



# **Bidston Village CE Primary School Newsletter**

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## **Liverpool Peace Proms 2018**

Our school choir are taking part in the Liverpool Peace Proms concert at Echo Arena on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Valentines disco**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February School will be hosting for KS1 and KS2 a Valentines school disco. KS1 disco will be from 3:30pm- 4:45pm and KS2 3:30pm- 5:00pm. All children are welcome to bring clothes into school to get changed into at the end of the school day and go straight to the disco. Tickets are £2.00 and each child will receive a packet of crisps, biscuit and a drink. All children must be collected by an adult at the end of the disco.

## **World book day**

We will be celebrating World book day on Thursday 3rd March all children are invited to come to school dressed as a fictional book character! There will be spot prizes for the best costumes.

## **Nuts**

We have a number of children in school that have a nut allergy, please do not send nuts or nut related foods into school this includes birthday cakes containing nuts.

## **Year 4 – Barnstondale Residential Trip**

All spaces for Barnstondale have been. Full payment is due by 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **New Lunch menu**

We have come to the end of week 2 in our new menu and all in all our children seem to be enjoying the new options of food we are offering.

Just reminder 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](http://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.*

## **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.

## **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**

17<sup>th</sup> January- Nurture course (with Bev)

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> January- Choir to Peace Proms at Liverpool Echo arena

8<sup>th</sup> February- Y1 & EIB1 to Maritime Museum

14<sup>th</sup> February – Valentines disco See above for times

3<sup>rd</sup> March- World book day

