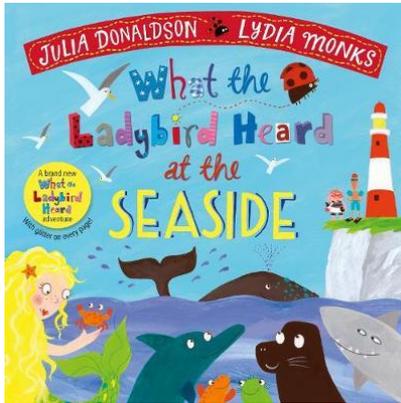
Word Millionaires again- well done!



**READING GIVES US  
SOMEPLACE TO GO  
WHEN WE HAVE TO  
STAY WHERE WE ARE.**  
- MASON COOLEY



Check Out a Library Book



What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside

By Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monk

The clever little ladybird is off on a trip to the seaside, but those two bad men, Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len, are also back and they're up to their wicked ways again. This time they're planning to steal the mermaid's long, luscious hair and sell it to a famous star . . . luckily, the crime-busting ladybird has another cunning plan to stop the thieves!

Have a listen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvguZ1YvKLw>



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