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HEADLINES

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[A BUMPER LAST EDITION OF OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR!!](#)

Goodbye and Good Luck - We say 'goodbye and good luck' to our Year Six pupils who are moving on to their high schools in September. We are also saying 'goodbye and good luck' to Mrs Paula Wright and Mrs Caroline Smith who are both teaching assistants in school. We thank them both very much for all their hard work and everything that they have contributed to our school and we wish them every success for the future.

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 tomorrow evening - **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'.

Year 6 Shirt Signing - It is a tradition at Bispham Endowed that Year 6 children who are leaving school collect the signatures of their friends and the staff on an old shirt. Year 6 children may bring a white school shirt or a PE shirt into school on **Friday, 20th July** for everyone to sign. If your child has lost their PE shirt then they could bring a plain white T-shirt. The children will **not** be allowed to sign the shirts they are wearing for school that day; they must bring a separate shirt. This 'privilege' is for Year 6 children only; children in other year groups do not collect signatures when they leave.

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.

Reading Challenge - Miss Haslam, our English Lead, writes "Over the long summer holidays, please encourage your child to keep up with their love of reading with the Summer Reading Challenge. Our local library at Moor Park is taking part.

Have a look at the link... Happy reading everyone

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/about-mischief-makers>

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.

Good as New Uniform - If your child has grown out of any item of their school uniform but it is still in good condition, please could we ask that you donate it to school for our spare uniform boxes. We would also be very grateful for any 'good as new' underwear and socks, especially Nursery and Infant sizes, for these boxes. If you have 'borrowed' any items from school following your child having 'an accident' please could we ask you to return the items before the end of term. **Many thanks for your continued support.**

Spare PE Kit - We would be grateful for any PE kit which your child has grown out of, but which is still in good condition, for our spare PE kit bags for Years R to 6. Please send any items to the School Office. **Thank you for your support.**

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. **Please note that on the first day back in school, Wednesday 5th September, there will only be one main course; the choice menu will begin on Thursday, 6th September.**

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.

Summer Holidays - School will close for the summer holidays at 3:15 p.m. this **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).

Sports Day - Mrs Dow, our PE Co-ordinator, writes, "The sun was shining down on us as we got our annual Sports Day underway at the beginning of the month. Reception and Key Stage 1 classes started the proceedings in the morning. Being new to many of the events, the children listened carefully, adapted quickly and worked hard to try and win their heats. Well done to the **Green Team** for winning on overall points scored. Determination, perseverance and fun were the ingredients required for the Key Stage Two children in their Sports Day. The children worked hard with a keen attitude despite the hot weather. Huge congratulations to the **Green Team** again for gaining the most points and being awarded first place. Thank you to all the staff who helped out before, during and after the event - your efforts made my job a lot easier and your input was appreciated. Thank you also to the many spectators who came to cheer and spur the children on. A special mention goes out to the brave individuals who participated in the adult and toddler races."

Blackpool Primary Schools Swimming Gala - Mrs Cox and I had the pleasure of taking a Year 5 and 6 Swimming Squad to Palatine Leisure Centre for the final sporting event of the year. The team and all their supporters were brilliant throughout the morning. The squad worked together, encouraging each other and had amazing individual results as well as the team relay results. The final event of the morning was a relay event in which the boys and the girls swam together. It was a close race and with Mrs Cox cheering them on from poolside, the team's collective talent shone through and they came in winners. The whole squad were an absolute credit to the school in what was an amazing achievement. Well done you made us all very proud!! Mrs Woodcock.

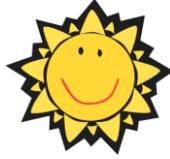
Year 2 and Year 6 Productions - If you were lucky enough to attend one of the performances of 'The Bee Musical and 'Scourge of the Oceans' you will agree that you saw two of the 'best' productions in Blackpool! We have so many talented children and staff and we acknowledge the real enthusiasm of the children and tremendous efforts of all the staff in putting on these productions. **Very well done everyone!**

Music Extravaganza Evening - This was a really enjoyable evening attended by a large number of parents, carers, family members and friends. Over 50 children amazed us once again with their performances. A big thank you to everyone who came and supported the performers; we are very proud of everyone who took part. Thank you too, to all the staff who are involved in music work with the children in school and also to all those staff who came along to the evening to support the children and their colleagues. **Thank you** to Mrs McGlynn, Mr Harrison and Mrs Anderton who auditioned the performers and organised the event. A special thank you to Mrs Anderton, our Junior Choir Teacher, who has worked so hard with the choir children again this year. The singing was amazing!! **Thank you** also to Miss James in the School Office who co-ordinates all the arrangements for music lessons.

End of Year Services - We had two wonderful services at the end of the summer term when the children and staff celebrated the life and work of our school this year and we presented our annual achievement awards. A special thank you to Rev'd Simon and Rev'd Tom for their contribution to these services and for their support throughout last year. Thanks also to Mrs Baron in the School Office and to the fantastic team of volunteers from All Hallows [Mr Smedley, Mr Hamer, Mr Andrews and Mrs Andrews for all their help before, during and after the Junior Service. We also thank Bispham Buddies for providing the leaving gift which each child in Year 6 received.

helps us to achieve our aim of providing a high quality education in a happy school for your child.

On behalf of the children, staff and governors of Bispham Endowed Church of England Primary School may I wish you a restful and happy holiday.



Jo Hirst
Headteacher