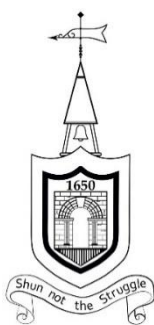


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HEADLINES

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Class Welcome Visits - If you were unable to attend Tuesday's Class Welcome Visit for your child's class, then a copy of the powerpoint presentation will be made available on the class blog in the next few days. The School Blogs can be accessed via the 'Latest News' section of the school website.

Super Pupil Badges - Every week one child in each class becomes the 'Super Pupil' of the week. Class Teachers choose their 'Super Pupil' for a variety of reasons and the children are awarded a certificate in our weekly Celebration Assembly. The 'Super Pupils' are also presented with a specially designed 'Super Pupil Badge' in the form of a brooch-type shield. Each 'Super Pupil' is able to wear the badge in school and at home for a whole week. If your child is awarded a 'Super Pupil Badge' please could you encourage them to wear it on their jumper or sweatshirt and then remind them to return it the following week ready for presentation to the next 'Super Pupil'. As the badges are made of metal and probably won't wash well, please could you avoid putting them in the washing machine!

Reception Places for September 2019 - If your child has their fourth birthday between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 you will need to apply for a school place **NOW!** Parents and carers are welcome to visit our school to look round prior to applying for a place on:

TUESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER

at 4:00 p.m. OR at 6:00 p.m.

and

WEDNESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER

at 10:00 a.m. OR at 2:00 p.m.

Please telephone the School Office on 01253 354672 to 'book a place' or to arrange an alternative visit date.

Keeping Our Children Safe - Please could we ask that ALL children and adults enter the school grounds through the pedestrian gates and not through the main vehicle gates. This is particularly important for Nursery children and their parents and carers who arrive for the afternoon session. Please also note that the school car park is for use by staff and those drivers who have a valid disabled driver's permit. Parents and carers should not use this car park at any time, even when bringing children to and from the Nursery over the lunchtime period. **Thank you for your help in keeping all our children safe.**

School Kitchen Hygiene - We are pleased to announce that our school kitchen, under the leadership of Ms Gerry Wilson, has achieved a '5' - the highest rating possible - in the Local Authority / Food Standards Partnership initiative which inspects premises for compliance with legal requirements for hygiene and food preparation and service.

Letters Sent Home - All the letters sent home each week are also posted on our school website in the 'Latest News' section.

School Staff - A full list of all the staff who work in school can be found on our school website in the 'School Life' section.

Water Bottles in School - Please can you check that your child has a clean, named water bottle in school. Please also make sure your child brings the bottle home each day to be washed. We encourage all our children to access a drink of water throughout the school day. Water bottles are available from the School Office for a small cost of £1.

Can you help? - We are collecting the 'bottom section' of empty plastic bottles (any colour and 1 litre or 2 litre in size) for a school sculpture which will be 'unveiled' later this term. If you have any clean, empty bottles please cut off the bottom third of each bottle and send them into school. **Thank you for your support.**

Homework - This year every class in school will be bringing homework home on a **Friday**. All homework should then be **returned by the following Wednesday morning**. We have three Study Clubs, one for infants (Choices Club), one for lower juniors and one for upper juniors, which are held at lunchtime. Children who do not complete and return their homework on a Wednesday, are asked by their teacher to attend a Study Club. **Please could we ask that your child completes all their homework in pencil and not pen of any type.**

Holiday Dates - A list of school term and school holiday dates for the period **September 2019 to July 2020** will be sent home this week. Holiday dates for the current school year (2018-2019) will be on the reverse of the list and can be seen on our school website.) The Governors have asked that I once again remind parents and carers that holidays taken in school time '**seriously disrupt their child's education**' and that following Government guidelines school is not able to authorise any holidays in school time. Furthermore the Governing Board of our school has agreed that, as of September 2015, penalty notices for non-attendance may be issued in cases of **unauthorised absence** - this includes absence due to unauthorised leave i.e. holidays taken in term time.

Please note that our holiday dates follow the Local Government Association and Blackpool Council holiday pattern for schools. If other schools in Blackpool, particularly local high schools, have different holidays to Bispham Endowed, this is because they have either chosen not to follow the recommended pattern or they are academies who can choose their own holiday pattern without consulting neighbouring schools.

Primary Times in Lancashire - Every family has brought home a copy of this free magazine which is distributed throughout the county. Please note that as a school we do not endorse any of the products, adverts or features in the magazine.

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 15th September: 98.4% attendance **39 late marks (28 children)**
 (24 children had 1 late mark each)
 (2 children had 2 late marks each)
 (2 children had 4 late marks each)

Classes with over 97% attendance: RN, RP, 1L, 1M, 2K, 3G, 4E, 5C, 5D, 6A

Classes with over 98% attendance: RN, RP, 1L, 1M, 2K, 3G, 4E, 5C, 5D

Classes with over 99% attendance: RN, RP, 1L, 1M, 3G, 4E, 5D

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

Best Classes for attendance: RN, RP, 2K, 3G (100%) Well Done

Classes with no late marks: 1L

Last week there were **327 minutes (over 5 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 **6 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.

