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HEADLINES

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Remembrance Day - This was commemorated last Friday morning by the whole school gathering together in the hall for a short and very moving ceremony. Children in Year 6 gave readings and following the 'Last Post' we kept the two minutes silence. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal by making a donation in school.

Children in Need Day - We are supporting this year's Children in Need Day by having a 'Spotty and Stripey Day' this **Friday, 17th November**. Children are invited to wear their normal school uniform but to replace one item of uniform with something spotty or stripey such as a spotty/stripey jumper or trousers or to have a spotty/stripey 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.

Parent/Carer-Teacher Consultation - It was good to see so many parents and carers at our Consultation Evening last night. Thank you for all the positive comments made to teachers and to myself; we really appreciate them! If you were unable to attend the Consultation Evening please contact school as soon as possible to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. This is particularly important if your child has any special educational needs so that the class teacher can review your child's Individual Education Plan with you.

Christmas Events - Dates for your Diary

Foundation Stage Production - 'Away in a Manger' - performed by children in the Nursery and Reception classes on **Wednesday, 6th December at 10:45 a.m. and at 2:30 p.m.**

Infant Christmas Production - 'Lights, Camel, Action! It's Strictly the Nativity' - performed by Year 1 children on **Tuesday, 5th December at 9:30 a.m. and on Thursday, 7th December at 2:15 p.m.**

Junior Christmas Production - 'Christmas Around the World' - performed by Year 4 children on **Thursday, 14th December at 6:30 p.m. and on Friday, 15th December at 2:15 p.m.**

Details of how to order tickets for these performances have been or will be sent home shortly.

The Nursery and Infant Carol Service will take place at **9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, 19th December** in the School Hall.

The Junior Carol Service will take place at **9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, 20th December** in our Parish Church of All Hallows.

Many Congratulations - To Mrs Jayne Wilson and her husband Tony, who attended a special event at Viva Blackpool last Thursday evening and were presented with a Radio Wave 'Heroes in the Community Award 2017' as 'Parents of the Year'. Mrs Wilson is one of our Lunchtime Supervisors and is also the Supervisor of our Bispham Endowed Care Club.

Non-Uniform Day - Next Friday, 24th November is a Non-Uniform Day arranged in conjunction with Bispham Buddies in aid of our Christmas Fair. The **Junior** children may have the privilege of wearing non-uniform in return for donating a bottle of some kind (e.g. wine, spirits, shampoo, soft drinks, sauce etc.) for the **Bottle Bola. Nursery and Infant** children are asked to donate something for the **adult or chocolate tombolas** (e.g. an unwanted gift such as a toiletry item or a box of chocolates.) Glass bottles may be brought straight to the office on Friday morning. Please note that for health and safety reasons our normal policy on jewellery applies. Please **do not** allow your child to wear anything other than their normal stud ear-rings; in particular bracelets, chains and necklaces must not be worn.

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 6th November: 95.8% attendance 31 late marks (23 children)
 (19 children had 1 late mark each)
 (1 child had 2 late marks)
 (2 children had 3 late marks each)
 (1 child had 4 late marks)

Classes with over 97% attendance RP, 2K, 4E, 6B
 Classes with over 98% attendance: RP, 2K
 Classes with over 99% attendance: -

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

Best Classes for attendance: RP & 2K

Classes with no late marks: 2J

Last week there were **345 minutes (nearly 6 hours!!!!)** of learning time lost due to lateness and **0 children** had an unauthorised absence mark as they were so late in coming to school. There were **22 days** unauthorised absence due to holidays in school time.

Attendance & Punctuality for the Autumn (1) Half Term:

<u>Nursery</u>	94.8%	0 lates
<u>Main School</u>	97.0% attendance	219 late marks (82 children) 3,151 minutes (52½ hours or nearly 10 days of learning time lost)
	12 children had 16 unauthorised absence marks as they were so late in coming to school.	

Classes with over 97% attendance: RN, RP, 2K, 3H, 4E, 4F, 5C, 5D, 6B

Classes with over 98% attendance: 5D, 6B

Classes with less than 10 late marks: RN, RP, 2K, 4F, 6A, 6B

Best Class for attendance: 6B (98.3%)

Best Classes for punctuality: RP & 6B (4 late marks)

Well done to the **178 children in Years R to 6** and the **10 children in the Nursery** who had **100% attendance and 0 late marks** in the half term between September and October. This was nearly half of all the children in the main school!

The *Governors* wish to remind parents and carers that holidays in school time seriously disrupt and interfere with their child's education. During last half term, which was **38 school days long**, **190 school days** were lost as **26 children** took holidays in school time. **7 penalty notices** for unauthorised leave of absence were issued. Please do think carefully before booking a holiday in school time as children find it very hard to catch up with the learning time they have missed, they often find it difficult to settle down again in school when they return, all holidays in school time are recorded as unauthorised absences and in some cases holidays are subject to a penalty notice.

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