

NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th November 2018



NEWS

Stay and Read!

Our first Stay and Read session yesterday was a great success and it was lovely to see so many parents in school. These sessions provide a perfect opportunity for you to both hear your child read their school reading book and to read a story to them. As the car park will be busier on Stay and Read mornings, we would recommend that as many parents as possible use alternative parking at Harvey Haddon or on Beechdale Road. We look forward to seeing you at the next Stay and Read session next Thursday at 8.45 - 9.00am.

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. Further details of opening times will be sent out nearer to the time.

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

Adult Learning Courses

We have an exciting new 4-week adult learning course starting on Wednesday 28th November 2018, 12.45-3.10pm. This course will be available to parents of children in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5. 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.

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.

Children In Need

Next Friday (16.11.18) will be a non-uniform day for Children in Need; any donations will be gratefully received, with a suggested donation of £1. Children could wear normal clothes or they may want to be spotty for Pudsey.

WW1 Exhibition

By the end of this week all children in school will have made their own poppy which they will bring to the hall to be displayed along with a wide selection of work completed during the week. We will be exhibiting the children's work in the school hall after school on Monday 12th November - we hope you will all pop in to celebrate the work created. The exhibition will be open straight afterschool; we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible

Dance Club Cancelled

There will be no Dance club on Monday 12th November due to the WW1 Exhibition which is taking place in the hall.

Christmas Dates

- 7.12.18 BPF Winter Wonderland 3.15-5.30pm
- 11.12.18 Aladdin Pantomime comes to school
- 11.12.18 Year 5 visit to Broadway after Panto
- 13.12.18 Carol Concert at St Margaret's Church (Provisional Date)
- 17.12.18 EYFS Christmas Performance 2pm
- 18.12.18 EYFS Christmas Performance 9.15am
- 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 Christmas Dinner (Provisional Date)

REMINDERS:

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.

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 15th November at 9:00-9.30am in the hall after the Stay & Read session. The meeting will be repeated on Thursday 29th 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. If you have any questions regarding any of these events, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Baker our Reading Lead.

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 Haddon 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/>

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

12.11.18	WW1 & Remembrance Theme Week Exhibition
16.11.18	Children in Need - Non-Uniform Day
20.11.18-26.11.18	Book Fair
28.11.18	Year 3 Ancient Egypt Showcase- 2.15
7.12.18	BPFF Winter Wonderland 3.15-5.30
11.12.18	Year 5 visit to Broadway
13.12.18	Carol Concert at St Margaret's Church (Provisional Date)
17.12.18	EYFS Christmas Performance 2pm
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19.12.18	Key Stage 1 Nativity 2.00pm
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20.12.18	Class Christmas Parties
21.12.18	Christmas Dinner (Provisional Date)
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 or speak to the staff in the office. Please let us know what we are doing well or give us any constructive ideas for improvement.

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