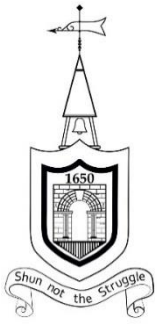


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HEADLINES

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Welcome - To the new children who have joined our school and Nursery this week. We hope that you will be very happy with us.

Changes to Extra-Curricular Activities - There will be **NO** Lunchtime and After School Clubs during the **week beginning 13th November** as this is the week of Parent/Carer-Teacher Consultations. However the **Junior School Choir WILL** continue as normal as this activity is led by our specialist music teacher staff from Blackpool Music Service and not by our school staff. BECC's Breakfast and After School Care Clubs will operate as normal and there will be peripatetic music lessons as normal.

Lunchtime Staff Vacancy - We still have a vacancy in the Lunchtime Staff Team. Please contact the School Office if you are interested in working in school over the lunchtime period each day during term time. No experience is necessary.

Outstanding Debts - A small number of families have outstanding debts for Nursery fees, dinner money and Before & After School Care Club session fees. We would ask that parents and carers do respond to school's texts, letters and telephone calls about these debts. As a maintained school, Blackpool Council do not allow us to have debts building up - school has to pay the outstanding monies out of its own budget and this then reduces the money available for the education of all our children - in both the Nursery and the Main School. The Governing Board discussed this matter at their recent meeting and have agreed that if parents and carers do not respond to requests for outstanding debts to be cleared, then they will take legal advice and then legal action to recover the debt and the associated costs involved in the recovery. Please speak to Mrs Hirst, our Headteacher, in the strictest confidence if you have a problem about clearing any debts.

Children in Need Day - We are supporting this year's Children in Need Day by having a 'Spotty Day' next **Friday, 17th November**. Children are invited to wear their normal school uniform but to replace one item of uniform with something spotty such as a spotty jumper or trousers or to have a spotty accessory such as a tie or tights or socks. This event is **optional**; if you child would like to take part in this event we would ask them to bring a £1 donation which will be sent to the Children in Need Appeal.

Please Remember - If at any time you have any worries or concerns about anything to do with your child or school in general please do contact us. The best person to talk to first is your child's class teacher as they know most about your child and their activities. You are also welcome to speak to Mrs Hirst, our Headteacher or Mrs McCormick, our Deputy Headteacher or Mrs Bell and Miss Haslam, our Assistant Headteachers about any matter to do with school. If there is anything happening at home that may be affecting your child we would ask that you share this with us too.

Christmas Fair - Bispham Buddies are currently arranging their Christmas Fair to be held in school on **Friday, 1st December** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Further details will be sent home in a letter this week. If you work for a company, business or organisation who would be willing to donate a prize or a voucher for the Fair, please could you contact the School Office. One of our most popular stalls is the Health and Beauty Stall with our special 'lucky dip' for toiletry goodies. If anyone has any unwanted, but unused, toiletry, cosmetic, nail varnish or make-up items, including gift sets, then the Buddies would be very grateful to have them for our stall. Please send any items into school with your child or take them to the School Office. **Thank you very much for your support.**

IMPORTANT - Parent/Carer-Teacher Consultations - Appointment slips for this term's consultations for parents and carers, next **Tuesday, 14th November**, will be sent home at the end of this week. If you have not already returned your slip requesting an appointment please contact your child's class teacher to find out what appointments they have left.

It is very important that ALL parents and carers take this opportunity to meet with their child's teacher so that they can discuss their child's progress and learning with you.

In the interests of security we would ask that on the Consultation Evening **ALL parents and carers** (except for those with Nursery children) enter school through the main front entrance doors, even though some appointments are straight after school. Nursery parents and carers should go straight to the Nursery at the time of their appointment. The children's entrance doors will be secured as soon as all the children have left the building. We would ask that parents and carers **'sign in'** on class sheets either as you arrive or on your way out so that we have an accurate record of who has come to meet the staff. The class sheets will be on tables in the main entrance. Year 6 monitors will be on duty to direct and guide you to your child's classroom.

Mrs Hirst, our Headteacher, will be available throughout the evening if you wish to speak to her about anything.

Our 'Pre-Loved Book Fair' will also be set up in the hall during the Consultation Evening. A big thank you to everyone who has sent in 'pre-loved' books for the fair.

Good as New Uniform - Bispham Buddies are arranging to have a 'Good as New' School Uniform stall during our Parent/Carer-Teacher Consultation Evening on **Tuesday, 14th November**. If you have any good quality uniform which you would like to donate to the stall please could you send it into school by Friday, 10th November. As the stall will not be 'manned' during the evening an honesty box will be left out along with the uniform. **Thank you for your support.**

Road Safety Concerns near School - Following their recent message on Headlines, the JRSOs wish to thank all those parents and carers who have been parking away from the zig-zag lines, the double yellow lines, our neighbours' gateways and the staff car park. They appreciate your support and co-operation in this important safety matter. However they are now concerned about the parking of cars on double yellow lines and drop down kerbs on the junctions of Bristol Avenue with Blackpool Road and Bangor Avenue. They are aware that space for parking is limited close to school, this affects all the families who drive their children to and from school, but they would ask adults to consider parking a little further away and then walking a short way to school.

Winter Woolly Hats - Bispham Buddies Committee are once again selling winter woolly hats with our school name and our 'happy school' badge on them. They are made by the company who produce our school fleeces and sun hats and are of good quality. The hats cost £3:50 each and can be bought from the School Office. Alternatively you can send £3:50 (in a clearly labelled envelope please) into school with your child and the Office Team will arrange for a hat to be sent to their classroom.

Football News - The Girls' Football Team are through to the Cup semi-finals after playing in a very close game against St. Teresa's Primary School just before half term. St Teresa's took the lead in the first half but the girls fought back to score a last minute winner and take us to Finals Day at Stanley Park on the afternoon of Wednesday 22nd November. Letters will be sent out shortly to the girls selected to play on this day. Everybody is welcome to attend to support the girls. The Boys' Football Team play at home on Friday 10th November in their quarter final match against Holy Family Primary School. If they win this game, they will also head to Stanley Park for the Finals Day on Wednesday 22nd November. Please feel free to come and support the boys. Good luck boys!

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 27th October: 94.3% attendance 46 late marks (38 children)
 (30 children had 1 late mark each)
 (8 children had 2 late marks each)

Classes with over 97% attendance RP, 3G, 4E, 4F, 5D, 6B

Classes with over 98% attendance: RP, 5D

Classes with over 99% attendance: RP, 5D

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| Classes with late marks | Class RN | 1 late | Class RP | 2 lates | |
| Class 1L | 1 late | Class 1M | 8 lates | Class 2J | 1 late |
| Class 2K | 0 lates | Class 3G | 3 lates | Class 3H | 8 lates |
| Class 4E | 6 lates | Class 4F | 3 lates | Class 5C | 3 lates |
| Class 5D | 5 lates | Class 6A | 3 lates | Class 6B | 2 lates |

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

Classes with no late marks: 2K

Last week there were **792 minutes (just over 13 hours!!!!)** of learning time lost due to lateness and **3 children** had an unauthorised absence mark as they were so late in coming to school. There were **15 days** unauthorised absence due to holidays in school time.

As previously advised we **are not able to authorise an absence due to illness** for any child whose attendance rate is less than **93%** - i.e. any child who has already had **three days absence since 6th September** (for any reason, including illness and holidays in school time) - 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. There are currently 54 children whose attendance for the first half term of the school year was less than 93%

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