



Bidston Village CE Primary School Newsletter

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Liverpool Peace Proms 2018

Thank you to all the children from our school choir who took part in Liverpool Peace Proms. It was an amazing success and was such a great opportunity for our pupils.



TT Rockstars (Times Table Rockstars)



Thank you to all the parents for encouraging their children to go on TT Rockstars at home! Mrs Hall is thrilled with the fact that so many of our pupils are putting in lots of time, practising their times tables and division facts. 4 pupils have already achieved Rock Legend, which means they answer questions in under 2 seconds per question! Well done Elise Wilbraham Murphy, Lillie-May Whitfield, Ollie Brennan and Shea Noble-Lines. We'll soon have a school full of Rock Heroes!

Bible Exhibition

Last Thursday, our year 6 pupils took part in a series of activities provided as part of Bromborough Bible Exhibition. They really enjoyed the session and learnt lots about the Bible too!



E-Safety/Safer Internet Day

As part of our E-Safety curriculum, and in an effort to encourage our children to stay safe online, we recently welcomed Altru Theatre Company into school to perform 'Dot Co Dot OK' for KS1 pupils. This was followed by workshops which the children really enjoyed! A KS2 performance (Tangled Web) is planned for 28th February. This will also include workshops to raise awareness of keeping safe online.



EIB2 Walks

Pupils from our EIB2 class have been enjoying lunchtime walks with their teachers this half term. Not only is it great exercise for them, but it gives the children an opportunity to chat with one another and look at the world around them.

Valentine's Disco

Next Wednesday (14th February), we will be hosting Valentine's discos for children from Year 1 to Year 6. Our KS1 disco (Years 1 and 2) will be from 3:30pm to 4:45pm and KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will be from 3:30pm to 5pm. All children are welcome to bring clothes into school to get changed into at the end of the school day, so that they can 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 night. **Please note that Monday is your last chance to get a ticket.**

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1st March. All children are invited to come to school dressed as a fictional book character. There will be spot prizes for the best costumes.

Nut Allergies

We have a number of children in school that have a nut allergy. With this in mind, you are politely requested not to send nuts or nut-related foods into school (e.g. in packed lunch boxes). This also includes birthday cakes containing traces of nuts.

Year 4 – Barnstondale Residential Trip

All spaces for our Year 4 visit to Barnstondale have now been taken. Full payment is due by 1st June 2018.

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 number e.g. friend or family members that is contactable in the case of an emergency.

Bidston Buddies

Our before and after school club (Bidston Buddies) is proving to be very popular and, unfortunately, we do not always have spaces available. Places need to be booked in advance. Ad hoc/same day bookings can only be arranged by calling Mrs Davies (Buddies Manager) 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!

Our Schools App – Online Communication Tool

Just a reminder that we now have our own (Bidston Village CE Primary) school app. This is an online communication tool for parents and 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).

New Lunch Menu/ Meal choices

Our new (3 weekly) menu is proving to be very popular and feedback from children indicates that they are enjoying the new options of food each week.

In an effort to ensure that our kitchen is able to provide all children with their first choice of meal, we have recently introduced a coloured wristband system. On arrival each morning the children make their choice from hot meal (red band) deli (green band), baked potato (blue band) or Panini (yellow band). So far, this is working well and no child has been disappointed with food having run out or other children having changed their mind and taken what someone else ordered.

Meals are charged at £2 per day including a choice of a main meal, dessert and a drink. We request that you pay for the week's lunches on a Monday morning.

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

Punctuality

Punctuality still proves to be an issue in school. Lateness is very disruptive and causes children embarrassment too! Registration takes place between 8.50am and 8.55am. This is when the children make their meal choices, so it is more important than ever for them to be on time!

Remember: 'Ten to nine- be on time!'

The Reception should not be used for access to school 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

To date, this academic year, our attendance is 93.68%. This is disappointing, as our whole school attendance target for 2018/19 is 95.6%. We currently have lots of children with excellent or very good attendance -thank you! We will celebrate this in our end of term attendance awards assembly. However, we have a number of pupils who have very few full weeks in school and whose attendance is below 90%. If your child has a medical or dental appointment, we expect them to come into school before or afterwards. It is not acceptable for them to be off all day.

Every day in school counts!

If your child is ill, please remember to 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 will be recorded on the register as unauthorised. For further information on attendance, please see the school website or contact our attendance officer Mrs Rae.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 14th February – Valentine's Disco – KS1- 3.30pm- 4.45pm/ KS2 – 3.30pm – 5pm

Thursday 15th February – Opportunity for EIB2 parents to visit the classroom

Thursday 15th February – After school football match at Millfields Primary School

Friday 16th February- Coastguard in school – Year 3 talk (Superheroes topic)

Friday 16th February- 3.15pm-School closes for half term

Monday 26th February – School re-opens

Weeks beginning 26th February/ 5th March - Year 5 to swimming lessons (every pm)

Wednesday 28th February- Altru Theatre Online Safety Performance and workshops for KS2 pupils

Thursday 1st March- World Book Day- Children to come dressed as a fictional character

Monday 5th March- Mothers' Day Sale – FS and KS1 pupils

Tuesday 6th/Wednesday 7th March- Parents' Evenings (Appointment letters to go out week beginning 26th February))

Wednesday 7th March- Mothers' Day Sale- KS2 pupils

Monday 12th March- Y5 pupils to Oldershaw Academy performance – 'The Addams Family'

Thursday 22nd March – Foundation 2 and KS1 pupils – Chester Zoo Visit- No charge (Paid for by Chester Zoo)

Friday 23rd March – Key Stage 2 pupils – Chester Zoo visit – No charge (Paid for by Chester Zoo)

Monday 26th March – Easter Egg decorating competition (entries to be brought into school)

Thursday 29th March- Easter Services in St Oswald's Church- 9.15am for F2 and KS1 and 9.50am for KS2

Thursday 29th March - 3.15pm- School closes for Easter