

NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th November 2018



Attendance

Last week's attendance was an amazing 98.25% which is above our target of 96%. The best attendance last week was the Penguins Class with a 99.33% - super Penguins!

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Student Awards Evening

Archway Learning Trust will be hosting a Student Awards Evening on 12th February 2019. This will be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the achievement of pupils across the Trust, including children from the Primary. The staff and children have started nominating this week and will continue to do so next week in the following categories:

Aspiration
Resilience
Community and Faith
Harrison Award for Sporting Achievement
Wellbeing
Achievement
Young Leadership

If you want to let your child's teacher know about any of their achievements outside of school that would link with any of these areas then please send in a message or see them at the start or the end of the day.

The Believe Time theme for next week will be linked to the awards categories.

Parent Forum

We would like to welcome all parents to join us for the **parent forum meetings** which we are currently developing. We hope to hold these meetings termly in order to provide an opportunity for us to share information with you and seek your views on how we can improve our procedures. The focus for the first meeting will be **communication** as we want to review our processes and hear from parents about:

- What forms of communication you feel are most effective.
- What communications you value.
- What you would like to hear more about.

The overall aim of this meeting is to seek your views and help us to evolve and improve our communication with parents. We will run this meeting three times as follows so that as many parents as possible can attend:

- Tuesday 27th November at 8:45
- Wednesday 28th November at 17:30
- Friday 30th November at 14:30

We hope you can join us for this. We will be sending out fliers about this meeting with reply slips for parents to write their comments and suggestions on if they are unable to attend, so please look out for these.

BPFF Winter Wonderland

A date for your diaries from the BPFF! Please also see flyer attached to this newsletter. If you would like to book to see their professional Santa in his grotto, please use this link... <http://buytickets.at/thebpff1/212470> Cost is £3.50, which includes a gift from Santa (wristbands will be issued on entry to the event). There will be gingerbread man decorating, Mince pies and hot chocolate and lots of other festive fun to be had! 🎄😊. Lily and Co have been made aware of this event, so children will be able to attend with your permission.

* If you are unable to book online, BPFF will be outside reception on a select few dates, please see their Facebook page for details.

Piano Taster Sessions

We have the opportunity for children in Year 3, 4 and 5 to take part in a 6-week piano taster session. These 30 minute sessions will be delivered in small groups by one of our parent who is a qualified music tutor and is starting up their own music tuition business. These sessions will be free of charge. If your child enjoys the sessions and they have a flair for music, there may be the opportunity for them to continue with the sessions at a small charge later in the year.

If your child would be interested in learning to play the piano, please put their name down at the school reception. Once we have a list of names we shall then send out further details of the sessions.

Y3 Ancient Egypt Showcase

Year 3 have been learning all about Ancient Egypt. The children have created a showcase assembly to show you everything they have learnt. The showcase will be held on Wednesday 28th November at 2.15pm. We hope as many parents and families can join us as possible.

Book Fair

Our next Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Tuesday 20th November until Monday 26th November. There will be a selection of over 200 books suitable for all ages and reading abilities. All books bought will earn rewards for school which will be used to purchase new books for classrooms and reading areas. Please see opening times below:

Tuesday 20 th November	3.00pm-3.30pm
Thursday 22 nd November	3.00pm-3.30pm
Friday 23 rd November	3.00pm-3.30pm
Monday 26 th November	3.00pm-4.00pm

If you have any questions regarding any of these events, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Baker our Reading Lead.

Class Library Visits

This week, Year 5 came back from their library visit with smiles on their faces and books in their hands. We are really pleased to be able to offer each class from Foundation upwards one Thursday afternoon visit to Bilborough Library each term this year to promote reading and a love of books. The library staff are really keen to share their resources and expertise with us, helping our children to make suitable book choices as well as introducing them to new authors and titles. The visits for the rest of this term are as follows:

Date	Class	Time
Thursday 22/11/18	Y4 Parrots	1.50 - 2.30
Thursday 29/11/18	Y3 Eagles and Owls	1.50 - 2.30
Thursday 6/12/18	Y2 Kingfishers and Hummingbirds	1.30 - 2.15
Thursday 13/12/18	Y1 Penguins and Puffins	1.30 - 2.15

Children in Foundation classes (Peacocks and Flamingos) will start their visits in the Spring Term.

Repeated Parent Phonics meeting Reception, Year 1 & 2

It was great to see so many engaged and supportive parents at the F2 & KS1 Phonics meeting yesterday morning. We hope that we achieved our aim, which was for parents to leave feeling better informed about phonics and how it is taught at Bluecoat. If you have any queries, questions or suggestions following the meeting please do not hesitate to come and speak to your child's class teacher, Mr Jackson or Mrs Baker. For those of you who were unable to attend yesterday morning, the **SAME** Phonics meeting is going to be repeated on 29th November at 2.00-3.00pm. Thank you again for your continued support.

Adult Learning Courses

We have an exciting new 4-week adult learning course starting on Wednesday 28th November 2018, 12.45-3.00pm. This course will be available to parents of children in Reception up to Year 7. The title of the course is Family Fortunes and is supported by the Money Advice Service designed to build financial capability and support children and parents to develop positive money habits.

Family Fortunes Course Content includes:

- Budgeting
- Understanding 'needs' versus 'wants'
- Combating Pester Power
- Using numbers to support KS2 maths (including addition, subtraction, decimals and percentages)
- Accessing tools and resources to save money on essential family expenditure

If you are interested in signing up for this course, please visit reception and let us know as soon as possible. We need a minimum of 8 parents for the course to run. Please be aware that we are not able to offer a crèche so you would need to organise childcare for younger children.

REMINDERS:

Suggestion Box

We now have a suggestion box in the reception area along with some slips. We would welcome any suggestions from our parents, whatever the subject. Please feel free to pop in and fill out a slip.

Stay and Read!

We look forward to seeing you at the next Stay and Read session next Thursday at 8.45 - 9.00am.

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.

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.

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/>



Important Dates

20.11.18	Book Fair begins
28.11.18	Year 3 Ancient Egypt Showcase- 2.15
29.11.18	Parent Phonics meeting Reception, Year 1 & 2
7.12.18	BFFF Winter Wonderland 3.15-5.30
11.12.18	Aladdin Panto comes to school
11.12.18	Year 5 visit to Broadway
13.12.18	Carol Concert at St Margaret's Church 7.00pm
17.12.18	EYFS Christmas Performance 2pm
18.12.18	EYFS Christmas Performance 9.15am
18.12.18	Christmas Dinner (<i>Confirmed date</i>)
19.12.18	Key Stage 1 Nativity 2.00pm
20.12.18	Key Stage 1 Nativity 9.30am
20.12.18	Class Christmas Parties
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

Feedback

As ever we welcome feedback. Please email primary@bluecoat.uk.com, speak to the staff in the office or leave a suggestion in the box. Please let us know what we are doing well or give us any constructive ideas for improvement.

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