



## **BIDSTON VILLAGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **EASTER NEWSLETTER- MARCH 2023**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I can hardly believe that another school term is coming to an end. It has been a very busy term and this letter outlines some of the activities that have taken place in school.

Thanks to those of you who came to Parents Evenings to meet with your child's class teacher and to learn about your child's progress and targets. It is important to us that we have a good relationship with you and that education is a partnership between home and school. We are always here to talk about any issues or concerns and, of course, to celebrate your child's achievements.

It has been a long term and everyone is ready for a break. We close for Easter today (31<sup>st</sup> March) and re-open for pupils on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**. (Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April is a staff training day).

Have a lovely Easter with your families.

Yours sincerely,  
L. Hazeldine

### **EASTER EGG COMPETITION**

Thanks to all parents and other family members who supported children to make decorated eggs. We have put all entries on display in our reception area. There are so many creative ideas for decorating eggs and it will be very difficult to judge! Office staff will be judging these and one winner from each year group will receive an Easter egg as a prize.



## Every Day Counts



### **ATTENDANCE**

Thanks to all parents and carers who have supported us in achieving improved attendance for this term. We continue to encourage children and parents to support us in our efforts to meet our annual attendance target of 95%. Our current attendance figure for the year (September to March) is 91.9%. We are aware that there have been lots of genuine sicknesses but we have had children whose absence has not been notified and, in some cases, children have stayed off without genuine reasons. Please remember that good attendance is vital for good progress. If your child is prescribed medication, we are more than happy to give one dose in school.

I am sure that you will be well aware by now of the fact that we have been awarding weekly £5 for 5 (days in school) and this has proved to be very popular and has supported punctuality.

**Congratulations to all those children (85 in total) who have had an impressive 100% attendance this term.** They were presented with certificates, badges and pencils in our end of term attendance celebration assembly and I will be inviting them all to my 100% afternoon tea parties after the Easter holiday.

**Congratulations are also due to 144 children whose attendance has been very good (97-99%) and good (95%- 96.9%) and 3 children with greatly improved attendance this term.**

Mrs Rae, our attendance clerk, is leaving us at the end of this term to take up a new post. We will miss her and we wish her well for the future. Mrs Langford will take over the role and so she will be the one who contacts you in the event of your child being absent in the future.



### **STARS OF THE TERM**

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been chosen as stars of the term from every class in school. Parents/ carers of these pupils are invited to join our celebration assembly on Friday morning when we will be presenting books and certificates to these children.

<b>Foundation 1</b>	<b>Kayden Bell- Wilbraham and Lennie Sampson</b>
<b>Foundation 2</b>	<b>Ella Cristina Dumitrache (F2KJ) and Harry Barrigan (F2S)</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Esmee- Jo Taylor (1J ) and Isobelle White (1MK))</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Esmee Perry (2L) and Tarique Whelan (2G)</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Nevaeh Ashcroft (3JW) and Emilia Upton (3B)</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Leighton Herbert (4VJ) and Oliver Gazdowicz (4DJ)</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Oliver Calveley (5B) and Ruby Newman (5O)</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Kitty McKee (6A) and Leila Richards (6GT)</b>
<b>EIB classes</b>	<b>Amelia Whiting (EIB1) and Lucas Johnson (EIB2)</b>

## **GREEN ZONE AWARDS FOR EXCELLENT BEHAVIOUR**

We pride ourselves on the excellent behaviour of children at Bidston Village and your ongoing support in achieving this is very much appreciated. I am delighted to inform you that for spring term 2023 **we awarded certificates 304 children who have managed to remain in green zone every day**. This represents the majority of pupils from F2 to Y6 and it is a great achievement. The children deserve to have it celebrated both at home and in school!

## **COMPETITIONS THIS TERM**

A group of our Year 3 pupils took part in Wirral Schools Poetry Festival earlier this term. The judges praised their performance, highlighting the fact that they were confident and well-rehearsed. They were announced the overall winners. We were all very proud of them.

Our football team recently competed in a cup match against a local primary school and won with a very impressive score of 8 goals to 2.

## **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

We continue to use our school Sports Grant to buy in a range of before and after school clubs, as well as several activities during curriculum time, for pupils across school. Members of staff also volunteer to run clubs after school. This term a number of our pupils have attended the following clubs

**Karate-** Y3/4, Y5/6, KS1

**Forest school** -Y3/4, Y5/6 after school clubs and a full day with sessions from all year groups.

**Gymnastics-** Y3/4, Y5/6, (and KS1 Early Morning Club)- Spring term

**Capoeira-** Full day -sessions for all pupils across school

**Dance-** KS1 after school

**Yoga-** Rainbow programme- Y2 (weeks) Y6 (9 weeks)

**Football** – We run weekly football practice for girls and boys. Each year, members of our football team compete in a number of games against neighbouring schools.

**Art club-** Y1

**Choir-** KS1/KS2

Just a plea for the future- if your child signs up for a club and gains a place please ensure that they attend OR let us know if they change their mind and we can offer their space to another pupil. We have turned several pupils down for clubs this term due to limited numbers, only to find that children don't turn up, which is a real shame (and a waste of our funding).

## **VISITS, VISITORS AND SPECIAL DAYS**

We have had a number of visits and visitors to school this term. These have included:

- Tranmere Rovers FC – Show Racism the Red Card workshop
- Community Police delivering talks to our KS2 pupils on key issues impacting on school life.
- The Mosh Tots band delivered assemblies to EYFS/KS1 pupils
- Earlier this term, Linda Davies (from the Mental Health Support Team) delivered a 'Thrive' workshop for parents of KS2 pupils. She has also led Friendship / Anti-bullying workshops with our Y6 pupils
- Helen Bibby, an Early Years Specialist, has been into school to support us with our Early Years Development Project.
- David Soares – Educational Psychologist has been into school to observe SEND pupils and to give advice/ support to staff.
- Mike Collins (First Class Training) delivered Paediatric First Aid training to a number of our staff.

- A group of our Y3 pupils attended a poetry competition (as part of Voice 21) at Park Primary school and, as mentioned earlier, they were delighted to be announced the winners!
- The whole school participated in World Book Day (March 2<sup>nd</sup>) and most pupils and staff dressed up as characters from their favourite books
- Members of Bromborough Gospel Church delivered a Bible Exhibition assembly for all KS2 pupils.
- Children enjoyed taking part in Comic Relief – Red Nose Day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.
- The whole school took part in World Down Syndrome Day on March 21<sup>st</sup> when they wore odd socks and took part in activities based around the number 21. If you haven't already seen it, please watch the video on ClassDojo school story.
- During the summer term several classes will be going out on trips to enhance and support learning across the curriculum. Our Y6 pupils are due to attend a two night/ three-day residential visit to the Conway Centre in North Wales.

### **FAMILY SUPPORT**

We offer a wide range of support across school on a daily basis. The mental health of a number of our pupils is a real concern currently and we are constantly seeking new ways to support parents and pupils.

- Bev, our Family Support worker supports parents and pupils on a daily basis. She attends social care meetings and works to address concerns highlighted by staff. She signposts parents to a range of support agencies and runs courses which target the needs of our most vulnerable families.
- Bev has been leading a Nurture programme for parents this term, this is due to finish next term.
- We are currently providing a series of mental health support sessions for parents on a weekly basis
- Lisa, our Caritas worker) comes into school weekly to support our pupils and their families.
- Linda from MHST (Mental Health Support Team) comes into school every week to support us with some pupils whose mental health is a cause for concern.
- Louise from Liverpool speech therapy supports us every week.
- We are accessing Gilbrook Outreach support for some of our pupils to support them with social, emotional issues.
- Hi Impact staff regularly support all staff with workshops aimed at developing the ICT curriculum. Children across school always enjoy their workshop sessions.
- Mrs Bain- our volunteer reader from the Beanstalk group comes into school on a weekly basis to read with targeted children. They really enjoy their sessions with her.
- Staff from the school library service have been supporting us to re-organise and re-stock our library in an effort to promote reading for pleasure. We have now included a parents' section and we plan to timetable sessions for different year groups to go to the library straight after school to choose books with their parents (who, we hope, will also choose a book for themselves).

### **BIDSTON VILLAGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEBSITE / TWITTER**

Just a reminder that you can keep up to date with events, news and information about school by viewing the school website at [bidstonvillage.wirral.sch.uk](http://bidstonvillage.wirral.sch.uk).

We have been working hard to improve and regularly update the information on our website and you will find it useful to have a look. There are lots of photographs and videos on there which you might like to have a look at.

You can also see school updates and news on our Twitter feed, @bidstonvillage, along with our school Facebook page.



## **TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2023**

### **SUMMER TERM 2012**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April** -School opens for summer term

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May** -School closed – May Bank holiday

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**- School closed – Bank holiday

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**- School closes for half term

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**-School reopens after half term

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July**- School closes for summer

**HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!**

