



BIDSTON VILLAGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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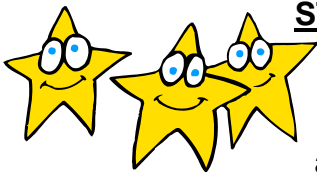


Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are coming to the end of what has been a very different Spring Term. We have only been open fully for three weeks and, as you may imagine, our task has been to identify the children's new baselines in reading, writing and maths, whilst also supporting them emotionally. We are very aware that many of our pupils have struggled during the past few weeks. Lockdown has proved to be challenging for us all and I really do hope that the Government's road map will go ahead and we will all be able to return to a more normal way of living very soon.

Please note that school closes for Easter on Friday 26th March and re-opens for pupils on Monday 12th April

Yours sincerely,
L. Hazeldine



STARS OF THE TERM

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been chosen as stars of the term from every class in school. They will be presented with a prize and a certificate on Friday afternoon.

Foundation 1	Nevayah Jones (AM) and Lucy Page (PM)
Foundation 2	Patrick McKeever (F2K) and Sofia Langford (F2L)
Year 1	Bobby Kearney (1MK) and Nethuki Abeysekara (1J)
Year 2	Olivia Bell (2L) and Noah Limb (2P)
Year 3	Chloe Hunter (3JW) and Renee Weston (3B)
Year 4	Rhys Blackwood (4DJ) and Zac Balmforth (4VJ)
Year 5	Mya Joinson (5B) and Rachael Hunter (5OL)
Year 6	Mia Farrell (6GJ) and Zachary Keating (6A)
EIB1/2	Lacie- Jane Marshall (EIB1) and Jackson Cook (EIB2)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Unfortunately, this term, we had to cancel all after school activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are due to introduce some clubs in the summer term. Badminton (KS1) Dance and Forest Schools (KS2). Further information will be sent out at the start of the term.

In an effort to address the mental health and well-being of all our pupils we have recently booked a number of active, fun sessions which will be taking place during the summer term.

THE RAINBOW PROGRAMME (YEAR 2 AND YEAR 6)

This is a health and well-being programme, which we have bought in for all children in Y2 & Y6. Y2 pupils will complete a 12 week programme. Y6 pupils will complete a 6 week programme, which will focus on their transition to high school.

FUNDAMENTALS

We have bought this programme in for Foundation 2 and Year 1 pupils with the aim of aims to developing their gross motor skills. Each group will take part in carefully designed activities that focus on developing physical literacy. As a result of this programme, children should begin to develop resilience, confidence and a love of physical activity. The activities are not competitive. As Year 1 missed their final term in Foundation 2 (which is where they would have made the most progress) we have bought in extra sessions of this programme so that the majority of children will benefit from this.

FOREST SCHOOLS

To support mental health and well-being after the Lockdown, we have arranged 16 sessions (2 hours a session) of forest school to be delivered to all pupils, from Foundation 2 to Year 6. This is something we know the children will find engaging and will make good use of our outdoor areas.

FITNESS AND NUTRITION DAYS

Two days have been booked in June (11.06.21 & 18.06.21) for these workshops across the school. Sessions will be active and engaging, with content altered to suit the demands of each year group. Wellbeing days consist of up to 4 x 60 minute sessions, which will be delivered to whole classes and target groups.



SWIMMING

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, no school swimming has taken place this academic year. All schools have now been offered one block of swimming to take place in the summer term. At the end of Y5, 35% of current Y6 had achieved the end of KS2 expectation of swimming 25m, using a range of strokes confidently and performing self-rescue. The plan will be to take the Y6 pupils who did not achieve this, to ensure we have the best percentage achieving the end of KS2 expectation to be reported on our 2020/2021 PE Premium report.

RESIDENTIAL VISITS

Sadly, due to the ongoing situation with Covid, we have taken the decision to cancel our annual summer term residential visits for Year 4 and Year 6. I understand just how much our children (and staff) look forward to taking part in all the outdoor activities and the whole residential experience, but our main priority must remain the health and safety of everyone.

BEHAVIOUR OF PARENTS ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

I am sure that most of you will be aware of some very unpleasant incidents, which have taken place recently between parents collecting children at the end of the school day. Understandably, I have had several complaints from parents. Such behaviour is totally unacceptable (especially in front of children). I reserve the right to ban any parent from the school site and, should there be any further incidents then I will not hesitate to do so.

INCONSIDERATE PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

I am astonished that, even after police presence recently, people continue to park on the double yellow lines on the very dangerous bend by our main gates. I urge you not to do so as I fear that there will be a serious accident involving a child. The police will continue to visit school at home time to discourage this practice. Thanks to all those who park responsibly or walk to school, avoiding any parking issues.

ATTENDANCE 'EVERY DAY COUNTS'

Attendance figures have been very good since we re-opened to all pupils on 8th March. We will continue to monitor attendance next term. Please remember to inform us if your child is unable to attend school for any reason. Please do not book any holidays during term time as this results in lost learning time which impacts on children's educational progress.

PUNCTUALITY '10 TO 9 BE ON TIME'

As you will be aware by now, we open our doors every morning at 8.40am so that children can come into school and be ready for registration at 8.50am. Unfortunately, there are still a number of children who often arrive late and this prevents them from having a good start to the day. We would really appreciate your support in ensuring that they arrive promptly next term.



TERM DATES AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021	
MONDAY 12th APRIL	PUPILS START THE TERM
MONDAY 3rd MAY	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
THURSDAY 6th MAY	STAFF TRAINING DAY
FRIDAY 28th MAY	PUPILS FINISH FOR HALF TERM
HALF-TERM	MONDAY 31st MAY – FRIDAY 4th JUNE
MONDAY 7th JUNE	STAFF TRAINING DAY
TUESDAY 8th JUNE	PUPILS START THE HALF-TERM
TUESDAY 20th JULY	LAST DAY OF TERM

HAPPY EASTER!

