



The Bluecoat School and Nursery Unit

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Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents

Reasons to celebrate

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the recent successes and positive achievements of our children and the development of our exciting and motivational creative curriculum.

Our highlights so far this term include:

- An inspiring performance by our Y6 class at the Stamford Dance Festival at the Arts Centre
- The success of some of our established members of the running club at the inter-school cross country event
- Our fantastic new football kit thanks to the sponsorship of Symphony Kitchens and the commitment and efforts of our football team
- On-going reading sessions for our children with our friends from the Stamford Burghley Rotary club, other volunteers and recently, our MP, Nick Boles.
- Planting the Burrows - our fantastic community event to plant our new woodland area on the school field
- The Foundation Stage 'Chatterbox Challenge' event



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Our Creative Curriculum

We are delighted with the progress of our new creative curriculum and the exciting opportunities that teachers are planning for all of our children to inspire their learning. One of our key aims is for children to learn away from the classrooms as much as possible and we have enabled the following experiences so far this term.

- Y1 – Trip to Nene Valley Railway
- Y3 – Trip to Cadburys World

Further exciting experiences are planned for other classes in the next few weeks. Please do visit the website regularly to view my Headteacher blog, the galleries of photographs and class blogs which provide lots of feedback from the visits and your children's learning.



Staffing Developments

I would like to update you on some staffing developments that will take place after the Easter holidays. Mrs Bloor, our Y2 class teacher will be reducing her working commitment with us next term. Mrs Bloor will no longer be the class teacher for Y2 but she will continue to work with the children on a part-time basis as they prepare for their end of Y2 statutory assessments in May.

I am delighted to advise you that Mrs Giddings in partnership with Mr Alex Brockbank, who is completing his teacher training with us, will become the class teachers for our Y2 and Y1 classes next term. Mrs Bloor will continue to teach groups of Y2 children on a part time basis until the end of this school year.

After the Easter holidays, Mrs Giddings will have overall responsibility for both classes and will work with all children across Y1 and Y2 throughout the week. The children in Y2 are very familiar with Mrs Giddings as she taught them in Y1 and this plan will ensure that all of the children in both classes are secure with the new teaching arrangements until the end of this academic year. All children in both classes will also continue to benefit from the on-going support of the various teaching assistants who work in KS1. I will confirm full details of the new arrangements before the end of term with parents of children in these classes, but please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have any questions at this stage.

Easter Events

In preparation for our forthcoming Easter disco, we plan to hold a non-uniform day on **Friday 20th March** in return for donations of items for our Tombola and Bottle Stalls. Further details to follow!



An Appeal for Support with Parking

I do appreciate that access to parking is a challenge for some parents who bring vehicles to the school to drop off and collect their children. However, I would welcome your support with regard to some restrictions that apply to everyone parking in the immediate vicinity of the school.

Nursery Car Park

The Nursery car park, drop off area and roadway are solely for the use of parents of children who attend the **Nursery classes only**. Please may I ask parents of children in the main school not to park in these areas at any time. This is to ensure the safety of the very young children being dropped off or collected from the Nursery and to ensure that we have access at all times for emergency vehicles and for users of the Children's Centre at the end of the driveway. Your co-operation with this request will be greatly appreciated.



Parking in Christchurch Car Park

I have been asked to remind you that parents are very welcome to park in the Christchurch car park for short periods of time when dropping off and picking up children from our school. I am grateful to Christchurch for their support with allowing our parents access to their car park in this way as I am sure you are. There are times however, when the car park is especially busy and on these occasions I would ask on behalf of Christchurch that everyone displays patience and co-operation with other users of the facility. Both myself and Rev Nikki Bates from Christchurch would greatly appreciate your support with this matter.

Parents' Evenings



I would like to thank all parents who attended our mid-year parents' evenings last week. I hope that you found the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher informative and helpful. I would also like to thank all parents who have returned the questionnaire to me so far. I value your feedback in this way and will be responding to this during the coming weeks. If you have not yet returned the questionnaire, I would be grateful if you would take a few moments to complete it and return it to your child's teacher.

Finally, I look forward to welcoming you all this Friday 13th March 2015 at 9am for our annual dressing up event in celebration of World Book Day.

Kind regards

Carol Hines
Headteacher



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