

## Newsletter Friday 11th December

**Year 3** Banksy, Riley, Kusama, Samba      **Year 4** Carver, Goodall, Tesla, Turing

**Year 5** Jemison, Peake, Sharman, Wakata      **Year 6** Bloom, Eliot, Silverstein, Zephaniah

Merry  
Christmas



This is my last newsletter of the year. Thanks to all my staff who continue to lead learning at Burlington so superbly through this very challenging time. Thank you too to all parents, governors and pupils for their on-going support and for making Burlington the wonderful school that it is. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

We remain open all next week up until 2pm (Years 3 & 5) and 2.10pm (Years 4 & 6) on Friday 18th December. I am aware that the Infants are closed next Friday and have given their reasons for this in a letter to their parents. However, we fortunately have had a very low number of cases in the Juniors this term and as long as that does not change we will strive to stay open all next week until Friday 18th.

### **Ofsted**

As you will be aware, we had a visit from two Ofsted inspectors this week. They wanted to find out about how we were managing our return to teaching the full curriculum (i.e. all subjects) and the challenges we face due to Covid. They questioned us about how our attendance has been impacted due to Covid and how we are managing our online learning when children have to isolate or whole classes have to close. They also asked about how we were supporting the wellbeing of children, families and staff. The day was very positive and they will send a letter to the school community in January to summarise their findings. There is no judgement or grading given so we remain a good school.

Thank you to everyone who completed the Ofsted online survey. It is not too late to do so if you wish to add your comments. Please use the following link:-

[www.burlingstonj.kingston.sch.uk](http://www.burlingstonj.kingston.sch.uk)



**Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th December - Christmas Lunch and Party Box Lunch days.**

Please could we remind you that if you have not already done so, it is now too late to book the above lunches. Your child will need to bring a packed lunch from home on both days. Please remember that you may pop one treat such as a small cake or 2 biscuits into their lunch box on these days.

On Wednesday the 16th children may wear their festive christmas jumper or a festive hat or head dress to school.



**Internet Safety**

As Christmas is not far away many of you will be buying electronic devices and mobile phones for your children. Please could we remind you that when you buy these gifts for children they can download many different websites without parental consent. Below is a link giving advice on how to keep children safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

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## Kingston and Richmond Children's Book Awards

### 12 Books of Christmas

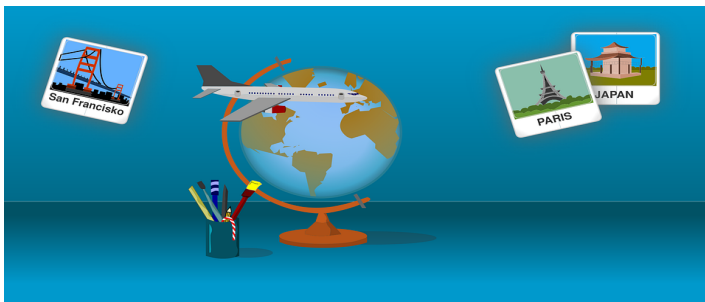
We are proud to announce that our school will be part of the judging team for Kingston and Richmond Spark! Awards. This initiative already has 78 schools involved. Pupils will be invited to read four shortlisted books and vote on their favourites. Children can take part by using the following link:- : <https://sparkbookaward.co.uk/> or Google: 'Spark! Awards Kingston and Richmond' to find out about the 12 books of Christmas for certain age groups and give them a read.

Make sure you let Miss Pavlis know what you think of the 36 books that have been picked - happy reading everyone!

Spark! are aware that some families may wish to purchase the books but recognise finances are tight, so to help disadvantaged children they have set up a Justgiving website for parents to donate to. Spark! have set a target of £2000 but the more money they raise, the more children they can give books to.

If you would like to donate to Spark! Please use the following Justgiving link:- <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/spark-bookawards>

Thank you.



### Christmas Travel and Holidays

As we are approaching a well-deserved Christmas holiday break, please could we remind parents that the Government's advice remains that people **should not travel abroad unless**

**it is essential.** During the first 4 days of the Christmas break (i.e up to 24th December) if anyone who has been in school up to Friday 18th December develops symptoms and tests positive for COVID, please can you let us know using the following email address [parent@bjs.rbksch.org](mailto:parent@bjs.rbksch.org)

This will help us manage any extra cleaning or contact tracing we may need to do. Thank you.

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IT'S ALL GOOD



### **Radish Christmas Competition**

Radish our school caterers will be giving each child a 'place mat' to bring home and decorate. They could win upto £50 in gift vouchers. To enter the competition parents must take a photograph of their child's finished place mat and email it to the following address:- [catering.admin@radishallgood.com](mailto:catering.admin@radishallgood.com) by the 31st December 2020. The entries will then be judged and the winners will be notified in early January 2021.

The prizes are:- 1st place - £50 voucher, 2nd place £30 voucher and 3rd place £20 voucher. Good luck everyone.

### **Diary Dates**

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| 16th December 2020 | - Christmas lunch - wear your festive jumper/hat  |
| 17th December 2020 | - Radish Christmas lunch box  |
| 17th December 2020 | - Class Christmas Festivities afternoon   |
| 18th December 2020 | - Last day of term 2pm finish for Yr 3&5<br>2.10pm finish Yr 4&6<br><b>Acorns will finish at 5.00pm on the 18th</b> |
| 4th January 2021   | - Inset Day   |
| 5th January 2021   | - Pupils return to school   |

Best wishes

Pip Utting  
Head teacher

