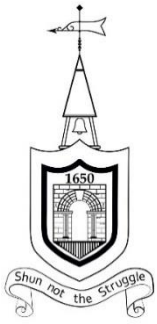


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HEADLINES

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Football News - Mr Ball, the manager of our school football team writes, "Our school football season got underway last Monday when the Year 5 & 6 Boys' Team played St. John Vianney Catholic Primary School in the Blackpool Schools' Cup. Unfortunately, St. John Vianney proved to be too much to handle and ran out worthy winners; but the game did offer some debuts for some Year 5 children. We next play Our Lady of the Assumption on Wednesday 11th October in Round 2 of the Blackpool Schools' Plate competition.

The Year 5 & 6 Girls' Team came out victorious against Baines Endowed Primary School, with a hat-trick from debutant, Lucy. Some fantastic football was on show for both teams, but it is Bispham Endowed who go through to the quarter-finals - our opponents will be revealed later this week."

For more information about our teams visit bepssports.primaryblogger.co.uk or for more information on Primary School football, visit blackpoolprimaryschoolfootball.wordpress.com

A Kind Donation - During the summer months we were pleased to be able to support the training sessions for the Under 11 Blades Squad and the four Under 8 Squads from BJFF (Bispham Junior Football Federation). BJFF have very kindly donated a new football strip to our School Football Squad. Thank you very much BJFF - we look forward to wearing the kit for our inter-school matches.

Winter Uniform - Please note that all junior children should now be back to wearing their winter uniform. Winter uniform for juniors is:
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

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 Nursery and not of any other family members.

Halloween - Please note that as a Church of England primary school we do not involve the children in anything to do with Halloween and its associated activities. Please do not allow your child to bring anything connected with Halloween into school. **Thank you for your support in this matter.**

Bringing Items to School - Please could I ask that you remind your child that they should not bring toys of any kind (including stickers and 'game' cards) or personal pencil cases to school or to Breakfast Club or After School Club.

Old £1 Coins - You may already be aware that the old £1 coins go out of circulation later on this month. Please note that we will be unable to accept these coins for dinner money, visit money, Bispham Endowed Care Club fees or any other cash payment in school after **Thursday, 12th October**.

Bispham Buddies - The Buddies will be holding their Annual General Meeting in the School Hall next **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.

Nursery Places - We currently have some places available in our Nursery for children who are already three or four years old. If your child is three during this term, and you are eligible for the 2 year old Nursery vouchers, then your child could also join our Nursery. Please contact the School Office for further details. Please feel free to make other families in our local community aware of this.

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 29th September: 96.9% attendance 23 late marks (19 children)
 (15 children had 1 late mark each)
 (4 children had 2 late marks each)

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

Classes with over 98% attendance: 3G, 3H, 4E, 4F

Classes with over 99% attendance: 3G, 4E, 4F

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

Best Classes for attendance: 3G

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

Last week there were **192 minutes (just over 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 **7 days** unauthorised absence due to holidays in school time.

Absence from School - All schools have a Pupil Welfare Officer, employed by the Local Authority, who works to support school in ensuring that children attend school regularly and arrive on time each day. Our Pupil Welfare Officer, Mr Jeff Chandler, checks our registers each week and works with any families whose children have a high rate of absence or poor punctuality. Mr Chandler also monitors the number of **persistent absentees** we have in school each term; these are children who have 90% or less attendance for any reason, including illness and holidays in school time. At present school **will not authorise an absence due to illness** for any child whose attendance rate was less than **93%** - i.e. any child who has had **14 days absence** for any reason during 2016-2017 - without first obtaining medical evidence. Such evidence, could be an appointment card for the doctor, the hospital or the walk-in centre, the back of a prescription or a medication bottle/box prescribed by a medical practitioner. Also, if your child's attendance falls below 93% for any reason during the current school year (i.e. from September 2017 to July 2018), then you will be asked to obtain medical evidence if they are absent due to illness or a medical appointment. If you would like to discuss this matter with Mr Chandler, please contact the School Office to arrange a mutually convenient appointment 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.

