



Bosham Primary School

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Dear parents / carers,

Yesterday I sent you the government's guidance on Scarlet Fever and Group Strep A Infections. For your convenience I have repeated the guidance here. I would like to assure you that we are doing all we can to keep our school infection free. I will notify you immediately if there is, or we suspect that we have, other cases in the school. We are a small school and the children all have assembly together, eat together and play together which is why I report that we have certain infections within the school and not by specific year group. We all need to be vigilant about the possibility of our children becoming infected not just parent and carers of particular classes. There is no evidence that a new strain of scarlet fever or Strep A is circulating and the increase is most likely related to high amounts of circulating bacteria and social mixing this year compared to the last three

What are scarlet fever and Strep A?

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called Group A streptococci (Strep A). The bacteria usually cause a mild infection that can be easily treated with antibiotics.

In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS).

What are the symptoms of Strep A/scarlet fever?

Strep A infections can cause a range of symptoms that parents should be aware of, including:

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fever
- A fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel

On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel.

If your child becomes unwell with these symptoms, please contact your GP practice

If your child has scarlet fever, they should stay at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

Please trust your own judgement and if your child seems seriously unwell call 999 or go to A&E if:

- a child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when a child breathes
- a child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- a child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake.

Christmas Market

Thank you for joining us last week for the Christmas Market. We have not got a final total yet as we are still selling raffle tickets; I will hopefully be able to let you know next Friday.





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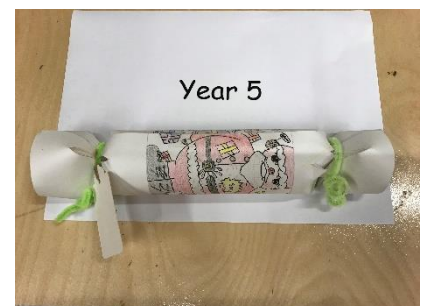
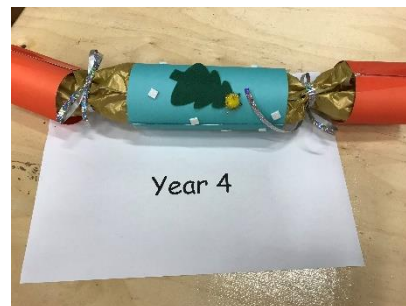
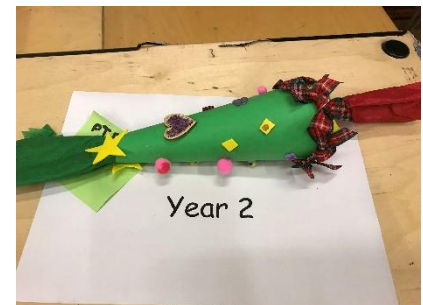
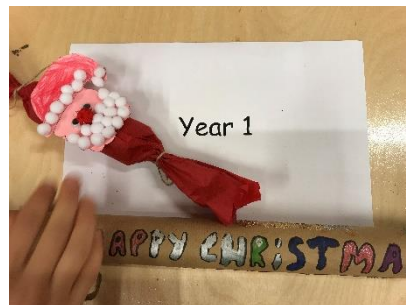
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Christmas Cracker winners

We had a lovely selection of crackers brought in for the Christmas Cracker competition; our Young Governors had a hard time choosing the winners.



The Young Governors awarded extra prizes in Reception and Year 1 as there were so many entries.





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Trugs

The winners of our annual Christmas Trug competition will be announced on Monday in assembly. There is still time to buy raffle tickets.



Thank you to all of you who have supported and contributed to our Christmas Market.

Last week of the Autumn Term

Next week might prove to be our busiest of the year. Here are a few reminders:

Monday: Reindeer run and surprise present room

Tuesday: Christmas lunch. All children will eat in the hall in 2 sittings 12-12:30: Reception, Yr1 and Yr2 12:30 – 1pm: Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Wednesday: Pantomime – Please do not forget to send your child to school with a drink and a snack for the interval. There are no hot school meals on this day.

Thursday: Rehearsal at the church

Friday: Carol concert and end of term.

Friends of children in Romania – Thank you from Mrs Gordon

Thank you so much for all of your amazing Toy and Cake donations. It was great to see so many of you at the sale. Thank you for coming out to support us. Our amazing team of kids and adults raised over £600 at the sale which will do so much for the children at the Romanian orphanage. They will be absolutely delighted - as are we!

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas,
Saleigh Gordon (Toms' mum Y6)





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Clubs

Details from our outside providers are listed below

Street dance:

<https://hellcats-cheerleaders.class4kids.co.uk/info/679>

(Catch up session on Tuesday 10th)

Cheerleading:

<https://hellcats-cheerleaders.class4kids.co.uk/info/686>

(Catch up session on Friday 13th)

football (year 1 and 2)

Football club will begin on 19th January and will be running for 9 weeks.

<https://southcoastsports.org.uk/product/bosham-fball-ks1/>

Chelsea football

Dates: Tuesdays Jan: 17, 24, 31 Feb: 7, 21, 28 Mar: 7, 14, 21, 28

Time: 15.15 – 16.15

Ages: Years 3-6

Cost: £53 (10 Sessions & Giveaway)

To book please visit: www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk

Year Groups 3 & 4 Course Code: ASC-BOS-X-9 or CLICK HERE TO BOOK!!	Year Groups 5 & 6 Course Code: ASC-BOS-X-10 or CLICK HERE TO BOOK!!
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Spanish Club

Please see the flyer attached

I wish you a safe, warm weekend; 8 school sleeps to go!

Dates for your diaries

Secret Present and reindeer run – 12th December

Christmas lunch: 13th December

Pantomime: Wednesday 14th December

Christmas carol service: 16th December at 10am

End of Term: 16th December

Letters sent this week

Breakfast Club Spring Term

Scarlet Fever and Group Strep A

Threadworm – Year 2

