

NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th September 2018

Bluecoat Academy



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A huge, warm welcome back to all of our families and new joiners. I have been really impressed with the positive start made to the year. Our new starters (children and staff) have settled brilliantly and everyone is enjoying the new outdoor spaces. The Early Years playground should be complete any day now and we can't wait to let the children explore it. Thank you for your patience whilst this work has been completed.

As a growing school, we are always evolving and looking for ways to improve. Over the next few weeks we look forward to sharing our plans for development with you. We always welcome your feedback. Please email primary@bluecoat.uk or speak to the staff in the office if you would like to let us know what we are doing well or give us any constructive ideas for improvement.

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Traffic flow on Harvey Road

Thank you to all of you who have supported our one-way system trial on Harvey Road since the start of term. I know that many of you have started to use Harvey Haddon rather than venture down Harvey Road, and for this we are really grateful.

Although the one-way route added a few minutes to some journey times, it did make a noticeable improvement to the volume of traffic on the road and really helped to make the road feel safer. If you haven't given your views on the trial and would like to, please follow this link to undertake the short survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3Z9FRTP>

We look forward to reviewing your comments and working with Nottingham City Council to find a long-term solution to traffic management on Harvey Road.

Although the trial is over, **Glenbrook have agreed to keep their gate open at drop-off and pick up times to allow for traffic to continue to flow in that direction.** We hope that the majority of traffic will continue to flow in from Beechdale Road and out onto Wigman Road without being directed by staff on the route. Please do mind your speed as your journey along Harvey Road for the safety of our children and those at BBA and Glenbrook.

With very limited parking outside of school, we ask that those parents still using Harvey Road only park in the designated areas and not on yellow lines causing dangerous obstructions. Blue badges should be displayed for those parking in the disabled bay.

STRIVE award

It was wonderful to welcome some parents into our STRIVE award assembly this morning. If your child has been chosen to receive a certificate, you will be invited to see them receive it in the Friday STRIVE assembly. Invites will be via a text message on Wednesdays. If you have changed your number, please inform the office so that you don't miss your invite.



Clothing and belongings

Staff encourage children to be independent when looking after their belongings whilst also doing their best to make sure that everyone goes home with the right clothing and equipment. This is done by encouraging children to put things in their tray and on their peg, and supervising children to ensure things are well looked after. Inevitably though, with so many children in school, some things do go missing from time to time. Please help us by ensuring that your child's clothing and belongings are clearly labelled with their name and check the items that your child brings home - returning anything that comes home by mistake. Unfortunately school is not able to replace belongings lost in school.

Trim Trail

The Trim Trail equipment is a big hit with the children. Classes have fair access to the equipment during playtimes and lunchtimes when the area is supervised by staff. There is to be no use of the equipment when it is wet, icy or slippery.

The trim trail is not supervised by school staff before school and no children should be on the equipment at this time. The trim trail is also not supervised by staff after school. If you choose to allow your child to use the equipment after school, you are responsible for their supervision, conduct and safety. **School will accept no responsibility for accidents or injuries caused by use of equipment outside of the supervised hours.**

After-school clubs (Years 1-5)

Afterschool clubs will be back up and running for children from Year 1 upwards starting on 1st October 2018. Letters with option forms will be sent home with children next week for you to opt for which club your child would like to attend.

Keeping you informed

The newsletter is produced each week on a Friday. We use Parentmail to get this out to all parents and also post it on the website with a link to this from our Facebook page. A paper copy will also be in the school reception for you to help yourself to if you are unable to access the internet.

School Photographs

On Friday 5th October all children will have an individual school photograph as well as one with any siblings also attending the school. We shall also open at 7.45am for any parents that would like a photograph taking with other siblings who do not attend this school.



Start of the Year Reminders

As this is the start of the new school year, here are some polite reminders:

- Bicycles and scooters - children are not to ride bicycles or scooters within the school grounds. These should be locked in the shelters during the day and are left at the owners own risk.
- Dogs are not allowed into the school grounds.
- Jewellery - Jewellery, other than signs of faith, watches and studs for pierced ears, is not allowed. If your child cannot remove earrings for PE sessions, they must wear plasters to cover the earrings.
- Smoking or Vaping is not allowed anywhere on the school site.

By following these, we can keep all of the children safe in school, thank you.

BPFF Newsletter

Please also find attached a copy of the latest newsletter from the BPFF (Bluecoat Primary Fundraising Friends).

BPFF Events

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| Coffee morning | Mon 17th Sep 9-10am |
| Teatime | Mon 17th Sep 5.30-6.30pm |
| Bake off | Fri 28th Sep |
| Harvest dance | Thurs 25th October (after-school) |
| Christmas Fair | TBC |

Dates for your Diary

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| 21.09.18 | Deadline for Flu Consent Forms |
| 5.10.18 | Individual School Photographs |
| 5.11.18 | Flu Vaccines |

A full list of dates for the year will be sent out next week and added to the website.

Facebook & Twitter

Follow us on our new Facebook and Twitter pages which will be updated regularly with news and information.

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