



NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th October 2023

Bluecoat Academy



Primary

believe in yourself, in others, in God

School Lunches

Week commencing Monday 16th October, we will be on **WEEK 1** of the menu. The full menu can be found on our website.

Monday: Fishless fingers with mash and spaghetti hoops

Tuesday: Beef meatballs with pasta & garlic bread

Wednesday: Roast chicken dinner

Thursday: Jerk chicken with rice & coleslaw

Friday: Battered fish with chips & beans

There is a vegetarian and allergy option available each day plus freshly baked bread and the salad bar. Enjoy!

Founders Day Service (Reception Classes)

Our Founders Day Service is for children in Peacocks & Flamingos classes, this will be held on Tuesday 17th October at school. This event is an opportunity to welcome your child into the Bluecoat family. At this special celebration, your child will be presented with a Bible. All of the children have been working very hard and learning some new songs to perform to you on the day.

The event will take place in the school hall at 9:00am. Once you have dropped your child off at their classroom, you are welcome to wait at the front of school and doors will open at 8:50am, ready for a 9:00am start. It usually lasts about half an hour. Due to capacity and numbers we can only allow for 2 people per child. We look forward to seeing you there!

Winter Bugs

As this is the first winter without pandemic restrictions in two years, you and your children may be more susceptible to the usual winter bugs and viruses this year.



Winter bugs and viruses are usually mild, but can sometimes become more serious, particularly in younger children or if an infection spreads to a vulnerable family member. Here are the top 5 things you can do to help protect your little ones under age five and reduce the risk of infections for your family this season.

- 1) **Check your child is up to date with their vaccinations**
- 2) **Take up any additional vaccinations your child is eligible for.**
- 3) **Teach your child how to wash their hands and cover their coughs and sneezes**
- 4) **Learn about the symptoms of common infections and what you can do if they get worse**
- 5) **Support school by keeping them off when needed**

Please see link below for further information, help & advice: <https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2022/10/25/5-ways-to-protect-your-under-5s-this-winter/>

Preloved Christmas Jumpers

This year we shall be running a pre-loved Christmas jumper stall from the school office. Please could you donate any good quality children's Christmas jumpers. These will then be displayed at regular intervals leading up to Christmas and will be sold for just £1.00 each. The money raised will be used to pay for enrichment events for the children in school. We hope this will be a huge success, save families money and raise much needed funds for the school.



Parents Evening Reminder

We are looking forward to welcoming all parents, to Parents Evening next week on Wednesday & Thursday. Please ensure you have made an appointment with your child's class teacher. On arrival please come through the main reception and wait in the learning street ready for your appointment time. All slots are 10 minutes, if you need longer then the class teacher will make a separate appointment to allow more time.

Dates for your diary:

- **Tuesday 17th October** – Founders Day service 9am
- **Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th October** – Parents' Evening
- **Thursday 19th October** – Toucans Library Visit
- **Monday 23rd October** – Half Term return to school on **Tuesday 7th November**
- **Monday 6th November** – INSET DAY
- **Thursday 9th November** – Parrots Library Visit
- **Thursday 16th November** – Owls & Eagles Library Visit
- **Friday 17th November** – Children In Need
- **Monday 20th November** – Odd Socks Day
- **Thursday 23rd November** – Hummingbirds & Kingfisher Library Visit
- **Tuesday 28th November** – Flu Immunisations (Reception – Year 6)
- **Thursday 30th November** – Penguins & Puffins Library Visit
- **Thursday 7th December** - Flamingos & Peacocks Library Visit
- **Friday 15th December** – Autumn Term Project Showcase
- **Monday 18th December** – Year 3 & 4 Christingle (St Margaret's Church)
- **Monday 18th December** – Key Stage 1 Nativity 2.15pm
- **Tuesday 19th December** – Year 5/6 Christmas Carols at (St Margaret's Church) 2-3pm
- **Tuesday 19th December** - Key Stage 1 Nativity 9am
- **Wednesday 20th December** - EYFS Christmas Performance – 2.30pm
- **Thursday 21st December** – Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
- **Friday 22nd December** – Headteachers Award & Classroom Christmas Parties

This week in school...

Attention Autism is a wonderful intervention that the children in **The Nest** take part in every day. It helps to build attention skills and supports communication and interaction. It is also super fun and engaging for the children.

Nursery have been learning about some of the changes that happen in autumn. They have particularly enjoyed exploring conkers and a have been using vocabulary such as smooth, spiky and shiny to describe their properties.

Reception have been getting creative in their art area making their families that live inside their house. We love celebrating all the different family types we have!

Year 1 have been very busy in Geography. They were learning some new key vocabulary including the word 'urban'. Children were able to sort the pictures into things we would find in an urban area. Some children then went on to do some challenges in the environment to apply their learning from last week. Fabulous work!

Year 2 have been working hard to convince people that the wolf is good! They have used noun phrases and well-chosen adjectives. In addition, I think you will agree their handwriting is wonderful!

Year 3 have continued their history learning by looking at the importance of Egyptian pharaohs.

Year 4 have been gradually building up the foreground and middle ground on their Rousseau inspired rainforest paintings.

Year 5 have been learning about the theory of gravity in Science this week!

Year 6 - some of our Year 6s have been battling it out on the courts! A handful of Year 6s have represented the school at a local dodgeball competition. They put their skills to the test against seven other primary schools and came out first! Well done, Team!

