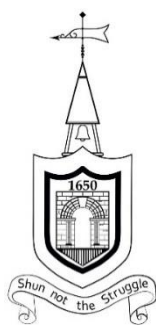


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HEADLINES

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Winter Uniform - Now that autumn has finally arrived, the junior children need to go back to wearing their winter uniform from **Monday, 1st October**. Winter uniform for all children is:

Juniors

White shirt or blouse with a school tie
Royal blue 'V' neck jumper/cardigan or
Royal blue 'V' neck sweater/cardigan with embroidered school badge

Infants

White polo shirt
Royal blue **round** neck sweatshirt or a cardigan or
Royal blue **round** neck sweatshirt with embroidered school badge

All Children

Long / short grey trousers, pinafore, skirt or culottes
Grey or white socks (ankle or knee length but not trainer socks) or grey tights
Sensible **black** school shoes
(Please note that pumps, converse type shoes, trainers and long or short boots are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn for school.)

As the weather is changeable please could you make sure that your child brings their jumper/cardigan and a coat to school every day. **Thank you for your support.**

A Date for your Diary - Tuesday, 6th November - Parent/Carer-Teacher Consultations - for all classes from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Road Safety Concerns near School - Despite the request in our Issue 2 newsletter about parking correctly, there are still a number of parents and carers who are stopping or parking on the zig-zag lines near the zebra crossing and are stopping or parking on the double yellow lines in front of the Community Centre. This is causing a problem for pedestrians, particularly when cars are parked across the pavement edge and is also against the law. There are also parents and carers who are using the staff and visitors' car park at the beginning and end of the school day and are blocking the access for drivers with a valid disabled parking permit. Please could we also remind you that the disabled parking permit is only valid if the person it has been issued to is actually in the vehicle. Please could we ask that all members of our school community abide by the laws of the road and also consider others. **Thank you for your support in this matter.**

Please could we also ask that children do not run around and play in the car park of the Empowerment Charity premises on Bispham Road and that this car park is not used as a dropping off or collection point for our children.

Class 6B at Water Park - A group of Year 6 children from Class 6B 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 all day Friday! An **enormous thank you** to Mrs Bell, Mrs McGlynn, Mrs Hirst, Mrs Treasure and Miss Haslam who volunteered to accompany the children on this 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.

Flu Vaccinations - We have been advised by the Public Health Team that a letter about flu vaccinations will be coming home shortly for children in Years R to 5. Vaccinations are scheduled to take place in school on 9th November 2018.

First Day Absence Calls - Please be aware that as part of our school safeguarding procedures, if your child is absent and we have not had a telephone call or a message to explain why they are not in school, then we will telephone you using the contact numbers we have on our school data base. If we cannot contact you by telephone then we may ask our Pupil Welfare Officer to visit you at home.

Bispham Buddies - The Buddies will be holding their Annual General Meeting in the School Hall on **Wednesday, 10th October at 6:30 p.m.** Everyone will be very welcome at the meeting where you can meet other parents and carers and find out how you can enjoy social events and at the same time help us to raise money to support your child's education.

The Good Samaritan Fund - All our work for charity is co-ordinated through this fund which Mr Harrison manages. As well as supporting special fund raising events, such as Comic Relief and BBC Children in Need, all the children are invited to contribute a small amount of money to this fund whenever they can. Monitors collect for the fund each Monday afternoon and we have a box for loose change in the School Office. Donations from the Fund are sent regularly to the various charities which we support during the year. The children themselves choose which charities we support through our School Council. As a church school we always try to think of those who need our help and generosity. **Thank you for your help.**

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.

Used Stamps for Charity - We collect used stamps for the charity, The Leprosy Misson, supporting their work in overseas countries. The stamps are collected in a box by the school hall. **Thank you for your support.**

School Photographs - The photographer will be in school on **Wednesday, 31st October** to take individual and family photographs. Please note that family photographs are only taken of brothers and sisters who are in our school or our Nursery and not of any other family members.

BECCs Session Fees - Please could we remind parents and carers that BECCs session fees should be paid weekly in advance (or monthly in advance if preferred). If fees are not paid on time then we will prompt you with a 'polite' text message reminder!

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.**

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 21st September: 97.6% attendance 42 late marks (31 children)
(23 children had 1 late mark each)
(6 children had 2 late marks each)
(2 children had 4 late marks each)

Classes with over 97% attendance RN, RP, 1L, 1M, 2J, 2K, 3G, 3H, 4E, 5D, 6B
Classes with over 98% attendance: RN, RP, 1L, 1M, 2J, 2K, 3H, 5D, 6B
Classes with over 99% attendance: RP, 1L, 2K, 6B

Classes with late marks		Class RN	1 late	Class RP	3 lates
Class 1L	1 late	Class 1M	3 lates	Class 2J	4 lates
Class 2K	0 lates	Class 3G	6 lates	Class 3H	2 lates
Class 4E	8 lates	Class 4F	14 lates	Class 5C	3 lates
Class 5D	0 lates	Class 6A	4 lates	Class 6B	0 lates

Best Classes for attendance: 1L & 2K (100%) Well Done

Classes with no late marks: 2, 5D

Last week there were **467 minutes (nearly 6 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 **5 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.



