

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## NEWS

### Timings of the school day

The school day starts at 8.45am for all children. It is important that your child arrives on time every day. If you arrive after 8.55am you must sign in at the reception to ensure your child obtains a mark in the register.

### Picking children up at the end of the day:

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can be collected between 3pm and 3:10pm from their usual classroom doors. Children in Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 are to be collected from their exit doors at 3:10pm.

It is important that children remain in school until the end of the day. There are increasing numbers of parents attempting to collect children from the office before the end of the day. This disrupts the classes and causes unnecessary pressure on the staff in the office. We ask that you refrain from doing this unless in an emergency. On those rare occasions when you need to collect your child early, we ask that you call the office before you arrive so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

### Stick Family

Mrs Shaw has been overwhelmed by the sheer number and huge variety of stick people that the children have created as part of our 'Bluecoat Family' theme this month. The children have been so eager to show their figures and they have all been fantastic. Thank you for supporting us with this. We are starting to move the larger family members outside to form a visual reminder that we are one big Bluecoat Family. The smaller ones will be kept inside for a similar display. Children have until 8<sup>th</sup> October to bring in their creations.

### National Poetry Day

It is National Poetry Day on Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup> and this year's theme is 'Change'. We will be celebrating the day by sharing poems linked to Autumn Harvest, a time of year associated with much change. The children will also begin learning a class poem which they will perform in Believe Times during Harvest week. Your child will bring home a copy of their class poem next week and we would really appreciate it if you could spend some time helping them to learn it in preparation for their performance.

### School Toilets

The toilets at school are for use by our children and staff and should only be used by parents in an emergency. We are getting lots of parents asking to use the toilets. Due to safeguarding rules any parents using school toilets will need to be escorted to and from the toilet by a member of staff.

### School Photographs

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 taken with other siblings / family who do not attend this school.

### Celebration Assembly

Due to the school photographs on Friday there will be no celebration assembly next week.

### Guitar Lessons

Please be aware that if your children currently has a ukulele/guitar lesson on a Monday this will now take place on a Thursday from next week.

### Leave your lunchbox at home

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October we would like to encourage everyone to leave their lunchbox at home and try one of our delicious school dinners. Our school meals are prepared in the kitchens of Bluecoat Beechdale Academy and offer a healthy and fully balanced meal.

We will be providing a FREE meal for every child in school on Thursday and have planned a special menu for the day, offering some of the children's favourite dishes:

Chicken in a BBQ sauce served with pasta and garlic bread (halal option available).  
Quorn in a BBQ sauce with pasta and garlic bread.  
Chocolate Brownie.

If your child usually has a packed lunch and enjoys their meal on Thursday, please remember that all children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free meal every day of the week.

Children in Year 3, 4 and 5 pay £2.00 per day for meals unless they are entitled to free school meals - please check with the office if you are not sure if you are entitled or for details of how to apply.

### Plastic Bottles

Please may we again ask if you have any large plastic bottles at home that you bring them into school washed so we can continue with building our bottle structure. Also if we have any willing parent volunteers to come in and help us finish the reading hut, we would welcome any offers. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like to help. This is the structure so far:



### Humanutopia programme

Year 5 are participating in a workshop with Y9 students at Aspley Lane Campus on Wednesday afternoon. The Year 9 students have been trained through the 'Humanutopia' programme and have been selected to become good role models to our children at the Primary.

The workshop is designed to help our Year 5's to develop essential life skills and to think about how they can bring about positive change in their own and others' lives. Children will travel by mini-bus to Aspley and will return back to school before the end of the day.

## REMINDERS:

### Term Time Holidays

Although we are still in September we shall soon be approaching the time when we start thinking about summer holidays and getting away for a few days. Can we please remind all parents that no holidays during term time will be authorised. We only agree absences with exceptional circumstances.

In line with our Attendance Policy we shall be instructing Nottingham City Education Welfare Service to process penalty notices for all unagreed holidays taken during in term time.

This will be a penalty notice of £60 per child per parent/carer paid to Nottingham City Council. If this remains unpaid after 21 days it will rise to £120 per child per parent/carer. If it remains unpaid after 28 days it may be referred to the Magistrates court.

Obviously we want to avoid this and hope that we have very few of these to deal with this year.

### Winter Coats

Now that the weather is getting cooler children need to bring a warm coat to school every day. Please ensure this is clearly labelled with their name.

### EYFS Wellington Boots

Please can children bring in a pair of wellies to keep at school during the week so that they can access the water area. Their wellies will need to be named and will be kept locked in our outdoor shed. If anyone has any spare wellies at home that they are willing to donate we would really appreciate it.

### Fruit

All children from Nursery up to Year 2 will be given a piece of fruit each day. Children in Year 3, 4 & 5 are free to bring in a piece of fresh or dried fruit to eat at playtime. Please do not send in other snacks as children will not be permitted to eat them.

### Lunchbox contents

If your child brings a packed lunch, please note that:

- We are not able to heat food up so please send food that is suitable for eating cold, eg, sandwiches, wraps, pasta, salad, cheese and crackers.

-We do not allow the children to eat sweets or chocolate bars. Cereal bars or biscuit bars are much healthier.

-Due to choking hazards, we ask that you do not send in meat that has bones in it, for example chicken drumsticks.

## Important Dates

4.10.18	National Poetry Day
5.10.18	Individual School Photographs
17.10.18	Parents Evening
18.10.18	Parents Evening
25.10.18	BPFF Harvest Festival Dance
26.10.18	INSET Day - school closed to children
w/b 29.10.18	Half Term - school closed to children
5.11.18	Flu Vaccines
5.11.18	Theme week: Marking the centenary of the end of WW1
16.11.18	Children in Need - Non-Uniform Day
21.12.18	Last day of Autumn Term
7.1.19	First day of Spring Term
12.2.19	NEW: Archway Student Awards Evening
w/b 18.2.19	Half Term - school closed to children
7.3.19	World Book Day
13.3.19	Parents Evening
14.3.19	Parents Evening
15.3.19	Events for Comic Relief
19.3.19	Class Photographs
5.4.19	Last day of Spring Term
23.4.19	First day of Summer Term
13.5.19	Year 2 SATS wk1
20.5.19	Year 2 SATS wk2
w/b 27.5.19	Half Term - school closed to children
10.6.19	Phonics check week (Y1 & Y2)
28.6.19	INSET Day - school closed to children
11.7.19	Sports Day for EYFS
12.7.19	Sports Day for KS1 & KS2
19.7.19	Last day of school year

More dates to be added soon

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