



Bidston Village CE Primary School Newsletter

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Happy New Year to all parents and carers!

Liverpool Peace proms 2018

Our school choir are taking part in the Liverpool Peace Proms concert at Echo Arena on Saturday 27th January. The Peace proms is a celebration of youth, music and talents showcasing up to 3000 primary school children, performing with a live orchestra. If families wish to attend independently then tickets are available directly from echo arena box office priced from £15.

New Lunch menu

Our excellent catering team provide a '5'rated menu and service for our pupils and staff every day. We are pleased to announce that, as from Monday 15th January, we will be offering an exciting new menu full of popular favourites, including fajitas, lasagne, burgers and weekly roast dinner and fish Friday remains. Alternatively cold deli options are available alongside a selection of Panini's and jacket potatoes daily. Grab bags are no longer available.

Meals are charged at £2 per day including a choice of mains, desserts and a drink, although dinners must be paid on a Monday for the whole week.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty in relation to your child's lunches, please contact the office and we may be able to help you or point you in the right direction for other helpful services which may be of benefit to you.

If you feel that your financial circumstances entitle your child to a free school meal you can apply online at www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Our Schools App – Online Communication Tool

We have our own school app for Bidston Village CE Primary School. This is an online communication tool for parents/carers OurSchoolsApp is a personalised app for our school and allows us to keep you all updated with school information, news, calendar events and contact information.

If you have a smartphone (Android or iPhone) you can download OurSchoolsApp from Google Play Android or the Apple Store for FREE. *See our posters around school for details of how to get connected.*

F2 Applications closing date

15th January is the last day that applications will be accepted by the CYPD anything after this date will be treated as a late application. Letters have been sent out to the families whom

we have been advised an application is missing. Nursery children are not automatically guaranteed a place.

Year 4 – Barnstondale Residential Trip

The closing date for deposits has been extended to **Friday 19th January**. NO further places will be allocated after this date. If you would like your child to take part then please send a deposit of £25 into school by this date. Full payment is due by 1st June 2018.

Winter Coats

As the weather has turned seasonally cold, please ensure that all children wear a suitably warm coat for school each day. We are happy for girls to wear red, white or black tights for school too.

Emergency Contact details

It is very important that you inform the school office of any new telephone numbers in case of an emergency. If you do not have a telephone please make sure that we have an alternative e.g. friend or family members number that is contactable.

Bidston Buddies

Bidston Buddies do not always have spaces available in after school club, therefore places need to be booked in advance. Ad hoc/same day bookings can only be arranged by calling Buddies directly on 07842327839.

Mobile Phones

Please note, **mobile phones are not allowed or required in school**, therefore you are asked to ensure that your child leaves theirs at home.

Toast

We offer the opportunity for children from F2-Year 6 to have a slice of toast during the morning session. Each slice is 10p. If you would like your son/daughter to enjoy this mid-morning snack, please send in 50p to your child's teacher each Monday morning.

Toast money must NOT be handed in to reception. Thank you!

Punctuality

Unfortunately many children are still arriving into school after 8:50am registration in class.

Remember: 'ten to nine be on time'!!

(With the exception of AM nursery sessions will begin at 8:40am) The Reception should not be used for access unless children arrive after the 8:50am bell or have been given a job by their teacher. In accordance with fire safety procedures children who arrive late MUST be signed in by a responsible adult.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is 95.6% and we currently fall below this target so there is still room for improvement.

Every day in school counts!

If your child is ill, please report this to the school office on 652 0673 on day one. Please be reminded that we do require evidence of your child's medical attention if your child is absent for 3 or more days. Without this, the absence must be recorded on the register as

unauthorised. For further information on what we can accept, please see the school website or contact our attendance officer Mrs Rae.

School absences and punctuality

The Department for Education (DFE) states that:

Penalty notices may be considered in the following circumstances:

- **Attendance below 90% with at least 10 days lost due to unauthorised absence. These do not need to be consecutive.**
- 5 days or more unauthorised absence due to holidays in term time.
- Pupils stopped on police truancy sweeps in some circumstances, for example, if this is repeated.
- The presence of an excluded child in public place at any time during school hours in that child's first five days of a school exclusion without good reason.
- **A pupil arrives late after the registers are closed on 10 or more separate occasions.**

Dates for your diary

16th January- Year 5 to Spaceport

8th February- Y1 & EIB1 to Maritime Museum

17th January- Nurture course (with Bev)

Sat 27th January- Choir to Peace Proms at Liverpool Echo arena

