

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018



## Attendance

Last week's attendance was 95.64%, which is unfortunately a little below our target of 96%. Good attendance at school is very important. Missing a few days here and there can have a significant impact on children's learning. Please make sure that your child attends school whenever they are well enough to do so.

The best attendance last week was the Owls class with 99.67% - Fantastic effort!

## **NEWS**

### Parent Forum

Thank you to all parents who have given us their feedback on communication via the parent forum meetings. We are so lucky to have parents who want to work with us to make our school the best that it can be. You have helped to give us some great ideas that we can put into practice over the coming months to make our communication between home and school even better. We will collate all of the information and share it with you in next week's newsletter.

### Advent

Advent is a very special season in the church year. Over the next few weeks, we will be learning about the celebration of Christmas and will take time to engage with the messages of anticipation, joy and peace. We have lots of activities planned over the coming weeks, here are some of the details:

### Christmas Performance Tickets

#### **EYFS Nursery and Foundation Christmas Performance**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December (2.00pm)

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December (9.15am)

**You do not need tickets for this event.**

Doors will be opened half an hour before the event; refreshments will be available to buy up to 5 minutes before the performance.

#### **Key Stage 1 Nativity Plays (Years 1 and 2)**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (2.00pm)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December (9.30am)

**As there are more children involved in this performance, tickets will be needed but there will be no charge made for these.**

Tickets will be available to collect starting from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at the school office. There will be 2 tickets allocated for each child up to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. We will be keeping a waiting list for any additional ticket requirements and any spare tickets will be allocated in the order on this list on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Doors will be opened half an hour before the event and refreshments will be available to buy up to 5 minutes before the performance.

### Christmas Postbox

There will be a Christmas postbox in the school reception area from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December if children would like to send cards to their friends. Please make sure names and classes are clearly labelled. Unfortunately we are not able to give out lists of names due to GDPR legislation.

### Year 3 Ancient Egypt Showcase

Well done to the Year 3 children who did an excellent job of sharing their knowledge about Egypt and wowed the audience with their singing at their showcase on Wednesday.

### Afterschool Clubs

All afterschool clubs will finish on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December to allow for festive events. A selection of new clubs will be sent out in January.

### BPFF Winter Wonderland

It's the BPFF Winter Wonderland on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

If you would like to book to see their professional Santa in his grotto, please use this link.... <http://buytickets.at/thebpff1/212470>. The 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.

### **REMINDERS:**

#### 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 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.

### **Important Dates**

30.11.18	14:30 - Parent Forum
3.12.18	Tickets for KS1 Christmas productions on sale
5.12.18	After-School Choir Club singing at Beechdale Care Home
7.12.18	BPF 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
14.12.18	Extra tickets allocated for KS1 Nativity
17.12.18	EYFS Christmas Performance 2pm
18.12.18	EYFS Christmas Performance 9.15am
18.12.18	Christmas Dinner
19.12.18	Year 4 Victorian Christmas Trip to Newstead Abbey. <b>(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)</b>
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](mailto: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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