



Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your support this Christmas time. The school has been exceptionally busy, but that is hardly surprising with over 200 children attending.

This year we have had to “do things differently” due to our large numbers – with a two sitting Christmas Lunch, provided by Kingswood Catering; four department performances instead of two a Christmas disco for year 6 onwards; Christmas Jumper Day and The Hat competition (at the Christmas lunch) I have to say that we have had a great time, despite so many staff and pupils being unwell. Our final event is the last day of term – Christingle, which is a lovely way to end the term. Thank you if you sent your oranges in.



A few special Thank You's

Our beautiful Christmas trees for the main site were donated by Homebase (Riverside) and The Christmas Tree Farm. For me this was a delight, I have never been to a Christmas Tree Farm before, and as they were only open on a weekend, I got to choose the tree from the 2000 that are growing!!



The Christmas Fayre on Wednesday 3rd December remains our biggest fundraiser – we raised £1400. Thank you for your generosity. We appreciate all donations, especially as this time of year when money is so tight. One family donated all the prizes for the animal stalls/tombola – this stall raised £300. Thank You.



Mr Bruce Green – a local business man, sponsored one of our trips to the cinema – 150 pupils went on three coaches; **Happy Days** charity (you will remember we fundraise for them) paid for the coach to Gulliver's Land and the coaches down to the main site from our Grange satellite weekly. **The Variety Club** sponsored the Gulliver's trip.



We have also had a donation of a £1000 from **Ella's fund**. This is a fund from one of our families, and we are very grateful for their support. This money is going to be put towards a piece of equipment for the new secondary playground, which we hope will be built at the end of the academic year.



We have been so lucky and I for one am truly grateful for all the support given to the school, whether by attending functions in support of your child; supporting the school by coming into reviews or at events and for supporting our fundraising.

In addition to our own fundraising events we have also been raising money for others – Children In Need; British Legion (selling of Poppies) and a Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Charity.
THANK YOU.

Other news...

At the end of this term we have two staff who are retiring.

Mrs Susan Head, Teaching Assistant in the 14 – 19 department and Mr Paul Wheeler Teacher in Charge the Grange Satellite (although Mr Wheeler will be on the main site undertaking a new role). We wish them both a long healthy happy retirement.

We say goodbye to Ms Sarah Faulkner and Mrs Alison Pavitt who are leaving us to work in another special school and we also said goodbye to pupils Ben; Katie and Kynen who have left the area. Everyone will be missed.

What to do if ...



It snows... (or we need to close the School for any other reason).

If the school is closed - we will send you a text via our texting service.



Listen to the local radio - announcements are made.

Check the Northamptonshire County Council website
www.northamptonshire.gov.uk



We will update our 'School Information Line' - 01604 773910 (option 2) at regular intervals.



Do we have your correct mobile phone number?

Please let us know if you have changed your mobile number recently.



Diary Dates

Spring Term 1		
January	5 th 2015	Staff Training Day
January	6 th 2015	School Opens to Pupils
January	15 th 2015	Parent Drop-in Day
January	21 st 2015	Time to Talk 10am – 11am
February	6 th 2015	Parent Drop-in Day
February	13 th 2015	School Closes at 3pm for School Holiday
February	16 th 2015	} Playscheme
February	17 th 2015	

Spring Term 2		
February	23 rd 2015	School Opens to Pupils
March	2 nd 2015	Parent Drop-in Day
March	11 th 2015	Time to Talk 10am – 11am
March	13 th 2015	Red Nose Day
March	23 rd 2015	} Parent Consultation
March	26 th 2015	
March	27 th 2015	Easter Celebration
March	27 th 2015	School Closes at 3pm for School Holiday
March	30 th 2015	} Playscheme
March	31 st 2015	

Coats & Uniform

Please remember to put your child's name on their clothing!

School Dinners

Are provided by 'Kingswood' & are £2.30 per day.

Wearing Boots in School

If your child wears boots to School, they need to bring a pair of shoes to change into.



We need your e-mail address!

We hope to be in a position where we can communicate with you by e-mail just as we do with texts!

Website

Take a look at our website!
www.billingbrook.northants.sch.uk

School Uniform

Order forms can be requested from the School office



Finally it leaves me to say – Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
 I look forward to seeing you in 2015.

C M Grant
 Headteacher