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HEADLINES

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Reception Children for September 2018 - Last night we held an Open Evening for prospective parents and carers of Reception children starting school in September 2018. A huge thank you to everyone who came back to school to help make the evening a success - members of staff, Bispham Buddies, the children who acted as Class Ambassadors, the Year 6 School Ambassadors and Mrs Wilson and Ms Cooke from the Kitchen Team who prepared lots of lovely food samples.

If you missed the Open Evening, or if you know anyone who is interested in looking round school prior to applying for a reception place, please contact the School Office. We have arranged further tours of the school on **Tuesday, 7th November at 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm**. If this date and times are not convenient then it is possible to make other arrangements.

Poppy Appeal - We are once again supporting the Royal British Legion Appeal and poppies are on sale in school this week and again after the half term holiday. We ask the children to make a minimum donation of 50p per poppy.

Lost Property - Our lost property bins are overflowing once again with unnamed items of school uniform and P.E. kit. Please could you make sure that **all** your child's clothing is clearly marked with their name.

Changes to Lunchtime Meal Arrangements - If your child is currently having a packed lunch and would like to change to a school dinner after half term then this can be arranged this week. If your child wishes to change from school meals to packed lunches then we do usually need a minimum of **one week's notice in writing**; but this can be arranged this week too. Please see Miss James in the School Office if you do wish to arrange to change your child's meal arrangements for after the holiday.

Extra-Curricular Activities - The activities provided during lunchtimes and after school continue as normal after the half term holiday. We are very grateful to all the staff and other adults who give up their time each week and volunteer to organise activities for the children in school.

Primary Times in Lancashire - This week 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.

High School Applications - Applications for places for Year Six pupils who will be moving to high schools in September 2018 **MUST** be made by **Tuesday, 31st October 2017** at the **very latest**.

P.E. Kit - Please could you remind your child to take their PE kit home for washing over the half term holiday. Please could you also check that all parts of your child's P.E. kit are named. A lot of time is being spent at the end of some P.E. lessons trying to 'match up' un-named items of kit with their correct owner.

All Hallows Church 'Messy Church' - The next event is on **Saturday, 28th October 2017** in The Barn from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be crafts, baking, games, 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.

'Little Lambs' at All Hallows Church- The next session is on **Wednesday, 8th November 2017** in The Stable at 10:00 a.m. These free sessions are for 0 to 4 year olds and an accompanying adult and involve learning Bible stories through games, crafts, sensory play and more! Refreshments are provided. For more information call 01253 274172 or email secbah@googlemail.com.

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 20th October: **96.4% attendance** **40 late marks (31 children)**
(24 children had 1 late mark each)
(6 children had 2 late marks each)
(1 child had 4 late marks)

Classes with over 97% attendance RP, 3G, 4E, 4F, 5D, 6B

Classes with over 98% attendance: RP, 5D

Classes with over 99% attendance: RP, 5D

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

Best Class for attendance: 5D

Classes with no late marks: RP

Last week there were **542 minutes (just over 9 hours!!!!)** of learning time lost due to lateness and **4 children** had an unauthorised absence mark as they were so late in coming to school. There were **14 days** unauthorised absence due to holidays in school time.

Half Term Holiday - School closes at 3:15 p.m. this **Friday, 27th October** and re-opens at 8:45 a.m. on **Monday, 6th November**. BECC's After School Care Club and extra-curricular activities will be as normal during the school week beginning Monday, 6th November.

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.



Our first half term of this school year has flown by and the staff and I would like to thank you for your continued co-operation and support. I hope that everyone has an enjoyable and safe holiday and returns refreshed after the break ready for the Christmas half term which will, I'm sure, be both busy and exciting!



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