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| December already! I can’t believe there are only two weeks left of the autumn term, 2018. My first term has been an enjoyable one getting to know you and your wonderful children. This is a unique educational setting and I feel very privileged to be part of it.  Image result for december eventsAs we come to the end of 2018 we celebrate the season by holding numerous events. Last week we had a fabulous shopping evening, today we are all invited to the Festive Fair after school and you have been invited to the wonderful productions that our pupils will perform in over the next two weeks. Parents and staff are very busy preparing for these lovely events and our pupils have been working hard to learn their lines. I can’t wait to experience my first season of festive activities at BWA!  Image result for importance of a bedtime story**The importance of a story at bedtime**  Many parents stop reading to their child when they can read fluently. Research has shown the importance of reading a bedtime story to children up to the age of 11. Yes …11! The daily bedtime story is a very precious and memorable time. Children who arrive in school having been read to daily arrive with a wealth of language and a developed imagination. Throughout the whole of primary school, parents should try to find time to read books to their child that are beyond the child’s reading level because there is a direct link between the daily bedtime story from birth to 11 years and success in education. This may be something to consider embedding into your daily routine, if you don’t already do it. I’d love to know if you do rethink this and how you found the experience.  Image result for scientists**Young Scientists**  Our clever scientists in year 2 have been designing a fair test this week to establish what the best material is to make a ball that will bounce high. I wonder what they will find is the best material? Year 3 have been testing the strengths of different magnets.  Image result for learning together  **Learning Together**  Our excellent learners in Yr 1B have written instructions to make a spinner. They had to make one first so they knew what the reader would need to know. Having finished their instructions they wanted to test how well they had written them. Year 4 volunteered to read the instructions and use them to make a spinner – the results were superb. All agreed the instructions were very clear. Well done 1B and thank you Year 4 for helping out.  Image result for festive Jumper day**Festive Jumper Day – Friday 14th December**  In return for a small donation of at least £1, pupils and staff can wear a Festive Jumper to school to help raise money for Save the Children.  https://astreasheffield.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/School-Uniform-Reminder-e1524479524551.jpg  **School Uniform**  Polite reminder that your child should be wearing the correct uniform to school every day. *Black shoes, Navy blue or black trousers/skirts.* *School jumper.*  Have a super weekend! |



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**Key Dates**

Festive Jumper Day – Friday 14th December

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 19th December

School breaks up at the normal time on Friday 21st December

**Weekly Attendance**

95% Target

1B – 97.9% 

Y1 – 89.5% 

2B – 95.3% 

Y2 – 86.1% 

3B – 99.2% 

Y3 – 97.4% 

4B – 99.2% 

Y4 – 93.4% 

5B – 96.7% 

Y5 – 97% 

6B – 96% 

Y6 – 97% 

Remember the soft start begins at 8.30am - ready to learn at 8.45am

**Excellent Learners**

Displaying our CARE values - congratulations to:

1B – Clarrisse

Y1 – Mia

2B – Amy

Y2 – Sienna

3B – Luci M

Y3 – Liam

4B – Louise

Y4 – Paolo

5B – Sixtine

Y5 – Leah

6B – Alix

Y6 – Rajwa

**7th December 2018 ‘**[**Appreciate those who love you. Serve those who need you. Forgive those who hurt you. Thank those who help you.**](https://www.azquotes.com/quote/849483)**’** [**Nicky Gumbel**](https://www.azquotes.com/author/20893-Nicky_Gumbel)