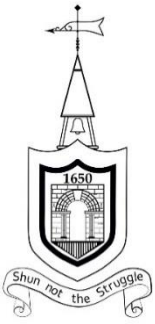


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HEADLINES

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Bispham Endowed School Family News - We send our congratulations to Mr Stephen Taylor, the Family Support Worker from All Hallows Parish Church, and his wife Cat on the birth of their daughter - Evangeline Karen - who was born a few days ago. This Friday we say 'au revoir' and 'good luck' to Mrs Vic Hartley, one of our Year 1 teachers, who leaves us to start her maternity leave. We hope you have a restful few days and nights before the baby is born!!

Diary Dates -

- **Nursery and Infant End of Year Service** - Tuesday, 17th July at 9:10 a.m. in the School Hall
- **Junior End of Year Service** - Wednesday, 18th July at 9:05 a.m. in the Parish Church of All Hallows. (N.B. This service also includes a presentation to our Year 6 Leavers.)
- **Nursery Graduations** - Wednesday, 18th July from 10:45 am to 12 noon for 'morning' and start of the week children' and from 1:45 pm to 3:00 pm for 'afternoon' and 'end of the week' children.
- **Year 6 Leavers' Party** - Thursday, 19th July from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Bounce Play Centre

Summer Holidays - School will close for the summer holidays at 3:15 p.m. next **Friday, 20th July**. School will re-open at 8:45 a.m. on **Wednesday, 5th September**. (Monday, 3rd September and Tuesday, 4th September are training days for the staff).

End of Year Services - This year our Junior Service will be held in our Parish Church of All Hallows on **Wednesday, 18th July from 9:05 a.m. onwards**. **ALL** parents and carers have already given permission for their child to attend the services. On the morning of the service please could parents and carers take their child **directly to The Barn** (the large hall) at **All Hallows Church** for 8:45 a.m. rather than drop them off at school. The children will be walking back to school after the service, accompanied by staff and other adults. Please note that the doors to The Barn will **not be open before 8:45 a.m.** on this morning - this is the time when we start our supervision time. Children who are dropped off at school by mistake will remain in school with other staff until their own class returns.

If you would like to join us at the church service you are very welcome, but please be aware that due to limited space, some seating for visitors will be in the side transepts of the church and not in direct view of the children.

The Nursery and Infant Service will held in school on **Tuesday, 17th July from 9:10 a.m. onwards**.

Reading and Spellings - The children will not be bringing home any spelling or maths homework on Friday as next week is the last week of term. Reading books will be collected in on Monday for audit and re-organisation for the new school year. Please could we encourage your child to continue with their reading over the six weeks' summer holiday by reading to you from their own books at home or from library books. Please could you also encourage your child to continue with their time tables work - see last week's newsletter for details of how to log onto the free TT Rock Stars website.

Leavers' Party - This annual event, organised and sponsored by Bispham Buddies, is a disco and bounce party with food and drinks and will be held on **Thursday, 19th July from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at 'Bounce' on Moor Park Avenue. There is no charge for this event, but it is restricted to our Year 6 pupils only. Please could you arrange for your child to be collected from 'Bounce' by an adult. If you wish your child to walk home by themselves please send a letter into school, addressed to Mrs Hirst, giving your permission for this. Please note that the children will **need to have socks** to wear if they are going to go on the bouncy castles at 'Bounce'.

Lost Property - Please check the lost property bins for any missing items of clothing; named items have been returned to their owners but there are a lot of un-named items still in the bins.

School Uniform - If the weather is fine and warm at the start of the autumn term in September (we hope it still will be!), the children may return to school wearing their summer uniform i.e. summer dresses and polo shirts. Year 2 children who are moving to the Juniors should however wear their polo shirt or dress with the **junior style** jumper or cardigan - this is a V-neck jumper or cardigan with our school badge on.

Outstanding Debts - The Governing Board are very concerned that some families still owe money for nursery fees, breakfast and after school care club session, music lessons and school dinners. In these days of very 'tight' school budgets, the school cannot afford to subsidise these optional services (which parents and carers choose to have) from its school budget as this affects the overall amount of funding available for education all our children. **At their meeting last week the Governing Board approved a policy whereby any family who has outstanding debts will be unable to access any 'paid service' that school provides until the full debt is settled. For example if there are unpaid nursery fees or school dinner money then a family will not be able to access a place in our Care Clubs in September 2018.**

School Meals Choice Menu!! - In September 2018 we are introducing a **Choice Menu** for school meals. All children who have a hot school meal will have a choice of two main courses. The children will make their choice in the afternoon ready for the next day and a wrist band system will be in operation to make sure that the School Kitchen know what choice they have made. The Autumn & Winter Menus are now on our website in the section 'School Life - Breakfast, Milk and Lunch' and also in the 'Latest News - Letters Home' section.

Nursery Scooter - One of our very expensive orange wheeled vehicles disappeared from the Nursery garden on Friday, 30th June. If anyone knows anything about this please let the School Office know.

School Meals - In September 2018 all infant children (Years R, 1 and 2) will continue to be provided with a hot meal at lunch time through the Government's Universal Infant School Meals Scheme - there is **no charge** for these meals. However if your family is eligible for the 'free school meals grant' through the government's benefits system, please could we ask that you still apply for the grant (even if you have an infant child) as school receives an additional **£1,320 per year** in its budget for every child who is registered for the school meals grant. This is particularly important for children moving from the Infants to the Juniors. The system is totally confidential and your child will not be identified in school. The School Office Team is very happy to assist parents and carers if they need any help or further information about school meals grants.

School Bags - Please could we ask that in the new school year, your child **does not** bring a large bag or rucksack to school. We have very limited cloakroom and classroom space and it is not easy to store these bags; they often fall off cloakroom pegs onto the floor and then become a trip hazard. Your child's reading book, homework files and letters etc. will easily fit inside one of our school reading bags which are available to buy from the School Office. PE kit should be sent to school in a drawstring pump bag at the start of each half term and then left in school until the next holiday. Packed lunch bags with handles can be carried to school each day. All other equipment is provided in school so your child does not need a pencil case or any other stationery.

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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 6th July: **98.0% attendance** **44 late marks (27 children)**
 (19 children had 1 late mark each)
 (2 children had 2 late marks each)
 (3 children had 3 late marks each)
 (3 children had 4 late marks each)

Classes with over 97% attendance RP, 1L, 1M, 2J, 2K, 3G, 3H, 4E, 4F, 5D, 6B

Classes with over 98% attendance: RP, 1L, 3G, 3H, 2K, 4E, 4F, 6B

Classes with over 99% attendance: 1L, 3H

Classes with late marks		Class RN	0 lates	Class RP	late
Class 1L	0 lates	Class 1M	6 lates	Class 2J	7 lates
Class 2K	3 lates	Class 3G	4 lates	Class 3H	6 lates
Class 4E	3 lates	Class 4F	1 late	Class 5C	5 lates
Class 5D	4 lates	Class 6A	3 lates	Class 6B	1 late

Best Classes for attendance: 1L & 3H

Classes with no late marks: RN, 1L

Last week there were **463 minutes (nearly 8 hours)** of learning time lost due to lateness and **2 children** had an unauthorised absence mark as they were so late in coming to school. There were **2 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.bispham-endowed.blackpool.sch.uk.

