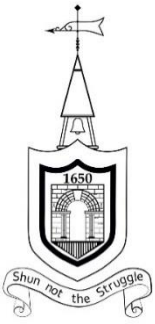


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## HEADLINES

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### Christmas Holidays

School will close for the Christmas holidays at **3:15 p.m. TODAY THURSDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> 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, 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018.**

**Learning in School** - You can find out what the children have been learning about in the Autumn term by viewing the **Bispham Blogs**. Visit the main blog at <http://beps.primaryblogger.co.uk> and you will then be able to find all the class blogs. Do feel free to comment on your child's work and talk about what they have been learning in school. We will be continuing with our blogging in the Spring term.

**Learning at Home: Times Tables Rock Stars** - This week, your child will bring home a log-in to use to access Time Tables Rocks Stars at home. We have been trialling this resource in school and found it an excellent and fun tool for practising times tables. When the children log in, they can play against themselves, another member of their class or any children who are logged on at that time in the world.

Children can select to play in a range of different areas. These include:

'Garage', where they test themselves for 1, 2 or 3 minutes on times tables set by their teacher.

'Studio' is a place where the children can practice all the times tables up to 12 x 12.

'Festival' is where children play against other children in the world up to 12 x 12.

'Arena' is where children can play against other classmates who are logged on at that time.

The great thing about the resource is you can download it for free on any device from the APP Store or Google Play. Alternatively, you can play from a computer or laptop by going to [trockstars.com](http://trockstars.com)

**Lower Junior Production** - Last week a large number of parents, carers, family members and guests watched Year 4's production of 'Christmas Around the World'. The children performed brilliantly and we are very proud of them all. A big thank you to the staff who worked so hard to produce such a super celebration of Christmas.

**Christmas Carol Services** - It was good to share our Nursery and Infant and our Junior Christmas Services with so many parents, carers and other family members this week. A big thank you to those staff who worked hard to prepare for and arrange our services, especially to Miss Haslam who arranged the Nursery and Infant Service, to Mrs Bell and Mrs Treasure who helped arrange the Junior Service. The children read and sang beautifully. We also thank Rev'd Simon, Rev'd Tom and Mr Stephen Taylor for the enormous contribution they make to our worship each week, but especially for helping us as we prepared to celebrate Christmas. Thanks also to Mr Smedley, Mr Andrews, Mr Riley and Mr Hamer from All Hallows Church for their help before and after the Junior service.

**Congratulations** - to our Kitchen Staff team who were winners of the Blackpool Catering Services Christmas Competitions for the 'best Rudolph biscuits' and the 'best fancy dress for Christmas Lunch'!! We're very proud of you all.

**Community Super Heroes Wanted!** - Blackpool Council has vacancies for School Crossing Patrol Officers. You would be working for a couple of hours a day helping Blackpool's children to get safely across the road to school. Salary = £8.69 per hour. Please contact the Road Safety Team on 01253 476182 for more information.

**Reception Admission Forms** - Admission forms for children who are old enough to start school in September 2018 **MUST** be returned to the Schools Admission Team from Blackpool Council by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018** at the **very latest**. Forms returned after this date will miss the deadline for the allocation of places.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> December:**    **96.9 attendance**                      **55 late marks!!!! (42 children)**  
(30 children had 1 late mark each)  
(11 children had 2 late marks each)  
(1 child had 3 late marks)

Classes with over 97% attendance      RN, RP, 1L, 1M, 2J, 2K, 4E, 4F, 5D, 6B

Classes with over 98% attendance:    1M, 2J, 4F, 6B

Classes with over 99% attendance:    4F, 6B

Classes with late marks	Class RN	2 lates	Class RP	1 late	
Class 1L	7 lates	Class 1M	8 lates	Class 2J	4 lates
Class 2K	6 lates	Class 3G	6 lates	Class 3H	5 lates
Class 4E	3 lates	Class 4F	0 lates	Class 5C	3 lates
Class 5D	2 lates	Class 6A	5 lates	Class 6B	3 lates

**Best Class for attendance: 4F**

**Classes with no late marks: 4F**

Last week there were **608 minutes (over 10 hours!!!!)** of learning time lost due to lateness and **2 children** had an unauthorised absence mark as they were so late in coming to school. There were **8 days** unauthorised absence due to holidays in school time.

**As we come to the end of another term in school, may I thank everyone for their continued support. We appreciate and value greatly the excellent partnership we have with our parents, carers and families which helps us to achieve our aim of providing a high quality education in a happy school for your child. I also want to say a 'big thank you' to all the staff in school for all that they have done this term. We are very lucky indeed to have such a committed and hardworking team of staff.**

**On behalf of the children, staff and governors of Bispham Endowed Church of England Primary School may I wish you a very, very happy Christmas and a very peaceful New Year.**

***Jo Hirst***

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Headteacher**



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