



NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th October 2018

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Stick Family

Mrs Shaw has had more amazing stick people knock on her door this week, some have even been life-sized! We are looking forward to making an outdoor display for the larger family members and an indoor display for the smaller ones. The last day to bring stick family members in is Monday 8th October.

Clubs

Could we please remind parents that children must be collected from afterschool clubs at 4pm promptly. If you child is in years 1-5 and hasn't signed up for a club there are still spaces available in a number of clubs. Please ask at reception for a slip if you would like to sign your child up.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, see the work they have been completing in class and find out more about how you can support their learning at home. We would love all of our parents to attend on one of the two nights (17th and 18th October). Letters have been sent out today with details and timings, please keep an eye out in your child's book bag.

Mrs Shaw will be running discussions about the traffic concerns on Harvey Road for anyone who would like to offer their ideas or simply find out more.

Harvest time in school

Our Believe time theme for w/b 15th October will be 'Harvest'. The children will be learning poems to share in our assemblies and we will be taking time out to say thank you for all of the gifts of harvest. As always, we will give any donations of tinned and dried foods collected to the local food bank.

Humanutopia programme

Year 5 took part in a workshop with Y9 students at Aspley Lane Campus on Wednesday afternoon. The Aspley students had been trained through the 'Humanutopia' programme to become mentors and role models to younger students at school. We were blown away by the confidence and maturity shown by our Year 5's who fully engaged with the workshop and had lots of fun playing games and talking with the Y9 students.

Birthday Cakes and Sweets

There are still some parents sending in cakes and sweets for children's birthdays. As much as we enjoy celebrating the children's special day, due to allergies and the time it takes to organise, we are no longer able to give out edible treats for children's birthdays. We will continue to mark the occasion and ensure that your child's special day is celebrated.

Trim Trail

Please remember, the trim trail is not supervised by school staff before school and no children should be on the equipment at this time.

Adult Education Courses

We are planning two more adult education courses if you would like further details regarding these courses then please sign up to the mailing list at the school reception.

Messages from BPF:

Bluecoat Bake Off

What a great Bluecoat Bake Off we had. We had so many different entries of all different shapes and sizes. Mrs Shaw had the very difficult job of choosing the winners! (Not a bad job though!) The winning cakes including a tangy lemon drizzle cake, some lovely chocolate orange cupcakes and a yummy chocolate cake. The BPF raised over £200 which will be used towards the next event which is the Harvest Festival Dance on Thursday 25th October. Thank you to everyone that baked, brought or helped on the day.

BPF Harvest Festival dance information:

There are 2 different time slots for various year groups, see poster for details. This event is free entry (with chargeable extras such as food and drink) but we are asking you to pre-register so we can gauge the amount of interest. You can pre-register by following this link <https://billetto.co.uk/e/bluecoat-primary-harvest-festival-dance-tickets-312574>

We will also be outside reception on a few afternoons after school- keep an eye on our social media for details of this. Siblings are welcome but must also be registered.

Parents are required to stay with and supervise their children throughout the event.

If you would like to bring a harvest festival donation of tinned food to add to the school's Harvest collection then this will be gratefully received.

Wellies optional! Please spread the word to other parents in the playground so all the children can be involved in this fantastic event funded by the BPF. Volunteers are needed so please get in touch.



REMINDERS:

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.

Important Dates

15.10.18	Harvest collection week
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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