

Brent Knoll Primary School

Newsletter

WEDNESDAY 12th October 2022

Our Key Stage 2 children are invited to join our after school choir group in preparation for the switching on of the Christmas lights in Burnham. Please see details in the choir email sent out today.

Dear Parents/Carers With the first half term nearly over, I know the children are already looking forward to a season of festivities that lighten up the dark Autumn evenings: Halloween, Guy Fawkes Night, Carnival, Christmas and Wassail. Hopefully, the children will also enjoy hearing the good things said about them in this term's parent/teacher meetings, which will take place in the second week of November. Details to follow soon. Kind regards Chris Burman

Monday 24th October is the start of the festival of Diwali, an event that has been studied in Key Stage 2 this term as part of their work on Hinduism. The children have found out about the background to this world religion and what its traditions and customs are. As part of their own Diwali ceremony, the members of Kitsune have made small clay pots – called diyas - which hold candles during the festivities (photo right).



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Earlier in the week, an invitation was sent to the parents and carers of children in YR and Year 1, to join us in an online Teams meeting, from 5.30 pm to 6.30pm on Monday 17th October. (We hope this is a format and time that makes it easier for all carers to attend, though if you wanted to come into school at the same time, please let us know). The meeting will cover how phonics is taught, and the best way you can support your child's reading at home. We would also like to share some ideas based on the Wessex Trust's on-going project to develop speech, language and communication. If you would like to attend the meeting online or in person, please let us know.

Next Wednesday afternoon, from 2.15 pm, we are all heading off to St. Michaels' church to have a shared service to celebrate our new reception children receiving their Bibles and for harvest. Parents and carers are very welcome to join us, and the church will be open from 2pm, for the 2.15pm start. We welcome gifts of food for the harvest festival and we plan to make a donation to the local Food Bank. The Food Bank has said: "We are very well stocked with food parcel core items such as pasta, beans and cereals but we regularly run short of small jars of coffee, fruit juice and squash, soap bars and liquid soaps, toiletries, toilet rolls, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, tinned spaghetti, tinned tomato, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, custard and UHT milk."

The closing date for applications for secondary school places is 31st October and they can be made on line on the Somerset County Council web page: 'Starting at a secondary or upper school in September'.

Just a reminder that this half term (Term 1) ends next Thursday, the 20th October. Friday 21st October is an INSET day and the school will be closed.