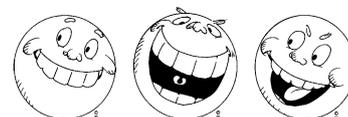




HEADLINES

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A Happy School



Dear All,

Royal Ballet School News - Many congratulations to Caitlyn Hall, Joseph McGregor and Harriet Webster who have just 'graduated' from the Primary STEPS programme run by the Royal Ballet School in Blackpool. These Year 6 children have been attending the Royal Ballet School's weekly dance lessons at Aspire Academy for the last four years and were invited to attend a special graduation ceremony at Covent Garden in London during the half term holiday. Congratulations also to Emily Shilton, Evie Allan and Logan Thomas in Year 5 who were chosen to take part in a special performance during the graduation. We are very proud of all our Royal Ballet School students!

Buddies Nursery and Infant Entertainment Evening - A letter giving details of this event which Bispham Buddies are organising for the children on Thursday, 22nd June will be sent home at the end of this week.

Year 6 SATs Revision Books - A number of children in Year 6 have **still not** yet returned the SATs revision books which they were lent to them in January. Please could these be brought into school by this coming Friday. **Thank you.**

Please Remember - If at any time you have any worries or concerns about anything to do with your child or school in general, please do contact us. The best person to talk to first is your child's class teacher as they know most about your child and their activities. You are also welcome to speak to Mrs Hirst, our Headteacher or Mrs McCormick, our Deputy Headteacher or Mrs Bell and Miss Haslam, our Assistant Headteachers about any matter to do with school. If there is anything happening at home that may be affecting your child we would ask that you share this with us too.

Sports Day - Advance notice! This year our Sports Day will be held on the school field on **Monday, 10th July**, weather permitting! The infant sports will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the junior sports will begin at 1:45 p.m. More details coming soon!



Keep up to date with letters sent home, school blogs and school news on our school website at www.bispham-endowed.blackpool.sch.uk

Children's University Graduation - If you have a child in the juniors who is enrolled in the Children's University and who has been attending extra-curricular activities in or out of school, then there is an important date for your diary: **Monday, 17th July at 1:45 p.m.** This is Graduation Day and invitations will be sent home shortly.

Nursery Places - We still have some places available in our school Nursery from this coming September. Places are available for children who will be **three years old by 31st August 2017**. We are able to offer a range of Nursery sessions during which children can access their fifteen or thirty 'free' hours of nursery education. If you are interested in a place for your child in September (or in January 2018 when we will admit another group of children) please contact the School Office. Do please pass this information onto any other families in the local area that may be interested in a Nursery place for their child.

Warmer Weather - Now that the warmer and drier weather seems to have arrived please send your child to school with a hat of some kind if they need protection from the sun. The staff are not able to apply sun cream to the children, so please consider either applying a suitable sun block, which will last for the whole school day, to your child before they arrive at school or sending them into school with sun protection that they can apply themselves without adult supervision, for example sun protection wipes. Please could we also ask that **all items of school uniform are named**. It is very difficult to match up jumpers which the children have taken off and put down with their rightful owner if they are not named. There are over 400 matching jumpers, cardigans and sweatshirts in school at present!! At half term the lost property bins had a large number of un-named and unclaimed items in them. Please ask at the School Office if your child has lost anything recently. You may also wish to send a **named** water bottle into school with your child. These can be refilled at our water fountains throughout the day and ensure that your child has a ready supply of cool water when it is hot. Our own school water bottle is on sale at the School Office price £1 each. In the interests of health and hygiene we do not allow the children to use or share cups at the water fountains. Please note that children should not have any kind of juice or flavoured water in their water bottles. However these types of drinks can be sent with a packed lunch.

Bispham Buddies Sponsored Event Week - Advance notice about the next Bispham Buddies fundraising event! The Buddies have challenged each class/ year group from Nursery to Year 5 to organise a sponsored event during the week beginning Monday, 3rd July in order to raise money for the Buddies funds which support all the children in school. The children will find out more about this special event during Friday morning's assembly and further details and sponsor forms will be coming home shortly.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers - On Monday we are parcelling up our Sainsbury's vouchers to send off to claim our free PE and Sports equipment. If you have any vouchers at home or in purses, wallets or shopping bags please could you send them into school this week. **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 26th May: **96.5% attendance 25 late marks (18 children)**
 (13 children had 1 late mark each)
 (3 children had 2 late marks each)
 (2 children had 3 late marks each)

Classes with over 97% attendance RP, 1M, 2K, 3G, 3H, 4F, 6A, 6B

Classes with over 98% attendance: RP, 1M, 2K, 3G, 3H, 4F, 6B

Classes with over 99% attendance: 1M, 2K, 3G, 4F

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

Best Classes for attendance: 2K (100%) Well done!!

Classes with no late marks: 1L, 2J, 3G, 5D

Last week there were **555 minutes (9¼ hours)** of learning time lost due to lateness and **5 children** had an unauthorised absence mark as they were so late in coming to school. There were **40 days** unauthorised absence due to holidays in school time.

Absence from School - As you will be aware, all schools have a Pupil Welfare Officer, employed by the Local Authority, who supports school in ensuring that children attend school and arrive on time each day. Our Pupil Welfare Officer, Mr Jeff Chandler, checks our registers each week and works with any families whose children have a high rate of absence or poor punctuality. Mr Chandler also monitors the number of **persistent absentees** we have in school each term; these are children who have 90% or less attendance for any reason, including illness and holidays in school time. We currently have **15 children** whose attendance is less than 90% and a further **25 children** whose attendance is less than 93%. As previously, Mr Chandler has asked that we **do not authorise an absence due to illness** for any child whose attendance rate is less than **93%** - i.e. any child who has already had **sixteen (16) days absence for any reason (including holidays) since September 2016** - without first obtaining medical evidence. Such evidence could be an appointment card for the doctor, the hospital or the walk-in centre, the back of a prescription or a medication bottle/box prescribed by a medical practitioner. If you would like to discuss this matter with Mr Chandler, please contact the School Office to arrange a mutually convenient appointment time.