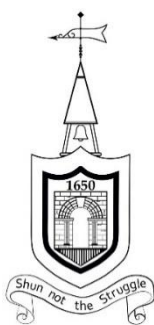


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HEADLINES

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Non-Uniform Day - This Friday, 23rd November is a Non-Uniform Day arranged in conjunction with Bispham Buddies in aid of our Christmas Fair. The **Junior** children may have the privilege of wearing non-uniform in return for donating a bottle of some kind (e.g. wine, spirits, shampoo, soft drinks, sauce etc.) for the **Bottle Bola**.



Nursery and Infant children are asked to donate something for the **adult or chocolate tombolas** (e.g. an unwanted gift such as a toiletry item or a box of chocolates.) Glass bottles may be brought straight to the office on Friday morning.

Please note that for health and safety reasons our normal policy on jewellery applies. Please **do not** allow your child to wear anything other than their normal stud ear-rings; in particular bracelets, chains and necklaces must not be worn.

Christmas Fair Raffle Tickets - As mentioned in our Christmas Fair letter, your child will have brought home an envelope containing two books of raffle tickets to sell in aid of the Bispham Buddies Grand Raffle. Please could you make sure that all the ticket stubs that you return to school have a name/contact details on them. If you would like any further books of tickets please contact the School Office. **Thank you for your support.**

Congratulations - To George and Harry in Year 6, who have been selected to play in the Blackpool Primary School Football Association representative team this year. The boys attended trials with over fifty other children from across all the Blackpool primary schools and made the final squad! They will feature in games against other school districts across Lancashire. **Well done George and Harry!!!**

Football News!! - On Wednesday, 21st November, Mr Ball and Mrs Cox took the Girls' Football Team to Stanley Park for the autumn Finals Day. We had four new Year 5 footballers (who were playing competitively for the school for the first time) alongside our seven Year 6 footballers and they did us proud! We lost to Unity on penalties in the semi-final and drew with Westminster in the 3rd place play-off. There was some excellent defending, attacking and teamwork throughout the afternoon and even though it was chilly, it 'warmed our hearts' to see the girls playing so well for each other. Many thanks to all the parents and carers who came along to support too. We will be entering a girls' team in the league after Christmas so watch this space. If there are any other Year 5 girls who wish to join the girls team, then please see Mr Ball after the Christmas holidays.

Times Tables Rock Stars - After three weeks there had been over 300,000 correct times table answers by children in school and at home! Please keep encouraging your child to logon to the free Times Tables Rock Star app or using the website play.ttrockstars.com Each class is playing against their fellow year group class in a weekly 'Battle of the Bands'. Each correct answer scores a point for the class and the class with the most points wins!

We are aiming to be quicker at recalling times table facts and certificates are given to the children who can do this quickest. The top three rock statuses are:

For questions answered in less than a second on average - Rock Hero

For questions answered in less than 2 seconds on average - Rock Legend

For questions answered in less than 3 seconds on average - Rock Star

Collecting Your Child - Please could we ask that parents/carers of children in Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) and in the Infants (Years 1 and 2) inform the School Office if someone different to normal (e.g. a friend, relative or another child's parent) is collecting your child at the end of the day.

Eco Council Competition - Can you make a poster to promote looking after our trees? All poster entries to be handed in to class Eco Councillors or Mrs Gorman in Class RP by 5th December. Thank you from The Eco Council.



All Hallows Church 'Messy Church' - The next event is on **Saturday, 8th** in The Barn from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be crafts, cooking, games, a quiz, a café, fellowship, worship and fun for all the family and there is no charge for this event! For more information call 01253 274172 or email: secbah@googlemail.com

Christmas Productions - This year we have three Christmas productions - 'A Wiggly Nativity' by Nursery and Reception children, a production of 'It's a Party' by Year 1 children and a production of 'A Centurion in Bethlehem' by Year 4 children. Seats need to be pre-booked for these Foundation Stage, Infant and Junior productions and places are limited to 120 seats for each performance due to fire regulations. Ticket request forms have already been / will be sent home with the children in each of these year groups. Seats are always 'booked' up quickly so it is important that you return your form as soon as possible in order to secure your seats and avoid disappointment. **We regret that seats are limited to two per family. Any requests for extra seats will be placed on a waiting list and distributed if spare seats are available.** Please could you also advise us on your ticket order form if you will require wheelchair access to the School Hall. There is no charge for tickets for these productions,



but a collection for one of this year's nominated school charities will be taken at the end of each performance. Please note that still photography and the recording of videos are permitted during the performances, but we ask that flash photography is restricted to the end of a performance, when there will be a 'photo opportunity'. Please also note that Year 2 and Year 6 children do not take part in a Christmas production as they perform in their own end of year summer productions in July. Year 3 children do not take part in a Christmas production either as they lead our Easter Service in school in the spring. Our Year 5 children have their own performance/assembly later in the year.

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 16th November: 95.3% attendance 55 late marks (35 children)
 (25 children had 1 late mark each)
 (4 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, 2K, 4E, 4F, 5D

Classes with over 98% attendance: RP, 2K, 4F, 5D

Classes with over 99% attendance: 2K, 5D

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

Best Class for attendance: 2K & 5D

Classes with no late marks: 2K, 5D

Last week there were **592 minutes (nearly 10 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 **31 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.

