

# The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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Its beginning to look a lot like Christmas! What an amazing week!

A huge well done to the Squirrels and Hedgehogs staff and children who worked incredibly hard on their nativity performances held on Wednesday. It was wonderful to welcome so many of you into school and to perform with an audience after the disruption over the last couple of years. The children were superb and remembered their lines well, coping with last minute role and costume changes due to illness.

Sadly, Mrs Bengie will be leaving us at the end of term to open her own childcare facility. She has been a fantastic TA and ELSA, supporting many of the children since joining the school last year. We wish her every success in the future and will look to recruit in the new year. This means we will not be able to provide ELSA support in January but I will let you know when we are likely to be able to offer this support again moving forwards as we are obviously appreciate the importance of this role in school.

Unfortunately, like many other schools in the area, we have been hit by several nasty illnesses this week. We currently have several children absent with a sickness bug - please remember that children must not return to school until 48 hours have passed since the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. There is also a cold/flu type virus doing the rounds, with children experiencing high temperatures, chesty coughs, headaches and lethargy. Please keep children at home if they are not well enough to attend. If children have a fever, they can return to school once their temperature has been within the normal range for at least 24 hours.

Next week, there is much to look to forward to with our Key Stage 2 Carol sing-along on Monday after school and Badgers performance of these songs at a coffee morning at Little Bytham Village Hall on Tuesday. The school trip to the panto in Grantham is on Wednesday and then school Christmas lunch is on Thursday. Raffle tickets and 50:50 numbers will be available to purchase next week and we will aim to draw the winning numbers on Wednesday so there is time for prizes to be collected before the end of term.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin



### This week's award winners are: **Hedgehogs Class**

Daisy is always so happy to be at school and works really hard at all her activities. She looks after her friends and makes sure she is sharing all the resources. I could give Daisy this award every week as she is a superstar! Well done, Daisy!

### **Squirrels Class**

Everyone in Squirrels Class received the Award of Excellence this week for a fantastic Nativity, they were **amazing!**

### **Foxes Class**

Ajay receives the Award of Excellence for thinking hard to apply his understanding in maths and explaining his reasoning  
The whole class receives an Award for great teamwork, organisational skills and creativity to decorate the classroom for Christmas.

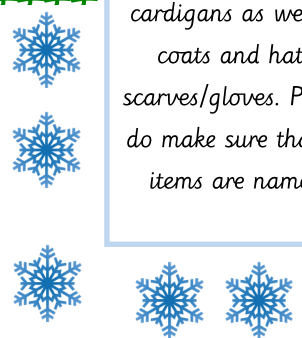
### **Badgers Class**

Elodie has been awarded the handwriting award for consistently joining her handwriting in all written work.  
Lydia has been awarded the Award of Excellence award for an outstanding result in her reading assessment.



**Key Dates**  
**w/c 12.12.22**  
**Mon 12th Dec**  
3:30pm KS2 carol concert  
**Tues 13th Dec**  
10am Coffee morning and carols Little Bytham Village Hall/  
**Wed 14th Dec**  
Panto - leaving school at 9am  
**Thurs 15th Dec**  
Christmas lunch  
**Fri 16th Dec**  
Last day of Term 2!  
**Term 3 begins 4.1.23**

The current cold spell looks set to continue throughout next week so do please ensure that children come to school with jumpers/ cardigans as well as coats and hats/ scarves/gloves. Please do make sure that all items are named!



Well done to **Badgers class** with **87.95%** attendance this week!  
Our whole school attendance this week was **84.94%**  
Term so far: **91.26%**



## Hedgehogs Class and Squirrels Class

### A Wiggly Nativity!

Sometimes you just have to.....WIGGLE!



#### Foxes Class

Foxes class have continued to investigate magnetism as part of our topic 'Mighty Metals'. This week we worked with a partner to design and create a magnetic game using magnets to move a paper clip through a maze. Our friends then played our game and we evaluated how successful the design was.

In French this term we have been learning the names of animals and pets. Foxes have good memory for French words. This week we also recalled numbers to twenty in French.

We are nearing the end of our class novel 'The Iron Man', which children have very much enjoyed reading aloud together. In English this week we have been planning and creating an adventure story using this novel as a stimulus in our own narrative writing. We have designed our own robot character, described the setting, events, problem, solution and resolution to our stories.

Foxes have enjoyed continuing clarinet lessons this term. Children can now play a number of notes, easily using the correct fingers and breathing to create sounds. Children have been learning to play notes along to the music of 'Rudolph the

Red Nosed Reindeer.



#### Badgers Class

We have had another busy week in Badgers class this week.

In P.E, we continued learning the skills involved in a game of cricket. This week, the focus was throwing and catching. Children learnt how to throw accurately from different distances. Childrens throwing and catching really improved by the end of the lesson!

In Computing, we were learning to create media and the media we created was a video. Children worked well in their groups to create a video teaching a game or dance. They concentrated on camera angles and filming techniques and the end results were great; we even had some magic tricks involved!

Foxes and Badgers have been working really hard on perfecting their Christmas carol performance.

We are almost ready for the big reveal on Monday!

