



# The Bluecoat School and Nursery Unit

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**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

## **Spring Term Newsletter**

Dear Parents

### **Decorated Egg Competition – Week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

A reminder that we will be holding our decorated egg competition tomorrow and that all final entries should be brought into **by 9am**. The Mayor will be joining us tomorrow to judge the entries and to award the prizes to the winners of the different categories.



### **Swimming in the summer term 2015**

To reflect the requirements of the new National Curriculum, which states that children should access swimming tuition in KS2, we will no longer be taking children in Y1 and Y2 swimming. Instead, we will be providing additional opportunities for children from Y3 to Y6 to swim when we return after the Easter holidays.



Children in Y4 and Y5 will attend weekly swimming sessions next term and Y3 and Y6 following the May half term. Our experience supports that children are more prepared for swimming by the time they enter KS2 and as a result, make greater levels of progress towards becoming independent swimmers and achieving the national expectations by the time they leave Y6.

Swimming sessions for Y4 and Y5 will commence the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and further details will follow when we return after the holidays. We would encourage parents of children in Y1 and Y2 to take them swimming if possible during their time in KS1 to develop their water confidence in preparation for when they commence their school swimming lessons in Y3.

### **Staff changes in Key Stage 1**

Friday will be the last day Mrs Bloor will have class responsibility for Y2 and I am sure you will all like to join me in thanking her and wishing her well for the future. Mrs Bloor will still be working with us in a part time role in the new term. Mrs Giddings is looking forward to welcoming Y2 back after the holidays.



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## End of term disco – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Finally, a reminder that we are busy preparing for our Easter end of term celebrations with the children and that our end of term disco will take place tomorrow, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 between 6pm and 7.30pm. There will be lots of fun Easter themed activities for you and the children to enjoy including:

- ❖ An Easter Bonnet competition and parade
- ❖ A professional disco
- ❖ An Easter egg hunt and lots of Easter craft activities
- ❖ A bouncy castle – times slots for different age ranges
- ❖ An Easter Raffle
- ❖ Adult Tombola and Bottle Stall
- ❖ Children's Easter egg tombola stall
- ❖ Refreshments



There will be prizes for the winning entries in the Easter Bonnet Parade and the judging will take place at approximately 6.30pm on the evening. There is a category for parents so we hope that lots of you will take part!

**Please do come along and support the event!**

## End of this term



Finally, a reminder that this term ends this **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015** at 3.15pm. Our new term begins after the Easter holidays on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015** at the usual time. I hope that you all have a very enjoyable Easter holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back to school next term.

Kind regards

Carol Hines

Headteacher

