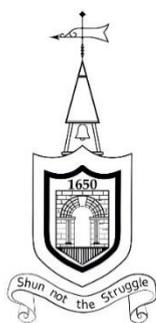


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HEADLINES

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CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

The **Nursery and Infant Carol Service** will take place in the **School Hall** on **Tuesday, 18th December at 9:15 a.m.** The children in Year 2 are leading our Carol Service - there will be readings, prayers, a Nativity tableau and a talk from Rev'd Simon. The children in Reception and Year 1 will be joining in with Christmas songs and carols. If you would like to join us at the Service please telephone the School Office to reserve either one or two seats. Seats are limited due to fire regulations and the space available in the hall.

The **Junior Carol Service** will take place in our **Parish Church of All Hallows** on **Wednesday, 19th December at 9:15a.m.** The children in Year 6 are leading this service which is a traditional service of readings, carols and prayers with a talk from Rev'd Simon. Children in the other year groups will be joining in with the carols.



On the morning of 19th December, please could junior parents and carers take their child **directly to The Barn** (the large hall) **at All Hallows Church** for 8:45 a.m. rather than drop them off at school. The children will be walking back to school supervised by staff and other adults. Please make sure that your child is wearing a suitable coat and also suitable shoes (not pumps) on this morning in case the weather is wet or frosty.

Please note that the doors to The Barn will **not be open before 8:45 a.m.** on this morning - this is the time when we start our supervision time. Children who are dropped off at school by mistake will remain in school with other staff until their own class returns.

If you would like to join us at the church service you are very welcome, but please be aware that due to limited space, some seating for visitors will be in the side transepts of the church and not in direct view of the children.

Christmas Surprise Gift Shop - An enormous thank you to the fantastic Smile Centre Elves who organised and ran the 'Christmas Surprise' Gift Shop for the children. The Gift Shop raised £514! This money has been donated to the Bispham Buddies for the benefit of all our children. The Smiley Elves hope you enjoy opening your surprise gifts on Christmas morning.



BECCs Session Fees - Please could all outstanding fees for Breakfast and After School Club sessions be paid as soon as possible and before the Christmas holidays. Your child's place is at risk for the spring term if there are any fees owing.

Please can you help? - Our School Council are supporting the Blue Skies Hospitals Fund this Christmas by helping with their 'Can You Give A Gift This Christmas?' appeal. The Appeal aims to ensure that every adult patient waking up on Christmas morning in a hospital in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre receives a gift. We have a collecting



box for gift donations in school. If you are able to help please could you drop off an unwrapped gift for a male or female at the School Office. (Please do not send alcohol or food items). **'Thank you' from the School Council for helping us to support our local hospitals.**

Christmas in Foundation Stage - Many parents, carers and other family members came along last Wednesday to enjoy Foundation Stage's 'A Wiggly Nativity'. The Reception children and the Nursery children, some of whom are only just three years old, were fantastic and we are very proud of them all. Thank you to all the Foundation Stage staff for all their hard work in arranging the production.

Infant Production - A large number of parents, carers, other family members and guests watched the Year 1 production entitled 'It's a Party last week. The children performed brilliantly and we are very proud of them all. A **big thank you** to the staff in Year 1 who worked so hard to produce such a super celebration of Christmas.

Talented Singers - Last night nearly forty children from our Junior School Choir performed at the Blackpool Music Service's Annual Christmas Festival at The Empress Ballroom in The Winter Gardens. Some of our children also played in some of the Music Service's many bands and orchestras. The children sang and played fantastically and were extremely well behaved. All the performers were a credit to our school and we are very proud of them. A **huge thank you** to Mrs Anderton who trains the choir, Mr Harrison, our choir accompanist and Mrs Hirst, Mrs Gray, Mr Harrison, Mrs Hall, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Wolstencroft who helped to supervise the children during the afternoon rehearsal and during the evening performance.



Lost Property - Our lost property bins are over-flowing with items of clothing, all of which are un-named. Any items which have not been claimed by the Christmas holidays will be disposed of. If your child has lost something this term you are welcome to come into school, via the School Office, and check the lost property bins.

Bags in School - Please could we ask that children do not bring large bags or ruc-sacs to school. Our cloakrooms are very limited in space and large bags often end up on the floor. Every child has a named peg which has space for their coat/outdoor clothing and for a drawstring bag for PE kit. Packed lunch boxes are stored on trolleys. Reading books and homework should be put in a school reading bag - available from the School Office priced £4.00. Children are also reminded that they should not bring toys of any kind (including footballs, stickers and 'game' cards) or personal pencil cases to school or to Breakfast Club or After School Club. Please note that school cannot accept responsibility for the loss or damage to items which we have asked children not to bring to school.



Reception Admission Forms - Admission forms for children who are old enough to start school in September 2019 **MUST** be returned to the Schools Admission Team from Blackpool Council by **15th January 2019** at the **very latest**. Forms returned after this date will miss the deadline for the allocation of places.

Changes to Lunchtime Meal Arrangements - If your child is currently having a packed lunch and would like to change to a school dinner after the Christmas holidays then this can be arranged this week or next. If your child wishes to change from school meals to packed lunches then we need a minimum of **one week's notice in writing** and so 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.

Blackpool Children's University - Mrs Cox reminds the junior children who are members of the Children's University to return their activity forms for this half term once they have been signed by their activity leader. The forms can be returned to the School Library next week or in the first week after the Christmas holidays.



Indoor P.E. - This term a number of children have missed P.E. and outdoor games because they have no kit in school. P.E. kit should be left in school each week and only taken home to be washed at the end of each half term. Please could you also check that your child's pumps still fit them, as lessons have been missed recently because children could not get their pumps on. A number of children have also missed lessons because they have not had their ear-rings taken out at home. Staff are not able to remove ear-rings and we do not encourage children to remove their own ear-rings in school in case they then get lost. Ear-rings should also be removed on the days when your child has swimming, outdoor PE or attends a school club which involves sport or dance.
Thank you for your support in this matter.



Nursery Places - We currently have some places available in our Nursery for children who are already three years or four years old or who will be three or four before 1st January 2019. We are also able to admit children as soon as they are three years old, as long as they are eligible for the two year old nursery grant. We offer a range of flexible session times which fit in with school hours. Please contact the School Office for further details. Please feel free to make other families in our local community aware of this.

School Library Books - The School Library is now closed for borrowing. Please could all books be returned as soon as possible so that stock taking can be completed.

All Hallows Nativity Service' - Is on Sunday, 16th December at 4:00 p.m. Come and join Rev'd Tom (aka Joseph) and be an angel or a shepherd (props availbale on arrival) to take part in a short, interactive re-telling of the Christmas story. Refreshments will be served after the service. Everyone is welcome.



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.



Christmas Holidays

School will close for the Christmas holidays at **3:15 p.m.** on
FRIDAY, 21ST DECEMBER 2018.

BECC's After School Club will finish as normal on this afternoon.

School will re-open at **8:45 a.m.** on **MONDAY, 7TH JANUARY 2019**

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 7th December: **96.2% attendance** **69 late marks (46 children)**
(34 children had 1 late mark each)
(6 children had 2 late marks each)
(3 children had 3 late marks each)
(3 children had 4 late marks each)

Classes with over 97% attendance: 1L, 2K, 3G, 5D

Classes with over 98% attendance: 1L, 2K, 3G

Classes with over 99% attendance: 3G

Classes with late marks		Class RN	3 lates	Class RP	0 lates
Class 1L	2 lates	Class 1M	4 lates	Class 2J	15 lates
Class 2K	2 lates	Class 3G	2 lates	Class 3H	8 lates
Class 4E	3 lates	Class 4F	7 lates	Class 5C	6 lates
Class 5D	3 lates	Class 6A	9 lates	Class 6B	5 lates

Best Class for attendance: 3G (100%) Well done!!

Classes with no late marks: None

Last week there were **1124 minutes (nearly 19 hours!!!!)** of learning time lost due to lateness and **4 children** had an unauthorised absence mark as they were so late in coming to school. There were **13 days** unauthorised absence due to holidays in school time.

Some children are regularly arriving late for school. Although school begins officially at 8:55 a.m. we ask that **ALL CHILDREN** are in the playground by 8:45 a.m. each morning ready to come into school. This gives us a calm, smooth start to the day which helps your child to be ready



to learn when lessons begin. If your child is not already in their classroom by 8:55 a.m. when the buzzer goes, they will receive a **late mark** - these marks are then reported on their mid-term and end of year school reports. Children who are late often become worried and upset because they miss important information at the start of each day. Their classmates, who arrive on time, also become upset

because the class cannot be awarded Bella Bear, our punctuality mascot, and the certificate that each class receives when they have no late marks. Parents and carers do have a responsibility to make sure that their child is on time for school. Please contact school if you are having any problems with your child(ren) arriving on time.