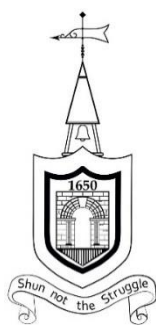


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HEADLINES

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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 **TODAY Wednesday, 31st October 2018** at the **very latest**. Applications received after this date will miss the deadline for the allocation of places.

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

Changes to Extra-Curricular Activities - There will be **NO** Lunchtime and After School Clubs during the **week beginning 5th November** as this is the week of Parent/Carer-Teacher Consultations. However the **Junior School Choir WILL** continue as normal as this activity is led by our specialist music teacher staff from Blackpool Music Service and not by our school staff. The Junior Prince Award, Tramshed and Skool for Street activity sessions **WILL** also take place during the week. BECC's Breakfast and After School Care Clubs will operate as normal and there will be peripatetic music lessons as normal.

Absence from a Club/Activity - If for some reason your child is unable to attend a club or extra-curricular activity, please could you let us know by telephoning the School Office on or before the day of the club/activity.

Christmas Fair - Bispham Buddies are currently arranging their Christmas Fair to be held in school on **Friday, 30th November** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Further details have already been sent home in a letter this week. If you work for a company, business or organisation who would be willing to donate a prize or a voucher for the Fair, please could you contact the School Office. If anyone has any unwanted, but unused, toiletry, cosmetic, nail varnish or make-up items, including gift sets, then the Buddies would be very grateful to have them for one of our stalls. Please send any items into school with your child or take them to the School Office. **Thank you very much for your support.**

All Hallows Church 'All Stars' After School Club - All Stars is a free, fun club for children of primary school age. The club includes games, songs, refreshments and Bible stories. It meets every **Thursday** during term time from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in The Stable (the small hall at All Hallows). For more information please call 01253 274172.

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.

IMPORTANT - Parent/Carer-Teacher Consultations - Appointment slips for this term's consultations for parents and carers, next **Tuesday, 6th November**, will be sent home at the end of this week. If you have not already returned your slip requesting an appointment please contact your child's class teacher to find out what appointments they have left.

It is very important that ALL parents and carers take this opportunity to meet with their child's teacher so that they can discuss their child's progress and learning with you.

In the interests of security we would ask that on the Consultation Evening **ALL parents and carers** (except for those with Nursery children) enter school through the main front entrance doors, even though some appointments are straight after school. Nursery parents and carers should go straight to the Nursery at the time of their appointment. The children's entrance doors will be secured as soon as all the children have left the building. We would ask that parents and carers **'sign in'** on class sheets either as you arrive or on your way out so that we have an accurate record of who has come to meet the staff. The class sheets will be on tables in the main entrance. Year 6 monitors will be on duty to direct and guide you to your child's classroom.

Mrs Hirst, our Headteacher, and Mrs McCormick, our Deputy Headteacher, will be available throughout the evening if you wish to speak to them about anything.

Our 'Pre-Loved Book Fair' will also be set up in the entrance hall during the Consultation Evening. A big thank you to everyone who has sent in 'pre-loved' books for the fair.

Winter Woolly Hats - Bispham Buddies Committee are once again selling winter woolly hats with our school name and our 'happy school' badge on them. They are made by the company who produce our school fleeces and sun hats and are of good quality. The hats cost £3:50 each and can be bought from the School Office. Alternatively you can send £3:50 (in a clearly labelled envelope please) into school with your child and the Office Team will arrange for a hat to be sent to their classroom.

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 19th October: 94.2% attendance 40 late marks (28 children)
(17 children had 1 late mark each)
(10 children had 2 late marks each)
(1 child had 3 late marks)

Classes with over 97% attendance: 5D

Classes with over 98% attendance: 5D

Classes with over 99% attendance: -

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

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Best Class for attendance: 5D

Classes with no late marks: RN, RP, 2K

Last week there were **469 minutes (nearly 8 hours) of learning time lost due to lateness** but **0 children** had an unauthorised absence mark as they were so late in coming to school. There were **33 days** unauthorised absence due to holidays in school time.

As previously advised we **are not able to authorise an absence due to illness** for any child whose attendance rate is less than **93%** - i.e. any child who has already had **three days absence since 5th September** (for any reason, including illness and holidays in school time) - 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. There are currently 81 children whose attendance for the first half term of the school year was less than 93%

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