



Bolton School Boys' Division Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020 - A WEEK

Wednesday 17th December

Thursday 17th
December

Break up for
Christmas Holidays, 3.25pm



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

Friday 15th
January

Y6 Climbing Wall Activity

Monday 18th January

"Teenage Journey" lecture
7.30pm (via Zoom)

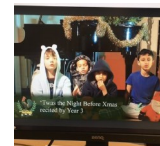
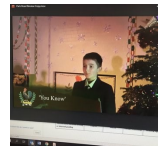


From Mrs. Faulkner



So we have reached the penultimate day of the Autumn Term, which, this year, feels like more of an achievement than ever. Of course, our term has been much quieter with fewer events than we usually would have had, but I have been impressed by the positive attitude the boys have displayed throughout the term, appreciating all of the things that we can do, rather than bemoaning the things we can't. I would also like to publicly thank my colleagues who have worked tirelessly this term to provide the boys with a great environment in which to learn and supported them through each stage of the term, even on those relatively few occasions when the boys have had to work from home.

I know that many of you have already watched the recording of our Christmas Celebration, apologies for the slight delay in transmission, but I am sure you will all agree that it was worth the wait. The boys have worked hard to produce their performances and it is all the more impressive when you consider that we have only been allowed to sing in school since we returned after half term. The link we emailed yesterday will remain live and the video can also be found on Bolton School TV which can be accessed on the school website, so unlike the live performance, you can watch it over and over again to keep yourself in that festive mood.



To avoid all parents gathering at the same time at pick up **tomorrow**, and also to manage traffic across all parts of the School, we have made a slight change to our finish time. Please note the following

Year 3 and 4 will finish at 3:25pm and 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 his 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.

Whilst our thoughts right now are very much focused on the upcoming holidays I should remind you that we return to school on **Tuesday 5th January** and please do be aware, that on **Thursday 14th January** all boys in Years 3-5 will learn from home in order to facilitate the Senior School Entrance Exam.

As I am sure you will be aware, from this week onwards, the period of self-isolation for anyone who tests positive for Covid or who has had close contact with somebody who has, has now been reduced to 10 days. This does not affect anybody from Park Road at the moment, but is worth being aware of as we head into the new term. With regard to travel abroad, there will be a 'test for release' scheme in operation. Under this rule, after five days isolation, you can pay for a test and then go back to work/school if the test is negative. The scheme is voluntary and applies to those self-isolating in England only. If you do not want to opt into the Test to Release scheme, you will need to self-isolate for 10 full days after you were last in a place **not** on the travel corridors list.

I shall be emailing all parents on **Sunday 3rd January** to ask you to confirm your child's status, with regards to either travel or self-isolation at that time, I should be most grateful if you would look for that email and reply to it as quickly as possible, so that we can make sure any necessary plans are in place. Other than that, please be aware that I will monitor the School Office email accounts for the first few days of the holiday in case anybody needs to report that their son has tested positive for Coronavirus after we have broken for the holidays, but between the **22nd of December and 3rd January**, it is unlikely that you will receive any response to any email you send to School.

At the start of next term, we shall expect any pupil returning from a country which is not on the travel corridors list to isolate for 10 days unless their parents show us evidence that they have had a negative test. In such cases, they will be allowed back into School after five days.

Finally, I would like to wish you all the very best of the festive period and hope that whatever you have planned, you are all able to enjoy some time relaxing as a family and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2021.



Achievements



Well done to all of the gymnasts who performed in this morning's virtual gymnastics final, which, for the first time, was watched by the boys on Zoom. The standard really was of the highest order.

The results were as follows:

In joint third place were Zain Atcha (5C) and Usman Ahsan (6B), in joint second place, were Matteo Sprott (5C) and Jaydn Patel (6C) and the 2020 winner was Benjamin Quilliam (6C). Congratulations to all who took part. MD

Congratulations also to Jamie Chen (6C) who recently passed his Grade 4 Piano exam with Distinction. Well done, Jamie!



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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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Wednesday 27th
January



Bag2School
collection, 8am



PA Matters

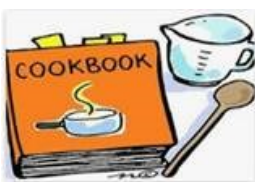


Christmas Hampers: Thanks to everyone that donated and bought tickets for the hampers and the raffle over the last few weeks. Although we very much missed having the Christmas Fair, as usual, it was an amazing effort and we managed to raise £885. The draw took place on Monday afternoon and the winners have already been notified.

AGM: Our next PA Event will be the AGM (via a Zoom meeting) on Tuesday 12th January, 2021. We will need a new Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. These are mandatory roles that need to be filled otherwise the PA cannot continue. If you are interested or want more information, please email us at parkroadpa@gmail.com.

Bag2School Collection: this will take place on Wednesday 27th January, 2021 (from 8am in the Staff car park). Bag2School 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 Bag2School collection.

Park Road Recipe Book: think you can do better than Mary Berry or Jamie Oliver? Are you a budding MasterChef? In Spring 2021, we are aiming to create our first recipe book from the families of Park Road children.



What is your "go to" dish? Which dish are you famous for? Do you have your own, unique recipe? We will share how to send your recipes in early January, but you may now want to keep a list in the kitchen over Christmas. This is open to the boys, parents, grand-parents, even our teachers and you may get your recipe published!

Easy Funding – Thank you to everyone who has been using this App whilst doing their Christmas shopping online.



We have started to see lots of contributions come through for the PA. All online Christmas shopping automatically generates funds for the school PA by simply using the easyfundraising app and linking your account to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/boltonjbps>. This includes the majority of online merchants (e.g. Amazon, M&S, John Lewis, ebay, even Insurance)

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @juniorboyspa



3A's Christmas Collection



Instead of sending Christmas cards to each other this year, the boys of 3A decided to make a charitable donation and have collected a total of £75 for the Manchester Dogs Home. They each put charities forward and voted overwhelmingly for the animals!

Well done boys, what a lovely thing to do!



Just Giving Report 2020



During the 2019-20 academic year, the School raised £672,000 for the Bursary Fund and a further £160,000 for Hardship Funding, including £24,000 donated by current parents to the School's Covid-19 Hardship Fund. We are hugely grateful to all those who have supported the School in the last year, whose generosity has made it possible for both our bursary scheme and the educational careers of individual pupils whose families have experienced hardship as a result of the pandemic to continue entirely uninterrupted despite the challenges we have all faced.

To learn more about the transformational impact which a bursary place at School can have, you can read the 2019-20 annual Giving Report in full here: https://issuu.com/bsalumni/docs/bolton_school_-_giving_report_2019-20.



Christmas Dinner on Jesus



Many thanks to school families and friends who donated tubes of Pringles to the Urban Outreach "Christmas Dinner on Jesus" project, providing a little bit of Christmas cheer to needy families in Bolton. We collected a final grand total of 271 tubes towards to whole foundation total of 700 tubes. Whilst we collected Pringles, other organisations in Bolton collected items such as jars of cranberry sauce and gravy granules to help provide hampers containing the full Christmas Day package to those who, otherwise, would have nothing. CDH



Senior School Wildlife Photography Competition



Congratulations to Charlie Bovill (Y5) and Ethan Brandon (Y3) who took part in and won the Junior section of the recent Wildlife Photography Competition, which was organised by Senior School. The boys' fantastic photos will appear in the Senior's end of term newsletter, as well as The Cockerel. Well done to you both!

"The Night Before Christmas"

The boys in Y3 and Y4 had a magical end of term treat last week, watching a festive showing of "The Night Before Christmas" performed by the Quantum Theatre group.



House Football



After the recent hard fought House football games played by all year groups (often in freezing conditions!), the winner of House Football this term is: **Crompton** (13pts).

In second place, Chadwick (10pts), with third and fourth place going to Dobson (9pts) and Lever (8pts). Congratulations to all who took part. TG



Be Vigilant!



We have had reports of some strange activity around the entrance to Queen's Park on Park Road recently. A man has been stopping people to ask to use their phone to report lost credit cards – please be vigilant, as we fear this may be an elaborate scam.



House Santa Dash



All boys have been very active for the past week, earning even more kilometres towards the House Santa Dash.

Tomorrow, on the last day of term, the grand total will be announced to boys in a video created by Y6 boys, Jack Rothwell and Eesa Kolia. The winning House who managed to travel the furthest will also be announced and will earn a merit bonus towards the end of year total. Thank you to all boys and their families that have contributed towards this whole school team effort! MLK

