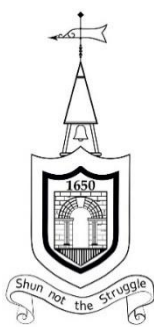


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HEADLINES

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Half Term Holiday - School closes at 3:15 p.m. this **Friday, 19th October** and re-opens at 8:45 a.m. on **Monday, 29th October**. BECC's After School Care Club and extra-curricular activities will be as normal during the school week beginning Monday, 29th October.

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 straight away. The best person to talk to first is your child's class teacher as they know most about your child and their activities. However 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.

JRSO News - We are pleased to announce that the JRSOs are fully staffed! The two new Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) for Year 5 are Lily Austin and Mia-Louise Robinson. They will be joining Ben Hindley and Ella Walwyn from Year 6 to help promote road safety throughout our school community. We welcome Lily and Mia-Louise to the team!

All Hallows Church 'Messy Church' - The next event is on **Saturday, 27th October 2018** in The Barn from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be crafts, cooking, games, a quiz, a café, 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

High School Admission Forms - On-line admissions for Year Six pupils, who will be moving to high schools in September 2019, **MUST** be completed and sent to the School Admissions Team by **Wednesday, 31st October 2018** at the **very latest**. Applications received after this date will miss the deadline for the allocation of places.

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.

Bispham Buddies Quiz Night - The Buddies Committee would like to say a 'special thank you' to Heidi Simms from 'Joanna's Cheese and Wine Bar' on Knowle Avenue in Bispham for her generous donation of prizes for the Quiz Night.

Morning School Times and Supervision - Although the school day officially begins at 8:55 a.m. you will be aware that we ask the children to be in the playground by **8:45 a.m.** ready to come into school, so that we have a smooth start to the morning. We are required to 'take over' supervision of the children **ten minutes before** the school day begins and so our teacher supervision time is from **8:45 a.m.** Please can we remind you that children who are on the school premises before 8:45 a.m. are therefore unsupervised and are the responsibility of their parents or carers and not the school at such time.

Children who are **not in their classroom, ready to start work, by 8:55 a.m.** are regarded as being late for school and will be given a late mark. If your child arrives late and after the register closes at 9:30 a.m. then they will be given an unauthorized absence mark. In the first six weeks of the autumn term **79 children had 228 late marks!** We also regularly have a small number of children who are not collected on time from school. Please could we ask that children are collected on time **at 3:15pm.** Children, particularly the younger ones, do get upset if they are late being collected.

Halloween - Please note that as a Church of England primary school we do not involve the children in anything to do with Halloween and its associated activities. Please do not allow your child to bring anything connected with Halloween into school. **Thank you for your support in this matter.**

Poppy Appeal - We are once again supporting the Royal British Legion Appeal and poppies will be on sale in school from **Thursday, 1st November.** We ask the children to make a minimum donation of 50p per poppy.

Nursery Flu Vaccinations - The children in the Nursery, whose parents have requested they have a flu vaccination, will have their vaccination on **Monday, 29th October.**

Parent/Carer-Teacher Consultations - These meetings will take place on **Tuesday, 6th November** for all children in the Nursery and in the main school. A letter about appointment times will be sent home on Monday, 29th October.

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.

Children with Packed Lunches - If your child brings a packed lunch to school please could you include a drink for lunch that is separate to their water bottle for use during the school day. Thank you.

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.

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.

Primary Times in Lancashire - This week every family will be bringing 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.

Nursery Places - We currently have some places available in our Nursery for children who are already three or four years old. We also have places available for a January 2019 start for children who have their third birthday during this term. If your child is three during this term, and you are eligible for the 2-year-old Nursery vouchers, then your child could join our Nursery before January. Please contact the School Office for further details. Please feel free to make other families in our local community aware of this.

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 12th October: 97.7% attendance 55 late marks (34 children) !!!!!
 (23 children had 1 late mark each)
 (5 children had 2 late marks each)
 (1 child had 3 late marks)
 (5 children had 4 late marks each)

Classes with over 97% attendance 1L, 1M, 2J, 2K, 3G, 3H, 4E, 4F, 5D

Classes with over 98% attendance: 1L, 1M, 2J, 2K, 3G, 4E, 4F, 5D

Classes with over 99% attendance: 1M, 4F, 5D

Classes with late marks		Class RN	2 lates	Class RP	1 late
Class 1L	2 lates	Class 1M	3 lates	Class 2J	9 lates
Class 2K	0 lates	Class 3G	1 late	Class 3H	5 lates
Class 4E	2 lates	Class 4F	6 lates	Class 5C	4 lates
Class 5D	0 lates	Class 6A	3 lates	Class 6B	4 lates

Best Class for attendance: 5D (100%) Well Done!!

Classes with no late marks: 2K

Last week there were **595 minutes (nearly 10 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 **6 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.



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!



Jo Hirst
Headteacher