



BIDSTON VILLAGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2018

The final half term of the year is now well underway! This newsletter gives you an update on events and information for the last few weeks of term.

Assessment and Reporting 2018

Our Year 6 pupils and staff anxiously await the results of their **SATs tests** (usually received during the first week of July). These will be shared with parents and children in our annual reports.

Year 2 pupils have also undertaken **Key Stage 1 SATs tests** to support the teachers in reaching judgements about standards reached by the end of the year.

Year 1 pupils have now taken the **Phonic screening tests** and results will be shared in the children's annual reports.

This is a busy time of year for all our teachers. They are currently completing an **annual report** for every child in school, highlighting achievements, both academic and personal and suggesting targets for future improvement. These reports are then passed to me for reading, commenting and signing. They will be sent out to parents on **Friday 13th July**.

EVENTS IN SCHOOL

SPORTS DAYS

Key Stage 2 Sports Day is next **Tuesday 26th June** – starting at **1.30pm**.

Foundation 2 Sports Day is next **Wednesday 27th June**- starting at **9.30am**

Key Stage 1 Sports Day is next **Wednesday 27th June**- starting at **2pm**.

Curriculum Visits/Visitors



We have several more visits and visitors to school this half term, to enhance the children's learning experiences. To date the following visits have taken place:

The **Owl Man** brought along his owls to show the Year 2 children and they were fascinated by the information that they were given. The children were delighted to have the chance to hold one of the owls! It was lovely to see the excitement on their faces!

Year 3 pupils recently took part in an **Egyptian Workshop** where they participated in activities and learned lots about the lives of the ancient Egyptians. This was a great contribution to this term's work on Egyptian



Year 4 Residential Visit- Barnstondale

At the time of writing, our Year 4 pupils are having fun on their residential visit to Barnstondale. This is a great experience and they take part in a range of physical activities. No doubt they will come back exhausted but with lots of happy memories!



PE Activities

Family Activity

Several of our families with children In Foundation 2 have taken part in a Family Activity project for 6 weeks this term. This project aimed to engage families in regular, positive, active play in school and home environments, this enabled them to play and learn together whilst supporting children to develop the physical literacy, communication, social, emotional and cognitive skills to achieve in PE, school and life. This was popular amongst the parents with some saying, ***“This is such a good work-out, and I don’t need to go to the gym afterwards.”***

Personal Best Programme

30 of our Key Stage 2 pupils are currently working with a PE coach in school, on a 6 weeks Personal Best programme. The aim of the programme is to utilise the power of being physically active and achieving their own Personal Best to make positive changes to the children’s emotional, social and mental health. The physical activities are generally not traditionally competitive; the key message is always about each pupil challenging themselves to be the best they can be. At the start of each programme the children set themselves personal goals that they self-assess against at the end of each week.

Sports Festivals

Year 1 visited Leasowe Recreation Centre on 23rd May 2018 to take part in a sports festival. They were able to take part in team-building, karate and dance. The children really enjoyed all of these activities.

After School Clubs

Miss Abraham and Mrs John continue to run a weekly netball club for Years 5/6. They recently took the children to a netball tournament and they had a great time competing against other school teams



Mr Whyte has run weekly **football clubs for Years 3-6**. We have recently made links with Manor and St Paul’s Primary Schools and hope to organise some friendly matches before the end of term. Now, we have established links with these schools we hope to continue this in the future and plan to arrange a mini league between the schools next year.

Frankie Wasley (from Tranmere Rovers) has run **two dance clubs for KS1 & KS2 pupils** this term. Both clubs have been extremely popular with over 30 pupils signing up for both. KS1 ended their sessions with a performance for parents and KS2 will perform for their parents on Monday 16th July 2018.

This half term **Rugby Tots** are delivering seven sessions every Wednesday for our KS1 pupils. 17 pupils have signed up for these sessions and are enjoying them.

Swimming:

Children from Years 4, 5 and 6 have all attended swimming lessons this year. It is now a requirement that we publish the number of pupils in Year 6, who can swim 25m by the end of Key Stage 2. We were pleased with our overall results this year:

- **76%** (35 Y6 pupils) can swim 25m
- **24%** (11 Y6 pupils) did not achieve this standard

Competitions

On Thursday May 24th, pupils from EIB 2 took part in the Inclusive Quadkids competition at the Oval in Bebington. They were overall winners and will go onto to represent Wirral at the regional final in Wavertree on 4th July 2018.



The netball team took part in the inter-schools competition at Liscard Primary on Wednesday 5th June 2018. Although, we didn't win overall, we were joint winners of our group as everyone lost and won one



game. Bidston Village vs Liscard (1-3), Bidston Village vs Bidston Avenue (2-1). They will also compete at Well Lane in a netball mini-league on 25th June 2018.

Last term and this term, children across the whole school have competed in Virtual Competitions. This allows us to compete against other schools in a particular skill/activity without leaving school.

Road Safety Notice

Please remember (and encourage your children) to **use the pedestrian crossing in order to cross over the road and NOT the bend near school**. There have been a few near misses on that bend and we do not want any child to be injured on the road. The lollipop man is always available, before and after school, to cross both adults and children over the road safely, so please make use of this valuable service! Years 6 are due to have a Road Safety talk later this term.

Car parking

Just a reminder that **the school car park is for the use of school staff only from the hours of 8.15am to 4.30pm**. Outside of these hours, parent and carers using Bidston Buddies or after school clubs, are welcome to use the car park but please park considerately and do not block off other cars or access routes.

Summer Fair

We are due to hold our **Summer Fair on Friday 6th July from 3.30pm to 5.30pm**. This year we have decided not to hold non-uniform days as it seems to have a negative effect on the children's behaviour, when they come to school in everyday clothes. We would, however, welcome **donations of bottled goods and drinks, small toys, books and cakes**. **Children who bring them into school will receive smilies towards their merit awards**. Amongst others, Mr Tee (King of Desserts) is due to attend the fair and he will be selling his famous ice creams!

Punctuality and attendance

This half term we have had a **real problem with a great number of pupils arriving late for school**. This impacts on lunch orders, disrupts assemblies and lessons and causes additional work for office staff as they have to sign children in who are late since registration has closed. Please try to ensure that your children arrive in school by 8.50am at the latest ('TEN TO NINE BE ON TIME')

Holidays in term time – This year we have had a real increase in parents taking holidays during term time and this has had a very negative impact on our attendance figures. **Please do not book holidays during term time** as, from September, new Wirral LA procedures will mean that warning letters will no longer be sent out. A term time holiday will result in families of absent children receiving a £60 fine (per parent per child).

Family Support

We continue to offer **Nurture group sessions** each term. These address behavioural issues and support parents to learn behavioural strategies to implement at home. The course is always well received by our parents and we plan to hold a further 10 week course in the autumn term. If you are interested in coming along please give your name in to Reception.

In September we will also be offering a '**Peer Mentoring**' course. Attendance at this will gain you a Level 2 qualification. Places are on a 'first come first served' basis and there are only a few places left. If you are interested, or would like further information, please ask at Reception.

Following the success of our previous 'Cook and Taste' course for parents, we have arranged a further 5 week food creation course called '**Taste the World**'. This begins on Tuesday 18th September and will run every Tuesday morning from 9am to 11.15am. Following completion of these 5 weeks, you will be able to attend a further 5 weeks '**Nutrition for Health**' and this will support you to gain a level 2 qualification. Again you will need to ask at Reception if you wish to take up a place as spaces are limited!

EVENTS COMING UP BEFORE THE END OF TERM

June 26th – Key stage 2 Sports – 1.30pm

June 27th- Year 5 visit to Slavery Museum

June 27th – Foundation 2 Sports – 9.30am

Key Stage 1 Sports – 2pm

June 28th – 1MK visiting Pizza Express (New Brighton)

June 29th – Year 6 Road Safety Training session in school

July 2nd to 6th – Creative Week in school

July 2nd - Year 5 visiting Birkenhead Park School- History workshop

July 4th- Year 2 visit to West Kirby

July 5th – 1L visiting Pizza Express (New Brighton)

July 5th – EIB2 trip to Bidston Hill and Tam O'Shanter Farm

July 6th- Year 6 Dictionary presentation from Heswall Rotary Club

Wednesday 18th July- Year 6 leavers' party after school

Monday 23rd July- Church services – St Oswald's (KS1 at 9.15am) (KS2 at 9.50am)

Monday 23rd July- Year 6 Leavers Assembly- 2pm

Tuesday 24th July –Stars of the term Assembly – 1.30pm

Tuesday 24th July -School Closes For Summer

SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2018

Please note that school closes Tuesday 24th July at 3.15pm and re-opens for pupils on Wednesday 5th September