



BIDSTON VILLAGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

EASTER NEWSLETTER- MARCH 2018



Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we approach the Easter holiday, I am writing to advise you of some of the activities that have taken place this term. Children, staff and parents have taken part in a variety of activities throughout the term, some of which I have mentioned below.

Thanks to all who attended our parents' evenings earlier this term. I hope that you found these useful and informative and that we have given you some suggestions on how you can support your children's education at home.

Please note that school closes for Easter on Thursday 29th March and re-opens for pupils on Monday 16th April.

Yours sincerely,
L. Hazeldine

EASTER EGG DECORATING COMPETITION



Thanks to all parents and other family members who supported children to create an entry for our competition. Staff and visitors have been impressed by the range of creative ideas for decorating eggs and it was very difficult to judge! We have now judged these and children have received their prizes in our end of term celebration assembly.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS - 'EVERY DAY COUNTS'

Congratulations to **86 children who had an impressive 100% attendance** this term. They were presented with certificates and pencils in our end of year attendance celebration assembly, along with **61 children whose attendance has been very good (97-99% and above)** and **33 children whose attendance has been good (95-96%)**. During our attendance assembly we also held an attendance raffle for the various year groups in school with prizes of large Easter Eggs for the lucky winners! Thanks, once again, to all parents and carers who have supported us in our efforts to reach our attendance target (95.5%) for the year. The overall attendance figure from September to date is 94.04% so please keep on supporting us to get your children into school every day.

PUNCTUALITY- '10 TO 9 BE ON TIME'

Thanks to all parents who have supported children to arrive at school on time every day this term! As you will be aware by now, we open our doors every morning at 8.40am so that children can come into school and be ready for registration at 8.50am. Unfortunately there are still a number of children who arrive late every day. We would really appreciate your support in ensuring that they arrive promptly next term.



GREEN ZONE AWARDS FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR

Once again this term we will be awarding certificates to all children who have managed to remain in green zone all term. This is a great achievement and children deserve to have it celebrated, both at home and in school! We pride ourselves on the excellent behaviour of children at Bidston Village and your support in achieving this is very much appreciated- thank you!

STARS OF THE TERM

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been chosen as stars of the term from every class in school. Parents/ carers of these pupils are invited to join our celebration assembly on Thursday afternoon, when we will be presenting books and certificates to these children



Nursery am/pm	Leala Williams	Marcie Watkinson
F2M and F2L	Riley Hatton	Lyla Carson
1L and 1MK	Charlie Hoek	Amelia Sefton
2J and 2BP	Zayden Edwards	Kobi Wilkinson
3TW and 3B	Jace Taylor	Leland Wilkinson
4VJ and 4DJ	Brooke Platt	Adam Lee
5O and 5J	Matisan Ormond	Kaydee Upton
6A and 6GJ	Thomas Lee	Emlyn Pierce
EIB1 and EIB 2	Aiden Harris	Jessica Hoijord

EVENTS AND EDUCATIONAL VISITS THIS TERM

This term, children across school have been extremely fortunate to have been chosen to take part in **Chester Zoo's 'Sing for Songbirds' project**. This highlights the fact that Indonesian songbirds are threatened with extinction and identifies the fact that we can all help to prevent this through fund raising. Staff from the zoo have presented a series of workshops for all children from Reception to Year 6 and all staff and children in school are due to visit Chester Zoo on 22nd and 23rd March (free of charge) thanks to Chester Zoo. In addition, every family in school has been issued with a free family ticket for the zoo to use at their leisure. In return for this generosity and, in order to make a difference, we have decided to support the project by raising funds, initially through an Easter raffle and cake sale.

Our school choir took part in **The Peace Proms at Liverpool's Echo Arena** in January. It was a very moving experience and the children thoroughly enjoyed joining in with a variety of songs with school choirs from across the North West.

As part of their Titanic topic, our Year 1 pupils enjoyed a visit to the **Merseyside Maritime Museum** and then came to school dressed as first or second class passengers. Teachers took part too and the children looked fantastic!

Year 5 have visited **Spaceport** and have also enjoyed a performance of The Addams Family at Oldershaw Academy, this term.

Year 4 visited the **Catalyst Science Discovery Centre** and Museum in Widnes
Earlier this term, all children in KS1 and KS2 enjoyed online safety performances and pupil workshops from ALTRU Theatre Company

- Dot. Co. OK (KS1) 5th February Tangled Web (KS2) 28th February

These were very informative and pupils received them well. Themes introduced were followed up by class teachers as part of our e-safety lessons.

The whole school celebrated **World Book Day** on March 3rd by coming to school dressed as fictional characters. There was a brilliant response and parents went to great lengths to provide costumes for their children.

All children in school took part in our **Sports Relief challenge week** before the end of term. Children in school have had a range of opportunities to take part in a variety of sporting activities this term – see Miss Abraham's PE report below

PE REPORT

Throughout the spring term, there have been after school clubs for both KS1 and KS2. **The clubs offered to KS1 were multi skills** (which were very popular and had over 30 children each week) and **badminton**. **Key Stage 2** have had **football and netball**. The Year 6 football team are currently taking part in The Corgi Cup. They have played a match against Millfields Primary, which was an extremely close match, but unfortunately we lost 6-5. There are still matches to be played against Greenleas and Brookhurst before we find out if we have progressed to the knockout stages.

Year 2 took part in a **Sport's Festival at Leasowe Leisure centre**, where they had the opportunity to experience karate, orienteering and street dance. They had a great time and especially enjoyed the karate. As a result, we booked **a further 3 curriculum karate sessions** delivered by Edsential as part of their PE sessions.

Year 5 have been working with Paul McLoughlin from Edsential, on **a 6 week project called 'Learning outside the Classroom'**, which aims to improve writing in the classroom through practical outdoor activities. They have been shelter building, fire lighting, learning survival skills, knot tying, map reading and learning about the weather. They used this experience to produce some fire poems and instructions on how to build a shelter and gave them a purpose for writing and a wider range of vocabulary. The Year 5s thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and can't wait to practice their newfound skills in our new outdoor learning area.

This term we have used the school's PE funding to purchase new football goals and a sound system for the KS1 hall (to enable music to be played during dance lessons). We have also used some of the money towards completing the new outdoor area, which will be used in our PE lessons to teach OAA (outdoor and adventurous activities).

BARNSTONDALE RESIDENTIAL

Following the successful Year 6 residential to Oakland's Outdoor Learning Centre at the start of the school year, where our pupils took part in a variety of outdoor activities, including rock climbing, orienteering and canoeing, Mrs John has arranged for our Y4 pupils to attend a residential (2 nights) visit to Barnstondale next term.

Residential visits are a wonderful opportunity for children to take part in activities which they have never tried before and to share a few days away together. They are a great way of building a team spirit and self confidence and children get such a lot out of them.



PARENT/ CARER QUESTIONNAIRES

Many thanks to all parents and carers who took the time to complete the questionnaires which we sent home in February. We use surveys such as these to enable us to evaluate and to improve our practices. We sent these away for analysis and I am very pleased to inform you that your responses were generally very positive. It is reassuring to know that parents and carers are so supportive of the school. We have already identified, and acted upon, some concerns highlighted in your additional comments. For example, we have now purchased coloured wrist bands which children receive each day to reflect their meal choices. Since the introduction of these, all children have received their first choice of meal (something which, as some parents highlighted, we were not able to guarantee prior to this). We plan to conduct pupil surveys (online for KS2 pupils and paper based for KS1 pupils) at the start of the summer term. I will keep you informed of the outcome of these.

MOTHERS 'DAY GIFTS

Once again this year, members of our Parents Committee purchased a range of Mothers' Day gifts for your children to purchase. As in previous years, this was very popular and the majority of pupils went home with gifts for their mothers for Mothering Sunday. I am sure that you will join me in a vote of thanks to these parents for their time and efforts which were greatly appreciated! No doubt they will already be on the lookout for Fathers' day gifts in readiness for next term!

FAMILY SUPPORT

Just a reminder that Bev Cowley, our family support worker, is available most days in school, should you need any advice or support. She is a very good listener and has an excellent track record of providing timely support to many parents and carers. She has just finished delivering a 10 week nurture programme and is looking to run further courses in the future. Please don't hesitate to give us any suggestions for workshops/ courses that you would find useful and supportive.

BIDSTON VILLAGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA

Just a reminder that you can keep up to date with events, news and information about school by viewing the school website at www.bidstonvillage.co.uk. Staff regularly update the year group curriculum pages with information and photographs so please take a look when you get the chance. You can also follow us on Twitter @bidstonvillage, on 'ourschoolapp' (search Bidston Village) or on our [Facebook site](#) (Bidston Village).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23rd April- Class photographs
4th May – Superhero Day (Radio City Cash for Kids Appeal)
14th-17th May – Year 6 SAT's Tests
Wk beginning 21st May- Y4 swimming every afternoon
23rd May – Year 1 to Sports Festival at Leasowe Leisure Centre
Wk beginning 4th June- Y4 swimming every afternoon
5th June – Narrowboat trip for selected pupils
6th June- 18th July- Rugby Tots After School Club for KS1 pupils
7th June- Year 3- Wicked Workshop (Egyptians) in school
11th & 13th June – Father Day Sale
18th- 20th June- Barnstondale residential for Y4 pupils
28th June- 1MK- Pizza Express Visit- New Brighton
29th June- Y6 Road Safety session pm
5th July- 1L- Pizza Express Visit- New Brighton
6th July- Summer Fair (after school)
11th July- Year 6 Secondary Induction Day

HOLIDAY DATES FOR SUMMER TERM 2018

Monday 16th April -School opens for summer term

Thursday 3rd May -School closes for 1 day (staff training)

Monday 7th May- School closed – May Day

Friday 25th May -School closed for staff training / half term begins

Monday 4th June-School reopens after half term

Tuesday 24th July -School closes for summer

HAPPY EASTER!

