



A message from Mr Bladon: With the colder weather this week it's beginning to feel almost festive with all the Christmas planning we are doing! Squirrel and Hedgehog class are in full swing with their singing rehearsals for "A King is Born". Mr Carter has sent home a letter about costumes and I hear the Bampton Parents Facebook page has been useful for parents to swap costumes! If you have any difficulty at all in finding a suitable outfit for your child, please don't hesitate to speak to school. Information on tickets will go out next week and PTFA have organised refreshments for both performances too, so many thanks to the PTFA for that.

The colder weather has also brought a few bugs and illnesses about for both pupils and staff, particularly over the past week. **Thank you** to everyone in school for working together to support the school. Don't forget to label hats and coats so they don't get lost! (If anyone has any spare or outgrown **wellies** – whatever size – please consider donating them to the School. Fieldmice and Hedgehogs use them a lot in their playtime with the Mud Kitchen and I know Mrs Wensley is building up a stock for the older children to use.)

Mrs Rudd's Choir has started practising for the Carol singing planned in December. They will be visiting the Toucan, Castle Grove and Barnhaven, not to mention the Big Christmas Tree on the 30th November! It's not too late to sign up – they practise on Mondays after school. Check out School Gateway for that club, as well as Mr Carter's popular Football club.

The PTFA are in full swing organizing their **Shopping Evening** on the 30th November. Riverside Hall opens at 4pm and they will have lots of craft stalls, produce and homeware stalls as well as Father Christmas and a live Nativity scene! It promises to be a fantastic community event. We thought it would be a good excuse to use the Lanterns ahead of the Tiverton Lantern Parade so we will have those on display too. Mrs Wensley, Mrs Rudd and Fox class have worked tirelessly on these and I hear the PTFA have a lantern offering too! That procession will start at Riverside Hall at 5.30 and head up to the Stage for the Tree switch on.

NEXT FRIDAY 24th November – there will be a **Non Uniform Day** AND a **Bake sale**! The Non Uniform Day is to raise items for the "Gifts for Mum and Dad" stall. All children need to do is bring in a small item that can then be sold on this stall at the Shopping Evening – it doesn't have to be much; perhaps a small scented candle, smellies, a pair of socks, a jar of chutney! Anything that the children can use as a gift to a parent. Bampton Chemist has plenty of gift ideas for a £1 so that might be a useful place to stock up on!

The **Bake sale** is run by the After School Club to raise money for resources. Cakes will be sold at breaktime for just 50p. Please do support both these important events – they do so much for our children.

Well done to the **Youth Speaks** teams who are already rehearsing for the January first round, which will take place at Bampton again. It's a great opportunity for children to learn some public speaking skills and build their confidence. The **Wellington School Maths Challenge** teams are busy practicing too – that event is just next week and we know they will have a great time and do their very best. Good luck to them all!

Unfortunately we are dropping behind somewhat in the **Tescos Blue Tokens**. We are up against two very worthy Tiverton charities but as a Bampton organisation it would be really nice if we did well too. We've asked for iPads, an interactive whiteboard screen and some laptops – all vitally needed in class – but if we don't get enough tokens we won't get them. If you shop at ANY Tesco's, please ask for the BLUE TOKENS at the till (this includes self-service). If you don't ask, you don't receive them. We have a box at both the Tiverton Superstore and the Moorhayes Park Express – if you go to another Tesco store don't forget THE SCHOOL OFFICE IS ALSO COLLECTING THEM.

Term Dates (*more dates on [school website](#)*)

Mon 20 Nov: Mr Carter's Football club

Mrs Rudd's Choir

Wed 22 Nov: Fox Class swimming at Tiverton

Fri 24 Nov: NON UNIFORM DAY & Breaktime Bake Sale for After School Club (50p a cake)

Sat 25 Nov: Wellington School Maths Challenge

Sun 26 Nov: 10am volunteers please @Bridge pub to help put up mini trees

Thu 30 Nov: 3pm Parent Voice

4-7pm PTFA Christmas Fair at Riverside Hall / Tree switch on

Sat 2 Dec: Tiverton Lantern Parade

Tuesday 5 December: 2pm KS1 Afternoon Performance

Thursday 7 December:

2pm: Choir singing at the Toucan Café and Castle Grove

5pm KS1 Evening Performance

Tuesday 12 December: PTFA Film Night

Thursday 14 December: Christmas Lunch

2pm: Choir singing at the Toucan Café and Barnhaven

Big plea from the organisers of the small Christmas Trees that are put up throughout the village. If you can spare some time on Sunday the 26th November, your help would be gratefully received from the small band of regulars who put the trees up! Please meet at the Bridge pub at 10am. The more the merrier!