

**BEDSTONE**

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Dates for your Diary

Mon 4th Jan: Inset Day**Tues 5th Jan:** First Day of Spring term, Assembly - John Forster**Wed 6th Jan:** Swimming at Knighton, Tennis Club**Thurs 7th:** Non-Uniform Day; Match Practice**Tues 12th Jan:** Assembly - Tim Coles**Wed 13th Jan:** Swimming at Knighton, Tennis Club**Thurs 14th Jan:** Boys Football, Girls Netball U10/U11 mixed (A)**Wed 20th Jan:** Swimming at Knighton, Tennis Club**Thurs 21st Jan:** U11 Netball & Football v ST. Richards (A)**Sat 23rd Jan:** Scholarship Day
Tues 26th Jan: Assembly - Joe Whitfield**Wed 27th Jan:** KS2 Football Tournament Ludlow FC return 5.00pm**Thurs 28th Jan:** Netball v Bucknell

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

"Here's to the bright New Year and a fond farewell to the old; here's to the things that are yet to come and to the memories that we hold."

Welcome back and happy New Year! We trust everyone had a happy and peaceful break. The Junior staff would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts received at the end of last term. As a new term and a New Year dawns, we continue to grow and thrive, reflecting on our strengths and areas for development. We will continue to have a clear focus on teaching and learning and the progress our children are making, seeking to further

strengthen the children's daily experiences. At Bedstone we place a real emphasis on a rich, varied and interesting curriculum; and as the spring term commences, children will be starting many new exciting topics. We will continue to focus on manners, courtesy and friendship. We also welcome Mrs Marriott back to cover Mrs Williams' maternity leave and look forward to working with her again. Welcome to our two new starters this term, Joe Mullard (J1) and Addison (J3). The Junior School will also be host to six Chinese pupils who will be joining J2 and J3 from the 1st February until 12th February initially.

Spring term is a short one; 6 weeks and 5 weeks. This means that we have so much to pack in. Please keep an

eye on the website, Bulletins and newsletters for dates and events. We try to give as much notice as possible of all upcoming events and fixtures.

Some exciting events happening this term include Chinese New Year 7th February and World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March, so 'thinking caps' on for costumes.

The Enhanced Curriculum will continue, with the return of the Spelling Booster Club on Monday's for those requiring extra support and Tennis, Wednesday's and Forest School on Friday's. Please could you ensure children have coats and proper clothing for all school activities.

Here's to a busy but exciting spring term!

Congratulations go to ...

Primary Mathematics Challenge

Congratulations to the pupils who sat the Primary Schools Mathematics Challenge. The PMC is a **nationwide challenge** for pupils who want to get involved in some **interesting and stimulating** mathematics. Aimed at the top 60% of pupils in Years 5 and 6 England and Wales, we are delighted to award Gold Certificate to Lydia Shen (J4), Silver to Eile Hudson (J4), Addison D (J3) and Archie Collings (J4) and Bronze to Ellie Carter (J3), Joshua Theophilus (J4),

Tesni Beavan (J4), Rhys Richards (J3), Pippa Braden (J4) and Jaswinder Sing (J3).

Merit awards start again this term, but a huge congratulations to pupils who achieved bronze, silver and gold last term. Mr Forster also has a 'Book of Excellence' and children can aim to produce high quality work to be entered into the book. **Lydia Shen** (J4) has successfully entered the next round of the **Rotarians Young Musician of the Year** competition for her wonderful piano ensemble, and will represent Knighton in the regional finals this term.

What are you going to do with your old Christmas cards? How about recycling them with the Woodland Trust, so that more trees are planted instead?

You can drop your cards into collection boxes in branches of WHSmith and Marks and Spencers as well as TK Maxx.

The Woodland Trust are aiming to plant 12,000 trees this year!

