



Bolton School Boys' Division Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020 - B WEEK

Wednesday 9th December

Thursday 10th December

Filming of Virtual
Carol Service

Catch Up Flu Vaccinations

Friday 11th December

Water Polo Squad Training
(4-5pm)

Monday 14th
December



Christmas Hamper
Raffle Draw



Football Kit Design
competition ends

Wednesday 16th
December

Gymnastics Final, 9am
(no spectators)

Thursday 17th
December

Break up for
Christmas Holidays, 3.25pm



From Mrs. Faulkner

School is definitely in full preparation for Christmas now, even if it is a little pared down compared with usual. It was marvellous to hear the boys rehearsing their Carols ready for tomorrow's recording of our Christmas Celebration, I have certainly missed hearing their voices around the building. Our recording tomorrow does, of course, replace our usual Carol Service which we hold each year in the Great Hall. This time, because we have had to make many changes anyway, we have included some of our usual Carols and readings, but have also added in a few different elements which I am sure you will enjoy. Our Christmas Celebration will premier next **Tuesday (15th December) at 7pm**, when you will be emailed the necessary link, so please do make a date to sit down with the family and prepare to join in the festive spirit with the boys.

Next **Thursday** is our final day of term and it is widely publicised that term ends earlier than usual at **3:25pm**. To avoid all parents gathering at the same time, and also to manage traffic across all parts of the School, we have made a slight change to that. Please note the following finish times:

Year 3 and 4 will finish at 3:25pm

Year 5 & 6 will finish at 3:40pm.

I do ask that you arrive in time to collect your eldest son and that you resist the temptation to hang around for a chat. I have been most grateful to you all for the manner in which you have adapted to the changes we have had to make this term, all of which has certainly helped to keep us safe and healthy in school and so ask for your increased patience on this final afternoon too. We will, of course, ensure that our Year 5 and 6 coach travellers are released from class in plenty of time to catch their coach home.

By now, you may be aware that Mr Britton and Miss Hincks have written to parents of Senior School pupils to indicate that they are minded to look favourably on any parental request for a Senior School pupil in either Division to attend lessons from home from **Monday 14th December** until the end of term if the family is concerned that plans in place for the period between **23rd and 27th December** will be adversely affected if the pupil has to self-isolate for that period. Please be aware that this option will **not** be available for Park Road pupils.

As was stated in the Senior School communication on this matter, it is much more difficult for hybrid learning to work successfully with younger pupils and the priority of the teacher must always be the children in the classroom. Furthermore, many of the planned activities in the Junior School for the final week of term involve much more collaborative learning and often take place outside of the classroom, with pupils moving around the building. This is not easily replicated via any form of hybrid learning and it is not feasible at this point in the term to ask teachers to set two lessons, one for those in school and another for those at home.

Please note that this will affect any Park Road child who is instructed to self-isolate in the final few days of the term. If your son is in that position, then his form teacher will collate the information your son needs for the day and let him know which lessons he should attend via Zoom and which he may have work to complete in, for this final few days, this may not fill the whole of his normal school day.

Of course, if your son is unwell in those final days of the term, he should be resting and recovering rather than trying to complete any work.

I appreciate that this is less than ideal, however am sure you will understand that we have worked very hard to minimise the impact of any pupil absence upon the boys' learning and social development throughout the term and whilst we will endeavour to continue that in the final few days, it is much more challenging given the usual end of term activities in the School.

On the final day of term, boys are welcome to wear a festive jumper over their school shirt - I will be dusting mine off ready, or perhaps even indulging in a new one! The last posting date for the 'Park Road Christmas' post is this **Friday, 11th December**. Cards cannot be posted after this date. This is the only way cards can be distributed around school this year.

Achievements

Well done to Ibraheem Altaf (5A) who recently attended the NW Gifted and Talented "Coding the Classics" challenge by Zoom and to Theodore Hayton- Weed (3A), who also recently attended the NW Gifted and Talented "Family Art" challenge by Zoom.

Boys receive a certificate for completing the online sessions in their own time.

Please do let us know if your son has achieved great things out of School.

We would love to share this with the wider whole school community.



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The School Office is open from 8.15 am — 4.15 pm during term time. Please note that any texts sent by the Office cannot be replied to; please either email or telephone the number above. When contacting the Office by email, please include your son's first and surname, as well as his form.

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Tuesday 5th
January
Back to School

Tuesday 12th
January
Parents'
Association Meeting
and AGM

Thursday 14th
January
Senior School
Entrance Exam—Y6
School closed to Y3,
Y4, Y5

Wednesday 27th
January
Bag2School
collection, 8am



PA Matters

We have some wonderful raffle prizes, including a £250 Amazon Voucher! Tickets are £2 each and Rainbow Christmas Hamper tickets are £1 per ticket. Draws for both raffles will take place on **Monday 14th December**. Tickets can be bought by returning a completed raffle form, together with payment, back into school in a sealed envelope. The sealed envelopes should then be placed into the Christmas Raffle Postbox in the school yard each morning. Deadline for forms to be dropped off is **Friday 11th December at 9am**.



Easy Funding - thanks to all those that have used this whilst shopping online. We have started to see contributions come through. All your online Christmas shopping can automatically generate funds for the school PA by simply using the easyfundraising app and linking your account to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/boltonjbpa>. Just remember to access retailer websites via easyfundraising for us to benefit. This includes the majority of online merchants (e.g. Amazon, M&S, Apple, Car Insurance).

Our next Zoom meeting will be the AGM on **Tuesday 12th January, 2021**, when we will vote for a new Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. These are mandatory roles that need to be filled for the PA to continue. If you are interested or need more information, please email us at parkroadpa@gmail.com.

Our next Bags2School collection will be on **Wednesday 27th January, 2021** (from 8am in the Beech House park). Bags2School accept any unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, bed sheets, towels, curtains, etc. with proceeds coming back the PA. If you are having a clear out over the Christmas holidays, please save everything for the Bags2School collection. Bags will sent home this Friday.



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @juniorboyspa or you can email us at parkroadpa@gmail.com.

Urban Outreach Appeal — Christmas Dinner on Jesus

We have managed to collect over 200 tins of Pringles. Thank you to everyone who has donated. The final day for donations is **Friday 11th December**, we cannot accept any after this date. CDH



PE Challenge



This week, it's the festive "Minute to Win it" Sit Ups Challenge! Boys have one minute to do as many sit ups as they can. Feet must stay on the floor with knees bent.

Hands must stay at the side of the head. Bonus merits are available if boys complete this week's challenge near a Christmas tree. Don't knock it over! Don't worry if you don't have any decorations up. Just complete as many sit ups as you can. Boys can record and upload their efforts to Showbie (using code FD7AV). Deadline is **Friday 11th December**.

The football strip design competition is also well underway. All entries must be received by **Monday 14th December** latest. Good luck, boys! Mr Grieve

It's A Wonderful Life!

Senior School's festive production this year is a stage adaptation of the Frank Capra favourite, "It's a Wonderful Life", which will air live on **Friday 11th December at 7.30 pm** by virtual performance. The event will be a live presentation, streamed to your homes from the Great Hall.



The interval will include musical performances and a school community crowd-sourced film which explores the ingredients of a wonderful life. To make an online ticket booking and optional charitable donation for "It's a Wonderful Life", please login to ParentPay, School's online payment system. The title of the payment item is "It's a Wonderful Life". You will be prompted to enter the email address that you would like the link for the event to be sent to.

Bolton School Honey

Bolton School Honey is now from sale from our very own bees. Ideal Christmas presents—details of [how to purchase are linked here](#).

Flu Vaccinations

Further nasal flu vaccinations will take place tomorrow **Thursday 10th December**, this is **only** for the boys who were absent on the original date.

Christmas Jumper Day

Ho ho ho ... ! It will be Christmas Jumper Day on the last day of term (**Thursday 17th December**) - boys (and staff!) should wear their festive jumpers over their usual school shirt.



This Week's Documents

This week's linked documents include:

[Menu for next week](#) and [Christmas dinner menu](#)

[Christmas hamper raffle ticket form](#)

Bolton School honey order form

The newsletter is available on the school website at: <http://www.boltonschool.org/junior-boys/downloads/weekly-newsletter/current-newsletter/>.

Copies of these documents are also available on Parent Portal

Raring2Go Magazine

A festive edition of Raring2Go magazine, full of ideas for holiday activities and local events can be found at: <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/buny/winter/>.

House Football

House Football finals take place this week, with the Y3s and Y4 today and the Y5s and Y6s on Friday. All to play for! Good luck to all involved. MD

House Santa Dash

Since 2nd December, Park Road have been very active collectively running, walking, cycling and swimming a total of 2990.49km. We are aiming to reach 4,051.16km, the total distance from the North Pole to Bolton before we finish on **17th December** for the House Santa Dash competition. At the moment, the distances are all very close between all four Houses, so we will wait to see who the winning house will be on **Thursday 17th**! Thank you to Mr Britton for adding some miles in for Crompton too! MLK

