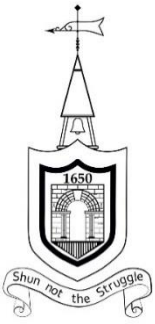


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HEADLINES

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Year 6 SATs Meeting - It was good to see so many children, parents, carers and other family members in school for our SATs Information Meetings last week. Thank you very much for attending. If you were not able to attend the meeting, please call into the School Office to collect your child's Revision Pack.

Christmas Fair - A huge thank you to everyone who supported Bispham Buddies Fair last Friday evening. It was great to see so many people attending the event and we raised over £4,000!! The money raised will go towards funding all those extras that we need to provide our children with the best possible education that we can. Some of the money raised will be spent later this month as the Buddies will be paying for a Christmas gift for every child in school and for crackers and prizes for all the children's parties. Raffle prize winners are being notified this week. The Lucky Programme number was 121. An enormous thank you to the Bispham Buddies Committee (and their families!!) for all their hard work in organising and running the fair and thanks also to the members of staff, governors, parents and carers, past pupils and other volunteers who helped to get the fair ready, manned the stalls during the evening and then helped clear away afterwards.

Christmas Surprise Gift Shop - An enormous thank you to the fantastic Smile Centre Elves who organised and ran the 'Christmas Surprise' Gift Shop for the children. The Gift Shop raised £486! This money has been donated to the Bispham Buddies for the benefit of all our children. The Smiley Elves hope you enjoy opening your surprise gift on Christmas morning.

Athletics News - Mrs Dow, our Lead PE Co-ordinator, writes, "We took part in the annual Indoor Athletics Competition at Stanley Park Sports Centre on Tuesday evening. I am both proud and privileged to say that the girls and boys were a credit to our school; they worked hard, smiled continuously and supported one another throughout. The result wasn't what we hoped for but every athlete worked valiantly and for that they must be commended. Many thanks to our super enthusiastic family members who came along to show their support."

School Library Books - The last day for borrowing books from the school library is Friday, 8th December. All books should be returned to the library by Friday, 15th December. Thank you for your help with this.

Carol Services - This year our Carol Services will take place on **Tuesday, 19th December (Nursery and Infant) in School** and on **Wednesday, 20th December (Juniors)** at our Parish Church of All Hallows. More information will be sent home next week.

Extra-Curricular Activities - Our extra-curricular activities have now finished for the term. Please note that BECC's After School Care Club will be open as normal and peripatetic music lessons will continue to take place in the last few weeks of term. The last Junior **Choir practice** is today, **Wednesday, 6th December**.

Extra-curricular activities and the football squads will start again in the week beginning **22nd January 2018**. However please note that Junior Choir will start again in the first week back after the Christmas holidays on **Wednesday, 10th January 2018**.

School Meals Grants - Parents and carers may not all be aware that quite a significant amount of the money coming from central government directly into our school budget each April is based on the number of school meals grants applied for by families in our school. **Next year for every child registered for Free School Meals, Bispham Endowed Church of England Primary School will receive an extra £1,320 in their budget**. May we respectfully ask that families who think they are entitled to the school meals grants **do apply** for them, even if they do not actually want their child to have a school meal, as this means we can increase our income considerably? This includes infant children who are all provided with a school meal free of charge by the Government. The system is totally confidential and your child would not be identified in school. The School Office Team is very happy to assist parents and carers if they need any help or further information about school meals grants.

Armed Forces Families - In mid-January our school will be taking part in the government's Spring School Census. If your family has a parent or carer currently serving as part of the regular Armed Forces or a parent or carer who served in the regular armed forces in the last three years, please could you let us know immediately and in the **strictest confidence**. School is able to claim additional funding for their school budget for all children from families of service personnel and we need to make sure that we have up to date data for all our children. Thank you for your support in this matter.

All Hallows Church 'Messy Church' - The next event is this **Saturday, 9th December 2017** in The Barn from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be crafts, cooking, games, a quiz, a cafe, fellowship, worship and fun for all the family and there is no charge for this event! For more information call 01253 274172 or email secbah@googlemail.com.

Christmas Productions - Due to the generosity of our parents and carers, the Bispham Buddies have had enough donations of raffle prizes to be able to hold a small raffle at the start of each of the Christmas performances led by Nursery & Reception children and Year 1 and Year 4 classes. Tickets will be 50p a strip and will be available in the main entrance as you arrive at school.

Christmas Parties - A separate letter will be sent home about the children's class parties which are being held in school time during the last week of this term.

Christmas Holidays

School will close for the Christmas holidays at **3:15 p.m.** on
THURSDAY, 21ST DECEMBER 2017.

B's After School Club will finish as normal on this afternoon.

School will re-open at **8:45 a.m.** on **MONDAY, 8TH JANUARY 2018.**

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 1st December: **95.8% attendance** **50 late marks!!!! (37 children)**
(16 children had 1 late mark)
(9 children had 2 late marks)
(2 children had 3 late marks)

Classes with over 97% attendance RN, 1L, 1M, 4E, 4F, 5D, 6B

Classes with over 98% attendance: RN, 4F, 5D, 6B

Classes with over 99% attendance: 4F

Classes with late marks	Class RN	2 lates	Class RP	2 lates	
Class 1L	4 lates	Class 1M	9 lates	Class 2J	6 lates
Class 2K	0 lates	Class 3G	2 lates	Class 3H	6 lates
Class 4E	7 lates	Class 4F	0 lates	Class 5C	3 lates
Class 5D	7 lates	Class 6A	1 late	Class 6B	1 late

Best Class for attendance: 4F

Classes with no late marks: 2K, 4F

Last week there were **694 minutes (over 11½ 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 **3 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.

