

NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd November 2018



Attendance

Last week's attendance was an amazing 97.39%, which is above our target of 96%. The best attendance last week was the Puffins Class with a 99.33% - tremendous effort!

NEWS

Book Fair

The Book Fair has been very popular this week. The last book fair will be held on **Monday from 3pm - 4pm**. There is a great 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.

Children in Need

Last Friday we had a fantastic day for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who donated or took part in the day. In total we raised £300 for the charity.

Y3 Ancient Egyptian Showcase

Year 3 have been learning all about Ancient Egypt. The children have created a showcase assembly to show their parents 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.

For this showcase, please could all Year 3 children bring a brightly coloured t-shirt to wear (plain or with a small logo).

Parent Forum

Please look out for details of these meetings around school, on our social media pages and via the leaflets being handed out at school.

We hope as many of you as possible can join us for one of the meetings to help us to improve the ways that we communicate with parents and suggest some topics for us to discuss in the future.

The meeting will be repeated at the following times:

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

Afterschool Clubs

All afterschool clubs will finish on Friday 7th December to allow for festive events. A selection of new clubs will be sent out before the end of term, ready to begin in the New Year.

Spare Clothing

If parents have any spare children's bottoms of all sizes these would be gratefully at school for us to use for spare clothes when children have toileting accidents.

Child Illness

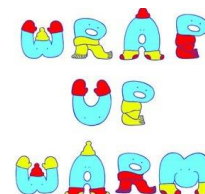
If your child is absent from school for any reason you must ring the school on 0115 900 7200 **before 8.30am** and select the option to report a student absence. It is important to ring and leave a message for every day that your child is off school. This will make sure that your child's attendance record is kept up to date.

Signing Children In

Anyone arriving after 8.55am needs to sign in at the school office. Please make sure you write down the reason for the lateness. If left blank the office will record that no reason has been provided.

Winter Coats

Now the weather has turned cold please make sure that your child comes to school with a winter coat (and hats, scarves and gloves if necessary).



Repeated Parent Phonics meeting Reception, Year 1 & 2

Remember, we will be repeating last week's phonics meeting on Thursday 29th November at 2.00-3.00pm to help parents to feel better informed about the how we teach phonics in school.

REMINDERS:

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.

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.

Class Library Visits

Date	Class	Time
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.

BPFF Winter Wonderland

A date for your diaries from the BPFF! 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.

Important Dates

26.11.18	Last Book Fair
27.11.18	8:45 - Parent Forum
28.11.18	Year 3 Ancient Egypt Showcase- 14.15
28.11.18	17:30 - Parent Forum
29.11.18	14:00 - Parent Phonics meeting Reception, Year 1 & 2
30.11.18	14:30 - Parent Forum
5.12.18	After-School Choir Club singing at Beechdale Care Home
7.12.18	BPFF Winter Wonderland 3.15-5.30
7.12.18	Afterschool clubs finish
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	Year 4 Victorian Christmas Trip to Newstead Abbey.
18.12.18	Christmas Dinner
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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