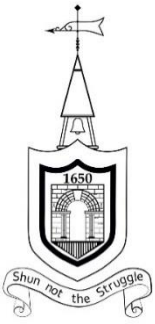


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HEADLINES

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Winter Uniform - Now that autumn has finally arrived, the junior children need to go back to wearing their winter uniform from **Monday, 2nd October**. Winter uniform for all children is:

Juniors

White shirt or blouse with a school tie
Royal blue 'V' neck jumper/cardigan or
Royal blue 'V' neck sweater/cardigan with embroidered school badge

Infants

White polo shirt
Royal blue **round** neck sweatshirt or a cardigan or
Royal blue **round** neck sweatshirt with embroidered school badge

All Children

Long / short grey trousers, pinafore, skirt or culottes
Grey or white socks (ankle or knee length but not trainer socks) or grey tights
Sensible **black** school shoes
(Please note that trainers and long or short boots are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn for school.)

As the weather is changeable please could you make sure that your child brings their jumper/cardigan and a coat to school every day. **Thank you for your support.**

In the School Grounds - Please could we remind you that, for health and safety reasons, children of all ages and adults should not ride along the paths and around the playgrounds on bikes, scooters, skateboards or roller blades at any time. Please could we also ask that children and adults keep to the paths and **do not** walk across the front lawns/grassed areas. **Thank you for your support in these matters.**

School Photographs - The photographer will be in school on **Wednesday, 25th October** to take individual and family photographs. Please note that family photographs are only taken of brothers and sisters who are in our school or our Nursery and not of any other family members.

Harvest Celebration - Thank you to everyone who sent in a harvest gift or a donation. We have been able to send a cheque for £33 to The Bishop of Blackburn's 'A Fairer Share' Appeal and we sent a large number of gifts of fresh and tinned produce to All Hallows Parish Church to be distributed to people in need. Thank you to Mrs Beatty and Miss James for transporting our produce down to church.

A Date for your Diary - Tuesday, 14th November - Parent/Carer-Teacher Consultations - for all classes from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Class 6B at Water Park - A group of Year 6 children from Class 6B spent last weekend on a visit to Water Park - an outdoor adventure centre near Coniston in the Lake District. They took part with great enthusiasm in a wide range of outdoor activities, were extremely well behaved and well-mannered and had a fantastic time despite experiencing torrential rain all day Friday! An **enormous thank you** to Mrs Bell, Mrs McGlynn, Mrs Hirst and Mrs Wright who volunteered to accompany the children on this visit and who gave up so much of their personal and family time to do so. Photographs from the visit will be available shortly on our school website.

First Day Absence Calls - Please be aware that as part of our school safeguarding procedures, if your child is absent and we have not had a telephone call or a message to explain why they are not in school, then we will telephone you using the contact numbers we have on our school data base. If we cannot contact you by telephone then we may ask our Pupil Welfare Officer to visit you at home.

Holiday Dates - A list of school term and school holiday dates for the period **September 2018 to July 2019** will be sent home this week. (Holiday dates for the current school year can be seen on our school web site.) The Governors have asked that I once again remind parents and carers that holidays taken in school time '**seriously disrupt their child's education**' and that following Government guidelines school is not able to authorise any holidays in school time. Furthermore the Governing Board of our school has agreed that, as of September 2015, penalty notices for non-attendance may be issued in cases of **unauthorised absence** - this includes absence due to unauthorised leave i.e. holidays taken in term time.

Please note that our holiday dates follow the Local Government Association and Blackpool Council holiday pattern for schools. If other schools in Blackpool, particularly local high schools, have different holidays to Bispham Endowed, this is because they have either chosen not to follow the recommended pattern or they are academies who can choose their own holiday pattern without consulting neighbouring schools.

Bispham Buddies - The Buddies will be holding their Annual General Meeting in the School Hall on **Wednesday, 11th October at 6:30 p.m.** Everyone will be very welcome at the meeting where you can meet other parents and carers and find out how you can enjoy social events and at the same time help us to raise money to support your child's education.

The Good Samaritan Fund - All our work for charity is co-ordinated through this fund which Mr Harrison manages. As well as supporting special fund raising events, such as Comic Relief and BBC Children in Need, all the children are invited to contribute a small amount of money to this fund whenever they can. Monitors collect for the fund each Monday afternoon and we have a box for loose change in the School Office. Donations from the Fund are sent regularly to the various charities which we support during the year. The children themselves choose which charities we support through our School Council. As a church school we always try to think of those who need our help and generosity. **Thank you for your help.**

Used Stamps for Charity - We collect used stamps for the charity, The Leprosy Misson, supporting their work in overseas countries. The stamps are collected in a box by the school hall. **Thank you for your support.**

Can you help? - Request from the Reception Year Team: "We are developing our mud kitchen in Reception and hoping to create our outdoor Mud Cafe. We are looking for any non-breakable (plastic, wood or metal) spoons, spatulas, jugs, bowls, mugs or plates. If you are having a clear out and would like to donate any of these items please bring them into any Reception class or drop them off at the School Office. Thank you."

Attendance and Punctuality News - Each week in assembly our % for attendance and the number of late marks given out in the previous week are shared with the staff and children and our class awards are presented. These are the figures for last week.

School Target for Attendance: 97% School Target for Punctuality: 0 late marks

Week ending 22nd September: 97.7% attendance 21 late marks (14 children)
 (9 children had 1 late mark each)
 (3 children had 2 late marks each)
 (2 children had 3 late marks each)

Classes with over 97% attendance RN, RP, 1L, 1M, 3G, 3H, 4E, 5C, 5D, 6B

Classes with over 98% attendance: RN, RP, 1M, 4E, 4F, 5D

Classes with over 99% attendance: RP, 5D

Classes with late marks		Class RN	0 lates	Class RP	0 lates
Class 1L	5 lates	Class 1M	3 lates	Class 2J	3 lates
Class 2K	0 lates	Class 3G	0 lates	Class 3H	3 lates
Class 4E	2 lates	Class 4F	0 lates	Class 5C	3 lates
Class 5D	1 late	Class 6A	1 late	Class 6B	0 lates

Best Classes for attendance: RP (100%) Well done!!

Classes with no late marks: RN, RP, 2K, 3G, 4F, 6B

Last week there were **275 minutes (nearly 3 hours) of learning time lost due to lateness** and **1 child** had an unauthorised absence mark as they were so late in coming to school. There were **8½ days** unauthorised absence due to holidays in school time.

Keep up to date with letters sent home, school meals menus and school news on our school website at www.bispham-endowed.blackpool.sch.uk.

