



NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th January 2019

A very warm welcome back to all of our families. We hope you had a wonderful festive break and have had a great start to 2019.

In school, we have made a fantastic start to the new year. The children are back and eager to learn. You might have already seen on Facebook and Twitter that we have already had an African drumming experience in Year 2 and an alien invasion in Early Years!

There are lots of other exciting learning opportunities planned for different year groups later in the term. The themes being taught throughout school this term will be uploaded to the 'Curriculum' section of our website by next week. If you have any books, artefacts or information that link to any of these topics that you would like to share with us then feel free to let your child's class teacher know. We hope the children enjoy their new themes and we look forward to sharing their learning with you as the term progresses.

Believe Time

In Believe Times this week we have been thinking about our hopes for 2019 and beyond. The Believe Time theme for the next three weeks is 'What is faith?' and as always is appropriate for followers of all religions and no religion.

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STRIVE assembly

STRIVE assembly continues on Fridays this term. If your child has been chosen to receive a certificate, we will let you know via text message by Wednesday each week. Last term we had a number of requests to postpone the handing out of certificates for a week or more due to parents not being available to attend. Unfortunately, this has become unmanageable and we will not be able to do this moving forwards. Please rest assured that all children receive praise and attention when they get their certificate, even if a parent isn't there to see them and we always say how proud their family will be of them.

Library Visits

Please see below for the next set of library visit dates:

Emus	17.1.19	1.50pm-2.30pm
Parrots	24.1.19	1.50pm-2.30pm
Owls	31.1.19	1.50pm-2.30pm
Eagles	07.02.19	1.50pm-2.30pm
Kingfishers & Hummingbirds	14.02.19	1.30pm-2.15pm

Leave your Lunchbox Day

We try to encourage our younger children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 to try new foods, so we will be providing every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with a hot cooked meal on Thursday 17th January. All Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children are entitled to a free school meal every day. We understand a lot of children at this age can be fussy eaters, but we hope this will encourage them to try a school dinner. Please support us with this and encourage your child to give it a try on this day. If you are concerned that your child may not like the dinner, you are welcome to send a packed lunch as a back-up. The menu for the day will be as follows:

Chicken pie or vegetable pie served with herby diced potatoes and edamame beans. Pudding will be cherry crumble with custard or fresh fruit.

Afterschool Clubs

Thank you to all parents that have returned club reply slips. The deadline for replies was today (Friday 11th January). The following clubs are now full:

Recorder
Dance
Table Tennis
Gymnastics
Craft Club
Team Sports

Letters will be sent out next week confirming which club your child has been allocated. Clubs will start on week commencing Monday 21st January.

Disabled Parking Spaces

Please could we ask that the disabled parking spaces opposite the school are only used by blue badge holders.

Office Closure

Please note that the office/reception will be closed between 1pm-2pm on Wed 16th Jan for staff training. The caretaker will be present in case of an emergency.

REMINDERS:

Stay and Read

Please can we remind parents about our Stay and Read sessions that take place every Thursday from 8.45am-9.00am. Children in the same family will be able to remain with their parent on the KS1 Learning Street from 8.45 until 9am. Staff will ensure that KS2 children return safely to their classroom at 9am, however, if for any reason a parent leaves before 9am they must be responsible for taking their children back to their classrooms. To allow for this to happen, registers will be completed immediately after Stay and Read once all children are back in class.

Reception Admission Applications

Please could all Ducklings parents ensure that you have completed your online application through Nottingham City Council for your child's place in our Reception class for September 2019. **THIS IS NOT AUTOMATIC ADMISSION.** The deadline for applications is 15.1.19. All the information, including the Supplementary form for faith references can be found: on our website: <http://bluecoatprimaryacademy.co.uk/parents/admissions-2/admissions/>

Medical Appointments

Please be aware that if your child has medical appointments, the school office must be made aware in advance of the appointment day. Proof of the appointment must be provided. Authorisation from the Head will be required for any child who needs to be collected at short notice and approval will only be given in exceptional circumstances. Children leaving class early for any reason has an impact on their learning. Thank you for your support in this matter.

PE Days

Please see below for details of when your child will have PE this term:

Ducklings	Friday
Peacocks	Friday
Flamingos	Friday
Puffins	Tuesday + Thursday
Penguins	Wednesday + Thursday
Hummingbirds	Monday + Wednesday
Kingfishers	Monday + Wednesday
Eagles	Monday + Tuesday
Owls	Monday + Tuesday
Parrots	Wednesday + Friday
Emus	Tuesday + Swimming Wednesday

Important Dates

12.2.19	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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