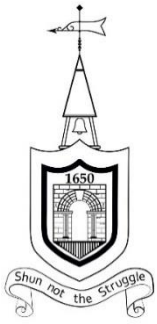


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HEADLINES

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Hello and Goodbye - Welcome to those children and their families who have joined our Nursery and other classes in school this week. We hope that you will be very **happy** here. We say 'goodbye and good luck' to Miss Robyn Speak who is leaving the Lunchtime Staff Team to take up a new job. We thank Miss Speak for all that she has contributed to our school.

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

Lunchtime Staff Vacancy - We now 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.

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

Mobile Phones - Please note that the children are **not allowed** to bring a mobile telephone to school or to the Bispham Endowed Care Club for any reason.

Visit Your Child's New Class - We will be holding 'Class Welcome Visits' for an hour after school on **Tuesday, 19th September**. This will be an opportunity to come into school and visit your child's new classroom, meet your child's new teacher and watch a short power point presentation about class routines such as homework. There will be two visit sessions - one from **3:25 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.** and one from **4:00 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.** to allow parents with more than one child to visit different classrooms. Please come into school through the door which your child usually goes in and out of each day.

Bispham Buddies Fund Raising - The Buddies Treasurer has counted all the sponsor money sent into school at the end of the summer term and we can announce that the grand total is **£1600!** **Thank you so much for all your support.** If anyone does have any outstanding sponsor money it can still be sent into school.

Extra-Curricular Activities - Our lunchtime and after school activities for children in Years 1 to 6 start in the **week beginning Monday, 18th September**. If your child sent in a request form it will be returned home shortly with details of which activity your child is able to take part in.

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.**

Spelling Homework - All children in Years 1 to 6 will be bringing spelling homework home this coming Friday. The homework will be in a separate blue or red plastic folder. This Spelling Folder will be used throughout the year and will 'build up' into a very useful spelling and vocabulary book for your child. Please encourage your child to bring their Spelling Folder to school on the correct day (Wednesday) and to complete their weekly spelling work. Details of the spelling homework will be at the front of the Spelling Folder. Your child's class teacher will also explain our spelling system next Tuesday during the Class Welcome Visits.

Medical Updates - If your child has any medical conditions that we might be unaware of please could you let us know in writing. This is particularly important for children who may have developed asthma and now need an inhaler in school. If your child is currently identified on our school's medical database as having asthma, even if this is mild and they only use an inhaler very occasionally, they **MUST** still have an inhaler in school each day. If your child no longer has asthma please contact the School Office so that our medical database can be updated.

School Nurse 'Drop Ins' - Due to budget cuts at local and central government level our School Nurse, Mrs Dolores Taggart, is not able to provide regular 'Drop In' sessions in school. However Dolores can be contacted on **01253 951740** if you have any worries or concerns at all about your child's health and well-being.

Class 6A at Water Park - A group of Year 6 children from Class 6A spent last weekend on a visit to Water Park - an outdoor adventure centre near Coniston in the Lake District. They took part with great enthusiasm in a wide range of outdoor activities, were extremely well behaved and well-mannered and had a fantastic time despite experiencing torrential rain for most of the weekend! An **enormous thank you** to Mrs Cox, Mrs Hirst, Mr Jones, Mrs McCormick, Mrs Sage and Miss Hirst who volunteered to accompany the children on their visit and who gave up so much of their personal and family time to do so. Photographs from the visit will be available shortly on our school website.

School Library - From **Monday, 18th September**, our library will be open every day (except Tuesdays) from **3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.** The children may call in during these times to choose a book or tape to borrow. You are welcome to browse with your child. Please note the library is not an extra-curricular club and your child should not plan to stay in the library for the whole of its opening hours, but merely call in to browse and change books and tapes.

Reception Places for September 2018 - If your child has their fourth birthday between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 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, 26TH SEPTEMBER

at 10:00 a.m. OR at 2:00 p.m. OR at 5:00 p.m. OR at 7:00 p.m.

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

Year 6 Admission to High School - Earlier this week all Year 6 children who live within Blackpool Borough were given an envelope containing a leaflet about high school admission for September 2018 and a named information sheet, produced by Blackpool Council, which gives details of high schools and how to apply for a place at a high school. Year 6 children who live in Lancashire will be sent admissions information by Lancashire County Council.

Please note: A link to the Blackpool Council School Admissions website and copies of the primary and secondary school admissions brochures can be found in the 'Information for Parents & Carers' page of our school website - look for the Admissions and Transfers section.

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 8th September: 99.0% attendance 6 late marks (5 children)
 (4 children had 1 late mark each)
 (1 child had 2 late marks)

Classes with over 97% attendance RN, RP, 1M, 2J, 2K, 3G, 3H, 4E, 4F, 5C, 5D, 6A, 6B

Classes with over 98% attendance: RN, RP, 1M, 2J, 2K, 3G, 3H, 4E, 4F, 5C, 6A, 6B

Classes with over 99% attendance: RP, 2J, 2K, 3H, 4F, 5C, 6B

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

Best Classes for attendance: RP, 2J, 3H, 5C, 6B (100%) Well Done!!

Classes with no late marks: RN, RP, 1L, 2J, 2K, 4E, 4F, 5C, 5D, 6A, 6B

Last week there were **159 minutes (nearly 3 hours)** of learning time lost due to lateness and **1 child** had an unauthorised absence mark as they were so late in coming to school. There were **4 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.

