

Billesdon Church of England Primary School



Spring 1 Newsletter - 2022



Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to the Spring Term!

The children have settled back well with high levels of enthusiasm into school and we have an excellent attendance rate. Thank you to our families for responding well to my letter of 3 January regarding warmer clothing and putting communications for the office into bookbags, our excellent teamwork will support us through this period.

There have been many changes in guidance in the first week of term alone – if your child is unwell, please keep them off until well and contact the School Office daily, and if you suspect (or have a positive LFT result) please isolate immediately and contact us for further advice – we will have the most up to date available!

The school will be launching a new App connected to our website this month to enhance our communication with you. The App can be downloaded to Apple/Android devices and will enable the Class Teachers to send you messages, update you with news from the classroom and the school will be able to send messages and share the calendar or newsletters with you in an easily accessible format. Details of how to download the App will be sent out shortly.

The Class Teachers will be updating their class pages to show the timetables for the Spring Term and share their topic webs of the themes to be taught this term – please feel free to access and download any information you need. In addition, the newsletters tab on the website features new health and well-being information sheets to enhance our support for our families; we hope you find these useful as there are many web links to support you on a range of topics.

The before and after school clubs continue to operate and are very popular, together with The Playhouse sessions which are tailored to the interests of the children attending – we are very fortunate to have a wide range of provision to cater for our children. Please get in touch with the School Office if you are interested in any of the sessions on offer or contact The Playhouse on Theplayhousebillesdon@hotmail.com or 07727 886193.

You will have all received a letter regarding our forthcoming trip to the Curve Theatre to see David Walliams' "Billionaire Boy" which has been subsidised by our wonderful PAFA. This sort of cultural capital is very important for children and it is wonderful that your fundraising efforts are being used to support every child. PAFA continue to be busy bees on our behalf and will shortly be launching a **100 Club** as a fundraising initiative; details will be available in bookbags soon and we hope you will enjoy signing up for a lucky number!

The school is hoping to take part in several sports competitions run by our SLSSP (South Leics School Sports Partnership) this term and we have two initiatives provided by our subscription to SLSSP in school at the moment – the Big Moves 6 week programme is for Joy Class to develop gross motor skills and the Sparx Programme 10 week programme is for Peace Class to support healthy eating and exercise habits. We thank you for re-arranging your home schedules to accommodate the wearing of PE kits on different days and, in advance, for parental support with transport to the KS2 competitions we hope to send a team to.

Due to prior interruptions to the statutory testing timetable, Year 2 have again taken their Phonics Screening Test at the end of the autumn term. We are very proud to announce that Year 2 have achieved an above national average result of 86% pass rate, which is excellent and thank Peace Class team for their hard work with the children. We will continue to provide targeted interventions going forward to enable children to close gaps and extend skills which were challenging to develop last year.

We hope to maintain our excellent provision over the coming term; plans and risk assessments are in place to support the school and remote learning will be available to isolating children well enough to attend school. Please do note the forthcoming dates in your diaries, the school website calendar is kept up to date and will soon be available on your phone!

A final note for your diary – as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday falls in the half term holiday period, Leicestershire County Council have decided that all maintained schools will close on 7th July, rather than 8th July which has been designated as in lieu of the Bank Holiday.

- Mrs. Willcocks

'We are the children of God  . We learn to believe and believe to achieve'.

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2022

(Please note - events may have to be held virtually or may be changed due to Covid-19 pressures – updates will be provided)

4 January	School Open – Spring Term
14 January	Final application date for Primary School Places 2022
18 January	KS2 Basketball @ RSA 3:45pm
27 January	Big Moves course 6 weeks Joy Class
27 January	Sparx programme 10 weeks Peace Class
2 February	Heights & Weights Check – EYFS & Y6
14-18 February	Half Term
1 March	Secondary School Places Offer Day 2022
14-18 March	Science Week
18 March	Red Nose Day & Whole School Theatre Trip (see letter provided)
22 March	Quicksticks Hockey Tournament @ RSA 3:45pm
24 March	Y3/4 Rugby @ MHRFC
25 March	National Skipping Day – whole school skipping
29 March	KS2 Dance Festival @ RSA 3:45pm
1 April	Spring term reports to parents
4 April	Parents' Evening 1
6 April	Billesdon Great Egg Race – 9:30am
6 April	Parents' Evening 2
8 April	End of term service (school)
8 April	School Close – start of Easter Holiday

Forthcoming Dates - 2022

19 April	Primary School Places Offer Day 2022
25 April	School Open – Summer Term
9 – 12 May	KS2 SATs week
23-26 May	Faith Class Residential Trip
30 May – 3 June	Half term
6 – 10 June	Phonics Screen week – Year 1 children
6 – 24 June	Multiplication Check screening window – Year 4 children
7 June	Rounders @ RSA 3:45pm
13 June	KS2 Athletics @ Corby
	New Parents Presentation 2022 New Starters 6pm
14 June	RE Day – Woman at the Well
21/28 June	Sports Day – to be confirmed
28 & 30 June	EYFS New Starters – Stay & Play Sessions 9:30-11:30am
7 July	School Close – Summer Holidays
8 July	Platinum Jubilee Day – Leicestershire Maintained Schools

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