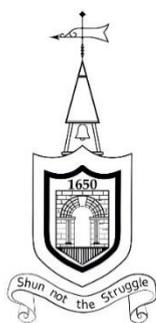


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## HEADLINES

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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 Mrs Caroline Wylie, one of the Year 4 Teaching Assistants, who is leaving this week to take up another post. We thank her very much for all her hard work and everything that she has contributed to our school and we wish her every success for the future.

**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.

**Visit Your Child's New Class** - We will be holding 'Class Welcome Visits' for an hour after school **on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Extra-Curricular Activities** - Our lunchtime and after school activities for children in Years 1 to 6 start in the **week beginning Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 heavy rain for most of the weekend! An **enormous thank you** to Mr Ackerley, Mr Ball, Mrs Cox, Mrs Hirst and Mrs McCormick 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 blogs.

**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.

**Calling anyone interested in World War I history** - Over the next few weeks Mr Harrison, one of our Year 4 teachers who has a Masters degree in Military History, is leading a series of sessions to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War. Each week from **Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** a chapter of Ian Hay's gripping story 'Carrying On' will be read, accompanied by historical explanation, pictures and discussions. At the end of each session one fallen warrior will be remembered. These sessions are free and are suitable for adults and Year 6 children who are accompanied by an adult. Please telephone the School Office on 01253 354672 to 'reserve a seat'. Everyone is welcome - members of our Bispham Endowed families and anyone else who reads this newsletter!! Entrance is via the main entrance of the school from 3:20 p.m. onwards.

**Road Safety Concerns near School** - Our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) have been made aware of some concerns by parents and carers and members of staff. The concerns are regarding parking near our school, particularly on Bispham Road. Cars are stopping or parking on the zig-zag lines near the zebra crossing and are parking on the on the double yellow lines in front of the Community Centre. Cars are also being parked so that they block the gateways of our neighbours, including those with 'white H lines in front of their gates. The JRSOs are also concerned that people are parking cars very close to the entrance to the small Council car park and not in marked bay. This is blocking the entrance to the car park.

The JRSOs (accompanied by school staff) will be 'patrolling' in and around school over the next few days to check that the situation improves. Please could we ask all adults to consider where and how they are parking in order that all our children and our families are kept safe. The matter has also been drawn to the attention of the Governors and Blackpool's Travel and Road Safety Team and the local Community Police Team have also been made aware of these concerns.

**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.**

**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.

**Reception Places for September 2019** - If your child has their fourth birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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, 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
 at 4:00 p.m. OR at 6:00 p.m.  
 and  
**WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**Year 6 Admission to High School** - This week all Year 6 children who live within Blackpool Borough will be given an envelope containing a leaflet about high school admission for September 2019 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.

**School Library** - From **Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> September:**      **97.6% attendance**      **6 late marks (4 children)**  
 (2 children had 1 late mark each)  
 (2 children had 2 late marks each)

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

Classes with over 98% attendance:      RP, 1M, 2J, 3G, 3H, 5C, 5D, 6A

Classes with over 99% attendance:      RP, 1M, 3H, 5C, 6A

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

**Best Classes for attendance: RP, 1M, 3H (100%) Well Done!!**

**Classes with no late marks: RN, RP, 1L, 2K, 4E, 5D**

Last week there were **302 minutes (just over 5 hours)** of learning time lost due to lateness and **3 children** had an unauthorised absence mark as they were so late in coming to school. There were **10 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](http://www.bispham-endowed.blackpool.sch.uk).**

