

NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th March 2018

We have had a busy week this week with many different and exciting things happening around school.

Please keep a look out on the 'Latest News' section of our website. This is where we post photographs showing what the children have been up to. Also, remember to follow us on Facebook and Twitter to keep up to date with everything that is going on at school.

Attendance

Last week's attendance was 96.11% which is above our target of 96%. The best attendance for last week was the Penguins Class with an amazing 99.43%. Well done everyone and particularly to Penguins!

Believe Time Theme

The theme for our Believe time next week will be 'Honesty'.

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Parents Evenings

It was wonderful to see so many parents attend our Parents' Evenings this week. The school had a really positive vibe on both evenings and it was clear that there were so many positive conversations taking place. Thank you to all parents who came along.

Class Photographs

Tempest Photographers will be in school on Tuesday 20th March to take class photographs. Please make sure that your child is in correct and smart school uniform.

Book Fair

The school will be hosting a book fair for parents from Wednesday 20th June until Tuesday 26th June. This will take place in the hall. More details to follow.

Rescheduled World Book Day

Unfortunately, due to the snow days last week, we didn't have a chance to celebrate World Book Day as we had planned.

Due to there being lots of events planned over the next few weeks, we have rescheduled this event for Tuesday 19th June. This will form part of a bigger reading event during that week incorporating the book fair and many different reading activities for the children. There will be more information to follow when all plans have been finalised.

Mr Shaw - Eagles Class Teacher

Mr Richard Shaw, will be leaving the school at Easter in order to pursue new ventures. His last day with the children will be Thursday 29th March 2018.

Mr Shaw joined the school in September 2016 and has worked hard to create and deliver our Year 3 curriculum. He has also been influential in organising the RE provision at the school and for organising our first ever residential. We are very grateful to Mr Shaw for all that he has given to the school and we wish him well with all of his future endeavours.

Sports Relief 2018

To celebrate Sports Relief this year, we will be asking children to run a mile around the school grounds on Friday 23rd March. They can wear sports clothes to school on this day (PE kits are fine) and we shall also be encouraging donations of £1.00 for the charity.

Afterschool Clubs

All after school clubs will be back on next week. We will also send letters out for you to sign up to the new clubs that will be starting after the Easter Break.

Children in the Reception classes will also now be able to sign up for 1 afterschool club. It is important that these slips are returned quickly as places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Year 2 Animal Workshop

As part of their topic for this half-term, 'All Creatures Great and Small', the children in Year 2 took part in an Animal Workshop on Wednesday this week.

Children had the opportunity to hold a range of different animals including a tarantula, millipede, snakes, lizards, tortoises, hedgehog, skunk and meerkat. It was a very exciting morning and the children thoroughly enjoyed it!

Rearranged Y1 and 3 trip to Waterstones Visits

Due to the Snow Days, we have now managed to rearrange the visits to Waterstones for both Year 1 and Year 3. The new dates and times can be found below:

Year 1	Monday 12 th March	10am-11.00am
Year 3	Tuesday 13 th March	10am-11.00am

Late Signing In

Please remember to give a reason for lateness when signing children in late at reception. Any entry without a reason is recorded as no reason on the child's attendance records.

BPFF AGM

BPFF will be holding their first Annual General Meeting in school on 13th March at 9.30am. This is when they will discuss the past year, share their financial status and the management committee stand down from their positions.

There will then be a re-election of Chair Person (currently Catherine Wardega), Vice Chair-Person (currently Sarah Clay), Treasurer (currently Emma Clifford) and Secretary (position not filled). Positions will be nominated by meeting attendees and then a blind vote will be cast for each nominee.

These positions are all up for grabs so if you would like to nominate someone or yourself or even Catherine, Sarah and Emma again, then you must attend the meeting.

We do hope that you will come to this meeting as they will have to reschedule if there are not enough people present.

There will also be an opportunity during the meeting to take your suggestions on how and why you would like to see the BPF raise funds over the next year.

This meeting is open to all parents, carers, grandparents, governors, teachers and staff members. Governors will receive a formal written invitation.

Refreshments will be served.

REMINDERS

Easter Activities

As a Church of England School, Easter is an important celebration for us. All classes will be undertaking activities in class to learn about the Easter story and will take part in some Easter crafts. We also have the following events planned for the Easter period:

Nursery & Reception Classes - 29th March

Bring & Share Easter Breakfast - This is a warm invitation for you to join us on Thursday 29th March for a 'bring and share' breakfast from 8:45 - 10:30am.

There will be a carousel of craft activities to take part in with your child to create decorations to complete our Easter Cross masterpiece. We would also ask you to bring in a contribution of breakfast food to share with your child in order to celebrate our last half term together. All parents, carers or other family members are welcome and we hope to see as many of you as possible.

If you would like to take part in this, please speak to a member of the Foundation Team

Year 1 - 28th March

The Year 1 team would like to invite parents to join them for some of their Easter crafts in the last week of this term. If you are available on Wednesday 28th March at 2pm, then please feel free to come and get involved with Puffins and Penguins Easter Card Making.

Year 3 & 4 Classes - 29th March 2.15pm

Easter Celebration Assembly- This will be an assembly style performance to parents and the rest of the school which will include songs, prayers, readings and work produced by the children to celebrate Easter.

Founders Day Service - 23rd March 2.15pm

For Founders Day each year we hold a service to celebrate the founding members of Bluecoat back in 1706! It is also an opportunity to formally welcome the Reception children (and any older children who are new to the school) into the ethos of the school and give them all their first Bible. Parents and Carers are all invited to this service.

In the past this has been held at St Margaret's Church but, due to the increased numbers of children at the school, we are no longer able to fit all of the children and their parents into the church. We have been exploring a range of other options for the event and have decided that what is important to us is to be able to share this day with the whole school so will be holding the service in the school hall this year.

Therefore, Founders Day will now be held in school at 2:15pm on Friday 23rd March 2018. Please make a note of this revised date

Term Dates and INSET Days

The Primary School still has INSET days planned on the following dates: **Friday 25th May, Thursday 28th June and Friday 29th June**

Dates for your Diary

23.03.18	Sport Relief
20.03.18	Class Photographs
23.03.18	2.15pm Founders Day Service for F2 (Please note change of date)
28.03.18	Year 1 Easter Craft Session
29.03.18	Nursery & Foundation Easter Breakfast
29.03.18	Year 3 & 4
19.06.18	World Book Day
20.06.18	Book Fair on until 26.06.18
	Easter Celebration 2.15pm
13.07.18	Sports Day

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