

# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Attendance

Last week's attendance was at 97.09% which is above our target of 96%. The best attendance last week was the Owls Class with 98.67%. Well done!

## NEWS

### INSET DAY

Please remember it is INSET day tomorrow, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Therefore the school will be closed to all children.

### Half Term

We would like to wish all of our families a happy Autumn half term break. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### Parents' Evening

It was great to meet so many parents at Parents' Evening last week. We hope it was useful to find out how your child is progressing and how you can support them with their learning. If you didn't get the chance to meet your child's teacher please feel free to make contact with them to arrange an alternative date.

### Welcome to Miss Launder

Many parents will have already met Miss Launder who has been covering our reception in the office on temporary basis. We are pleased to say that Miss Launder has now permanently secured the role of Senior Administrator at the school. She is really excited about her new role and is pleased to be joining Bluecoat Primary.

### Harvey Road

You may have noticed that the council have undertaken the planned work on Harvey Road which has included:

- New speed limit signs - Harvey Road has a limit of 20 MPH.
- New disabled parking bays for use by Blue Badge holders only (please display your badges).
- Refreshed road markings to show parking areas and restricted areas.

The new restricted areas are now enforceable and there will be officers on patrol. These measures have been put in place to increase pedestrian safety and ensure that the road is not obstructed for other road users. It does mean that parking on Harvey Road will be very limited. As always we encourage parents to park in Harvey Hadden and walk or find an alternative method of transport to school.

### Stay and Read!

Stay and Read sessions will begin on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 8.45-9.00am and then every Thursday after that wherever possible. You will be able to go with your child to their classroom along with the rest of their class when the whistle blows at 8.45. Younger siblings are also very welcome. At the end of the session you will need to leave school via the front door at reception.

### Parent Phonics meeting Reception, Year 1 & 2

We will be running a Phonics meeting for F2 and KS1 parents next half term on two separate dates. The first meeting will be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 9:00-9.30am in the hall. The meeting will be repeated on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30-3.00pm in the hall. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend on one of these dates. We will outline the Phonics programme that we follow at Bluecoat and talk about ways that you can support children at home.

### WW1 & Remembrance Theme Week

This year's Armistice Day commemorates 100 years since the end of the First World War. To mark this important and momentous occasion, we will be having a whole school Theme Week where children will be learning about the Great War and the significance of the poppy. The content of this theme will of course be age appropriate and will be delivered in a sensitive way using picture books, animations, pictures and film clips. Throughout the week, we will have some special visitors to enrich the children's learning and are hoping to look at some artefacts from the time. If you have any family connections or stories that you'd like to share please feel free to get in touch with your child's class teacher or speak to Mr Smith about how you can get involved. By the end of the week all children in school will have made their own poppy which they will bring to the hall to be displayed as part of a whole school exhibition. We will be exhibiting the children's work in the school hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at the end of the school day - we hope as many parents and families can join us for our showcase event



### Young Christian Leaders

This week saw our newly trained Young Christian Leaders deliver a special Believe Time with the support of Y9 Christian Leaders from Bluecoat Wollaton. Our young leaders demonstrated great confidence to lead a song, prayer and drama in front of the whole school! Our Young Christian Leaders are:

Anto - Y5  
Oleg - Y5  
Megan - Y5  
Precious - Y4  
Megan - Y4  
Zavier - Y3  
Jurnee - Y3  
Poshawn - Y3  
Zoya - Y3  
Taylor - Y3

### Midday Supervisor Roles

We are still in the process of recruiting more Midday Supervisors to support with our lunchtime provision. If you would be interested in making an application please speak to the office who will print you off a job pack and application form to complete.

## REMINDERS:

### Photograph Orders

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

### Wet mornings

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.

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.

### 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/>

### 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

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
8.11.18	First stay & read session
15.11.18	WW1 & Remembrance Theme Week Exhibition
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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