

**Burlington Junior School Newsletter**  
**Thursday 21st December 2023**

**A Message from the Headteacher:**

What a lovely end to a long Autumn term! Wonderful Christmas concerts, delicious lunches, jolly parties and general festivities. Christmas is such a happy and special time in school.

Thank you to our fabulous PTA volunteers who worked so hard to make the Christmas fair a success. It was a lovely event that brought our community together and everyone had a brilliant time.

The children have accomplished so much this term - our early September Ofsted visit seems a long time ago! It has been fantastic to see their progress and look through their books at how much learning they have achieved.

I must also thank my dedicated, hard working staff who ensure the children in their class are successful and confident learners. While my staff have a well deserved holiday, for those who wish to dip into any activities over the Christmas period (no obligation), we always encourage Times Tables Rock Stars, crossing off a few book bingo choices in the reading diary or trying out some '[Things to Do Before I Leave...](#)'. There are also lots of ideas on our website [here](#). Finally you may wish to take a look at what the children will be learning about in the Spring term, the curriculum overviews are also on our website [here](#).

I wish all our families a very happy and peaceful Christmas holiday. We especially think about our community who are affected by war and conflict in the world and we hope for peace and stability in those countries.

I look forward to seeing the children return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Best wishes, Mrs Utting

**Key Dates for January:**

8th January INSET School Closed

9th January Spring term starts

Spring date card [here](#)

**Christmas at Burlington**

In the first week of December, Year 5 members of the choir went to Fenwicks Kingston and Year 6 to John Lewis to sing Christmas songs. What a fantastic way to kick off the festive season! It was wonderful to see so many people there to support us, including members of the public doing their Christmas shopping.

"I was a bit nervous at first but then I really enjoyed it when we started singing." Alex

"I was excited and nervous. My favourite part was the final song because it sounds really nice." Maliha

PTA funds were used to bring Panto to Burlington this month. Panto In A Day performed, look and the Panto talk to much laughter in the Junior Hall! Many

performed Jack and the Beanstalk to much laughter in the Junior Hall. Many thanks to the PTA and all the hard work that they do raising funds for events like this.

We estimate that the Christmas Fair raised over £7,500. Wow!

### **The White House**

The White House Nursing Home was the final stop of the Christmas tour for the Upper School Choir this festive season. On Monday 11th December, the residents of the home enjoyed a variety of songs sung beautifully by the children and even brought their tambourines and bells out to play along! It was a wonderful afternoon and both the residents and staff at the White House were really impressed with the choir.

*Thank you so much for coming in to our Home! We all truly enjoyed listening to the incredible singing so much, and it was lovely to see the smiles that were brought to everyone's faces. The children have such beautiful voices and you must all be so proud of them, and our residents keep saying how sweet they all were and what a great time they had listening to them sing.*

### **Lower School Choir**

On Friday 8th December, the Lower School performed at the Burlington Christmas Fair. They showed off their spectacular signing skills with *Christmas Alphabet* and *Yes We Can* from Nativity 2. They were then joined by the Upper School Choir to make the biggest combined choir in Burlington history! I think everyone who watched would agree that they all sounded fantastic. Upper School Choir then sang their songs, *That's Christmas to Me* and *Ding Dong Merrily on*



