

# Battledown Centre for Children & Families



Hi everyone,

It's that time of year again where, despite the bugs, we have had lots of fun getting ready for Christmas. The children and staff have worked so hard to produce the performances for you, which I hope you all enjoyed.

Have a lovely Christmas and New Year making special memories together. We will see you on Monday, 8th January for another fun-packed term.

*Nikki*



## Out & About...

Our pupils have had a busy term two, with lots of trips and activities outside school. Squirrels class went to the cinema to see 'The Smeds &

The Smoos', and to the University of Gloucestershire, where they participated in a variety of team sports with five other SEN schools at a Multi-Skills Sports Event.

Foxes class went to the pantomime at the Everyman Theatre to see Tweedy the Clown in

'Mother Goose', whilst Woodpeckers class gave an amazing performance of 'Hop Little Bunnies' at the Sensory Dance Festival alongside eight other Gloucestershire SEN schools. Thank you Flamingo Chicks and Milestone School for organising and hosting.



## Allergy Aware School



**NO NUTS!** Please check contents of lunch boxes.

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ACADEMIES TRUST

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please label all clothing and personal items sent into school

If your child is unwell, don't forget to call in or message the team on

Class Dojo before 9.00 to report any absences.



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For more details of Gloucestershire County Council's winter holiday activities & food (HAF) programme, please follow this link: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/>



## Happy Retirement!

We sadly bid a fond farewell to our caretaker, **Paul Davis**, who retires at the end of term. Thank you for all you have done, we will miss you!



## Farewell...

Goodbye to three of our Learning Partners, **Emma McVean**, **Abi Hales** and **Jacob Thomson** who leave us for new adventures. Thank you and all the very best!



Please ensure your child has a coat, hat and gloves in school for outdoor play and learning.



A huge thank you to the **Robert Hall Group** for their generous donation of £150 in lieu of sending Christmas cards. Thanks also to **Lisa Wiltshire** for your kind donation, much appreciated!

## TERM DATES 2023-2024

Term 3: Mon 8 Jan - Thu, 8 Feb 2024

Inset: Fri, 9 Feb 2024

Term 4: Mon 19 Feb - Fri, 22 Mar 2024\*

\*Inset: Wed, 6 Mar 2024

Term 5: Mon 8 Apr - Fri, 24 May 2024\*

\*Bank Holiday: Mon, 6 May 2024

\*Inset: Tue, 7 May 2024

Term 6: Mon 3 Jun - Fri, 19 Jul 2024

Inset: Mon, 22 Jul 2024

Your donations to Children in Need raised **£111.35**. Thanks very much!



## Save the Date!

Our popular Pamper Evening will be back on **Friday, 1 March 2024**. More details to follow - watch this space!



## INFOCUS Wed, 17 Jan

Focusing on Intensive Interaction and TAC-PAC (Tactile Approach to Communication Package), join Sarah Bell and Karen Cooke in the family room (9.30am - 11.30am) for demonstrations, a look at resources and an opportunity to ask questions.

## Meet Carissa Palmer-Little

Hi, I'm Carissa, Battledown's Lead Teacher as well as Communication and Behaviour Lead. I have been working with children aged 4-16 with Special Educational Needs ages for over 20 years in a number of roles. I love being able to inspire and motivate the pupils I work with, seeing them develop and



achieve their potential. I feel very privileged to be able to work with your children! You'll see me at school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

## Hello to...

Chance - Rabbits Class  
Maria Duque - Learning Partner  
Mareille Meakan - Learning Partner



## Congratulations to...

Jo Doyle, who is taking on a new role as the Total Communications Project Lead across the Academy Trust. Jo will continue working at Battledown one day a week in Owls class.

