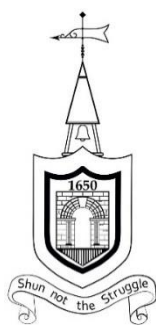


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HEADLINES

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Welcome back to the start of a new school term. May I, on behalf of everyone at Bispham Endowed Church of England Primary School, wish you and your family a very Happy and Peaceful New Year.

A Special Welcome - To the new children who have joined our school this week. We hope that you will be very happy with us.

Thank You - To everyone who sent members of staff cards and personal gifts for Christmas. Thank you also for the gifts that were sent into school for the whole staff to share. It was very kind of you and we shall particularly enjoy sharing the boxes of chocolates, sweets and biscuits in the staff room!



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.

School Uniform - Last half term a small number of junior children were regularly coming to school without a tie or a jumper. Please could I remind you that full winter uniform for juniors is a shirt, a school tie and a royal blue jumper or cardigan - with or without a school badge. We do not sell ties in school but they can be bought from Bispham Clothing in Bispham Village.

School Shoes - A small number of children have returned to school after the holidays wearing short or long length boots, trainers or 'pump type shoes'. Please could I remind you that these items of footwear are **not** part of our school uniform and should not be worn for school. School shoes should be sensible, low heeled and black. Also, tights for girls should be grey and not white or black. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

All Hallows Church 'Messy Church' - The next event is on **Saturday, 19th January 2019** in The Barn from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00p.m. There will be crafts, cooking, games, food, fellowship, worship and fun for all the family and there is no charge for this event! For more information call 01253 274172 or email cbah@googlemail.com.

Blackpool Children's University - Another reminder from Mrs Cox for junior children who are members of the Children's University to return their activity forms for last half term once they have been signed by their activity leader. Please could you check that your child's name is written on their activity form - we currently have some anonymous ones that have been handed in!!



PE Kit - This term the children will be having an indoor and an outdoor PE lesson. A reminder that our indoor PE kit consists of black shorts, a white round necked T-shirt or a polo shirt (not the same as the polo shirt worn during the day) and black pumps. This kit should also be worn for outside PE and the children may if they wish wear a pair of plain, dark coloured tracksuit bottoms or a pair of dark coloured jogging bottoms over their shorts. These are optional and we do not specify a particular style. The tracksuit bottoms etc. should be named and should be kept in your child's PE bag. Please note that tracksuit bottoms are not an alternative to shorts for indoor PE lessons. If your child wears tights for school, please could you make sure that they keep a pair of socks in their PE bag to wear with their pumps both indoors and outdoors. PE kit should be sent into school on the first day of every half term and then taken home at the end of the half term for washing. **Thank you for your support.**



Girls' Football Team News - Just before the Christmas holidays, our Girls' Football Team and Mr Ball, their Manager, were invited to Stanley Park for the official opening of the new 3G AstroTurf pitches. The girls were chosen, along with St John's CE Primary School and Park Academy, to receive some coaching and play some games against each other. The highlight of the day was getting the chance to meet former Manchester United and England legend Rio Ferdinand. His visit was brief but he managed to squeeze in time to have a picture with all of the schools and speak to the local press. Many thanks to Rio and Blackpool Sport for the invitation. Please visit the school blogs to see the picture.



Extra-Curricular Activities - Our lunchtime and after school activities start in the week beginning **Monday, 21st January**. This week every child in Years 1 to 6 has brought home a letter giving details of these activities - there are separate letters for infant children and for junior children. Please note that there are limited numbers for some activities and that children who take part in a sporting club **must not** have their ear-rings in on the day of their activity. For health and safety reasons staff who take clubs are not able to remove ear-rings if the children forget. **Please also note that BECC's After School Care Club will be open as normal and peripatetic music lessons and the Junior School Choir will take place as usual in the first two weeks of this term.**

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 21st December: **96.6% attendance** **60 late marks (40 children)**
 (26 children had 1 late mark each)
 (9 children had 2 late marks)
 (4 children had 3 late marks each)
 (1 child had 4 late marks)

Classes with over 97% attendance: RN, 1M, 4F, 5D, 6B

Classes with over 98% attendance: RN, 4F, 5D

Classes with over 99% attendance: -

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

Best Class for attendance: 4F

Classes with no late marks: None

Last week there were **617 minutes (just over 10 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 **11½ 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.bisphamendowed.co.uk

