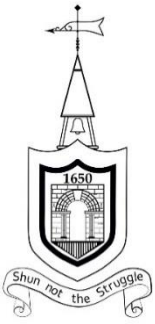


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## HEADLINES

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**Royal Ballet School News** - Many congratulations to Evie-Nicole Allan, Emily Shilton and Logan Thomas in Year 6 who have just 'graduated' from the Primary STEPS programme run by the Royal Ballet School in Blackpool. These Year 6 children have been attending the Royal Ballet School's weekly dance lessons at Aspire Academy for the last four years and were invited to attend a special graduation ceremony at Covent Garden in London during the half term holiday. Congratulations also to Natasha Allan and Myles Simpson in Year 5 who were chosen to take part in a special performance during the graduation. We are very proud of all our Royal Ballet School students!

### **IMPORTANT - A Message for Parents/Carers from Blackpool's Director of Public Health**

There are currently outbreaks of measles in several areas of the UK affecting unimmunised children and young adults, including two recent cases in Cumbria. There are also large outbreaks in several countries across Europe, including holiday destinations. Measles is highly infectious. It can cause serious illness and can sometimes be fatal. Vaccination with two doses of MMR is the safest way to protect children and young people.

The first MMR vaccine is given to toddlers at the age of 13 months and the second vaccine at around 3 years and 4 months before your child goes to school. MMR can be given to older children, teenagers and young adults if they missed their injections when they were younger. Many of you will still have your Personal Child Health Record (Red Book) which should have a record of your child's MMR vaccines. **Contact your GP practice if you or your child needs an MMR vaccine.** The vaccine is free. If you are not sure if you or your child needs an MMR vaccine, you can contact the GP practice to ask.

**Measles is not just an illness that can affect young children.** Teenagers, young adults and anyone who has missed their MMR vaccination can get measles. The first signs of measles are fever, cough, runny nose and red sore eyes. After a few days, a spotty rash will appear. It starts on the face and neck before spreading to the rest of the body.

If you think you or your child has measles:

- Ring your GP practice for advice.
- Please don't turn up to the surgery, walk in centre or to accident and emergency without calling ahead. The doctor will make special arrangements to see your child so that if your child has got measles they won't pass it on to others.
- Keep people with symptoms of measles away from others to avoid spreading measles, and stay away from school, nursery or work for 5 days after the onset of rash.

If you would like more information, see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

**Accessing our School Website** - You may not be aware that our school website can be read in a range of languages. If you click on the 'Select Language' drop down box on the right hand side of each page you can choose from a huge number of different languages. Clicking on the name of the language 'translates' all text on the website into that particular language.

**Please Remember** - If at any time you have any worries or concerns about anything to do with your child or school in general, please do contact us. The best person to talk to first is your child's class teacher as they know most about your child and their activities. You are also welcome to speak to Mrs Hirst, our Headteacher or Mrs McCormick, our Deputy Headteacher or Mrs Bell and Miss Haslam, our Assistant Headteachers about any matter to do with school. If there is anything happening at home that may be affecting your child we would ask that you share this with us too.

**Nursery Places** - We still have some places available in our school Nursery from this coming September. Places are available for children who will be **three years old by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018**. We are able to offer a range of Nursery sessions during which children can access their fifteen or thirty 'free' hours of nursery education. If you are interested in a place for your child in September (or in January 2019 when we will admit another group of children) please contact the School Office. Do please pass this information onto any other families in the local area that may be interested in a Nursery place for their child.

**Warmer Weather** - We are hoping that the lovely warm and sunny weather will continue this half term. Please remember to send your child to school with a hat of some kind if they need protection from the sun. The staff are not able to apply sun cream to the children, so please consider either applying a suitable sun block, which will last for the whole school day, to your child before they arrive at school or sending them into school with sun protection that they can apply themselves without adult supervision, for example sun protection wipes. Please could we also ask that **all items of school uniform are named**. It is very difficult to match up jumpers which the children have taken off and put down with their rightful owner if they are not named. There are over 400 matching jumpers, cardigans and sweatshirts in school at present!! You may also wish to send a **named** water bottle into school with your child. These can be refilled at our water fountains throughout the day and ensure that your child has a ready supply of cool water when it is hot. Our own school water bottle is on sale at the School Office price £1 each. In the interests of health and hygiene we do not allow the children to use or share cups at the water fountains. Please note that children should not have any kind of juice or flavoured water in their water bottles. However these types of drinks can be sent with a packed lunch.

**Year 6 SATs Revision Books** - A number of children in Year 6 have still not yet returned the SATs revision books which were lent to them in January. Please could these be brought into school by this coming Friday. **Thank you**.

**All Hallows Church 'Messy Church'** - The next event is on **Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> June** from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in The Barn for families with pre-school and primary school children. There will be crafts, cooking, games, a quiz, a café, fellowship and worship and there is no charge for this event! For more information call 01253 274172 or email [secbah@googlemail.com](mailto:secbah@googlemail.com).

**Buddies Nursery and Infant Entertainment Evening** - A letter giving details of this event which Bispham Buddies are organising for the children on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> June is being sent home today.

**BECCS Session Fees** - Please could parents and carers who use the Bispham Endowed Care Club (BECC's) Breakfast and After School Clubs be aware that from **11<sup>th</sup> June 2018** session fees **must be paid on a weekly basis**. Payment can be made by cash, debit or credit card or bank transfer. It is also possible to pay for more than one week's sessions - please contact Mrs Jayne Wilson, our BECCs Supervisor for more information. Please note that BECCs Care Club is not able to allow debts to build up. If payments are not made on a weekly basis then your child's place is at risk.

### Diary Dates -

- **Buddies' Infant Entertainment Evening** - Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> June between 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. (For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children)
- **Sports Day** will take place on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July (weather permitting!)

**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 25<sup>th</sup> May:**                      **95.2% attendance**                      **24 late marks (20 children)**  
(17 children had 1 late mark each)  
(2 children had 2 late marks each)  
(1 child had 3 late marks)

Classes with over 97% attendance      RN, 1L, 1M, 2J, 4E, 5C

Classes with over 98% attendance:      RN, 1L, 1M, 2J, 5C

Classes with over 99% attendance:      RN

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

**Best Class for attendance: RN (100%) Well done!!**

**Classes with no late marks: 3H, 4F**

Last week there were **250 minutes (over 4 hours) of learning time lost due to lateness** but **0 children** had an unauthorised absence mark as they were so late in coming to school. There were **45 days** unauthorised absence due to holidays in school time.

**Absence from School** - As you will be aware, all schools have a Pupil Welfare Officer, employed by the Local Authority, who supports school in ensuring that children attend school and arrive on time each day. Our Pupil Welfare Officer, Mr Jeff Chandler, checks our registers each week and works with any families whose children have a high rate of absence or poor punctuality. Mr Chandler also monitors the number of **persistent absentees** we have

in school each term; these are children who have 90% or less attendance for any reason, including illness and holidays in school time. We currently have **20 children** whose attendance is less than 90% and a further **30 children** whose attendance is less than 93%. As previously, Mr Chandler has asked that we **do not authorise an absence due to illness** for any child whose attendance rate is less than **93%** - i.e. any child who has already had **twenty two (22) days absence for any reason (including holidays) since September 2017** - without first obtaining medical evidence. Such evidence could be an appointment card for the doctor, the hospital or the walk-in centre, the back of a prescription or a medication bottle/box prescribed by a medical practitioner. If you would like to discuss this matter with Mr Chandler, please contact the School Office to arrange a mutually convenient appointment time.

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](http://www.bispham-endowed.blackpool.sch.uk).

