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Headteacher

Today I announced who would be the school Prefects, House Captains and a new role - Digital Leaders. A big well done to Buddy, Ethan, Oscar, Tom, Lewis, Robyn, Eliza, Oliver and Ellie who are now our Prefects.

Our Digital Leaders - who will be helping look after the computer equipment, trialling new bits of software and leading Internet Safety Week are Leo, Angel, Jax and Ellie.

Our House Captains - who will lead sports day and keep a total of the house points are Leo, Angel, Esther and Kobi.

The first job of our House Captains - which they did this morning was to name the houses. The whole school vote chose to name them after English Mammals. The Student Council and House Captains chose Endangered British Mammals - which there will be whole school projects and assemblies about.

This year:

Fire House will be called '**The Red Squirrels**'

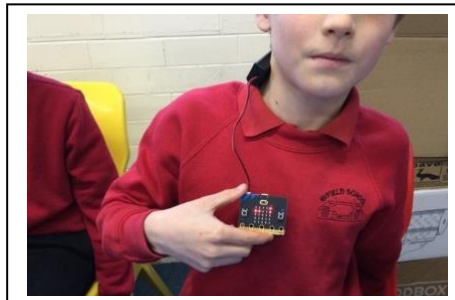
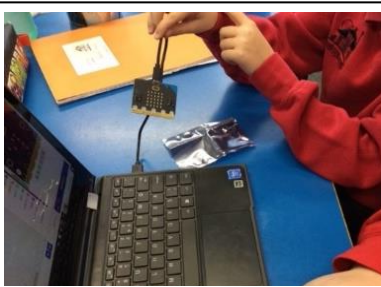
Water House will be called '**The Water Voles**'

Air House will be called '**The Long-Eared Bats**'

Earth House will be called '**The Pine Martens**'

BBC MICROBITS

This week we received 30 Microbit computers, which are micro-computers, with sensors, bluetooth, an LED screen and 2 buttons, but don't do anything unless children programme them. Year 5 and 6 enjoyed their first lesson - and managed to all programme them into name badges with scrolling text.



On Sunday 19th November, 2 teams represented Byfield School at the Bob Moore Football Tournament. Both teams played incredibly well and both teams won 2 of their matches, drew 2 and lost one. For one team, this meant they had enough points to get through to the semi finals. Although we lost that match, the team played fantastically well and in difficult muddy, wet and cold conditions.

All the players played with determination and good team spirit, showing the values of Fair, Determination, Respectful and Responsibility. It was, as it always is, brilliant to see this and see our children represent the school so well.

Special mention goes to **Mason** who also received Player of the Tournament!

Well done to everyone who played, and a big thank you to all the parents who supported the teams.

PTA

Christmas Market

Sunday 26th November, 1-4pm, Byfield Village Hall. Please see attached poster.
£1 per adult/kids free - stalls, refreshments, raffle, tombola, face painting, glitter tattoos and children's games!

The children are currently practicing their songs and will be **singing at 2.30pm** so please bring them to the stage area at 2.25pm. - festive dress is encouraged so dig out those Christmas jumpers!

CAKE DONATIONS NEEDED!

If you have any cake or biscuit donations for the Christmas market, please bring them to the hall the morning of the market.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 1st December

Kicking off the first day of December with a bang!

Non-Uniform Day - Donations of hamper goodies please such as biscuits, chocolates, toiletries, candles, savoury food items etc

Carols in the Playground – Tues 19th December, 6-7pm, Free entry

Join us for a sing along of your favourite carols accompanied by mulled wine, hot drinks and mince pies. Don't forget to invite your friends, family and neighbours to this festive village event!

Christmas Hamper Raffle - £1 per ticket

It will be returning with amazing prizes to be won! Tickets will be available from school as well as at the nativity performances and carols in the playground. We will let you know when these go on sale.

Rotary Village Santa - Sat 16th Dec

The Daventry Rotary Santa will be making his way around Byfield on the evening of Sat 16th December (around 6.30-9pm). Several parents will be walking with the sleigh to raise money for the PTA so get your little ones outside and don't forget to donate if you can. Also remember to tell all your village friends and family!

Please also remember to join the 'Byfield School – Parents' Facebook group for regular updates about school and PTA events.





BYFIELD PTA VILLAGE EVENT

CHRISTMAS MARKET

SUN 26TH NOVEMBER
1PM-4PM

BYFIELD VILLAGE HALL

STALLS, GAMES, RAFFLE, CAKES, HOT
DRINKS AND FESTIVE FUN!

ADULTS £1, KIDS FREE

PUPILS SINGING CAROLS AT 2.30PM

Attendance –attendance for the week in each class:-

The weekly attendance this week for each class is:

Oak- 94.2%

Horse Chestnut- 97.0%

Redwood- 97.9%

Kauri- 92.3%

The national target for attendance in school is 96%; children who attend regularly at school have the best opportunities to connect with their learning and connect with their friends.

Flu Immunisation

This will be available to all children in years Reception up to Year 6 on Monday 11th December in school. An email has been sent out with more information about this and how to access the consent form.

Consents must be completed by 9am on Wednesday 6th December. If you would like a paper copy of the letter, please ask at the office.

Music lessons – Guitar Friday afternoons Strings Wednesday morning Keyboard Thursday morning

Please ask at the Office if your child is interested in taking up music lessons

PE Nursery Tues morning Oak Tues **Horse Chestnut** Tues/Wed **Redwood** Tues/Fri **Kauri** Wed/Fri
Forest School Oak Wednesdays Nursery Tuesdays

Breakfast Club – every day from 8am. This will be held in the Hall apart from Tuesdays when it is in the Library. **Please note Breakfast Club opens at 8am**

After School Club – every day up to 5.30pm. Please note that on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the After School Club will be in the Hall up to 4.30pm and then in the Library. On Fridays it is Film Night so After School Club will be in Redwood Class, next to the office.

Hotshots Tuesday (before school)

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 26th November – Craft Fayre/Christmas Market – Byfield Village Hall 1pm – 4pm

Thursday 30th November – Reception Class visit to church

Friday December 1st – Christmas Jumper Day – please bring in donations for raffle

Wednesday 6th December – **Deadline** for submitting flu immunisation forms online – **9am**

Wednesday 6th December – PTA meeting at Cross Tree

Monday 11th December – flu immunisation in school

Tuesday 12th December – dress rehearsal to school in morning

Wednesday 13th December – Nativity performance to Parents (afternoon 1.45pm and early evening)

Friday 15th December – Years Reception – Year 6 – trip to Panto Nursery Xmas Party in morning

Saturday 16th December – Santa visiting Byfield

Tuesday 19th December – Carols in the Playground 6-7pm

Wednesday 10th January 2024 – Young Voices Choir – Resorts World Areana, Birmingham

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