

NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th October 2018



Attendance

Last week's attendance was at 96.97% which is above our target of 96%. The best attendance last week was the Parrots Class with a perfect 100%. Fantastic!

NEWS

Farewell to Zaqia

Zaqia has been supporting our families for over a year and has done a fantastic job of organising adult learning courses, encouraging parental engagement in school, liaising with the BPF and being there for parents when they need help and advice. We are sad to say that Zaqia will be leaving us after half term to move on to a new adventure. We will be very sorry to see her go but wish her all the best in her new career. If you have been meeting with Zaqia and would like to meet with her again before she leaves, please make contact as soon as possible as she will only be in school on the following days before she goes:

Tuesday 23rd October
Thursday 25th October
Tuesday 6th November

Zaqia will make sure that Mrs Shaw is aware of any ongoing support and she will make sure that all agreed commitments are maintained whilst we are without a Family Support Worker. Hopefully we will be able to find someone to join us soon.

Clubs

Due to the Harvest Festival Dance there will be no after school clubs on Thursday 25th October. This will affect the following clubs:

Team Sports
Year 1-3 Reading Club
Year 4-5 Reading Club

INSET DAY

Please remember it is INSET day next Friday, 26th October. Therefore the school will be closed to all children.

Wet mornings

We are sorry if we caused some confusion on Monday morning about whether children were allowed in classrooms due to the wet weather. Our procedures on wet mornings are as follows:

We cannot guarantee that there will be staff members in classrooms before 8:30 as they are likely to be busy preparing for the day. Therefore, we cannot accept children into classrooms before this time.

At 8:30 the teachers on duty will blow the whistle if it is too wet to be outside. Children will then be able to go into their classrooms where they will be supervised by a member of staff until the day officially begins at 8:45.

Photograph Orders

The deadline for photograph orders to be returned to school is **Monday 5th November 2018**. Any orders made with Tempest Photography after this date will incur extra charges.

REMINDERS:

Harvest Time

Our Believe time theme for this week will be 'Harvest'. The children have been 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.

Admissions

It is approaching the time of year when parents will be considering applying for Primary school places for September 2019. Packs will be sent from the local authority in November and parents will have until January to make their applications.

If your child is in our Nursery, you must make an application for a place in main school. Nursery places do not guarantee main school places - you must apply through the local authority. If you know any other families with children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 please recommend they come for a visit and make an application to Bluecoat Academy Primary. Please visit our website for further information:

<http://bluecoatprimaryacademy.co.uk/parents/admissions-2/admissions/>

Messages from BPF:

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.

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.

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, even if you are present to supervise your own child.

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
25.10.18	BFFF 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
21.11.18-26.11.18	Book Fair
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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