



# The Bluecoat School and Nursery Unit

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**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015**

## Newsletter

Dear Parents

### On-going E-Safety support for parents and pupils

One of our key school improvement priorities this year is to provide school based information and support for parents and children about E-safety. Our aim is continue to support pupil and parental awareness of how children can keep themselves safe when using on-line technology at home such as, mobile phones, social networking and their games systems.



Following on from our parent workshops last term and the on-going curriculum provision for your children in school, we are planning our next key event linked to this important matter on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015 is national E-safety day. To mark this event, we are inviting parents to join their classes from 2.30pm onwards for a class based E-safety workshop. Each class are currently planning a session for parents linked to an aspect of E-safety that they have been learning about. We would all be delighted if you are able to join us for this session. If you have children in more than one class, you will be able to spend time with each of them during the time available.

Please put the date and time in your diaries and full details will follow in the near future.

### 2 Year Old Provision in our Nursery

I would like to remind you that we are now able to offer nursery provision for some eligible 2 year olds. Our 2 year old provision is rated outstanding by Ofsted. We currently have a limited number of places for 2 year olds who meet the eligibility requirements. If you have a child who may be eligible to attend our 2 year old provision or know of someone who might be interested in finding out more about this opportunity to attend our outstanding Foundation Stage provision, please contact our Foundation Stage leader, Mrs Helen Magan on 01780 764202. She will be happy to discuss your requirements with you.



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## Keeping children safe - collection at home time

There have been a number of occasions already this term when different adults, who are not on our system, have arrived to collect children from school at the request of parents.



We appreciate that there are occasions when parents need to make alternative arrangements for the collection of their child/children at short notice. However, we will not be able to let any child leave school with an unauthorised adult without verbal or written permission directly from parents for security reasons.

To avoid any unnecessary inconvenience to anyone in these circumstances, please make sure that you advise either your child's teacher on the day or that you phone and speak to someone in school to confirm your permission.

Finally, there will always be occasions when the staff teaching your children may not be familiar with parents and other adults who collect children regularly from school. In order to make sure that our current records are fully up to date, I would be grateful if **all** parents would complete and return the attached form confirming the details of **any adult who is likely to collect your child on a regular basis**. These details will then be added to our class registers to avoid any misunderstandings.

For children in Y5 and Y6, please also confirm your permission for them to walk home without an adult on a regular daily basis if this is your intention. Thank you for your co-operation with this important security matter which I am sure you appreciate, is intended to keep all children safe at all times.

## Absence from school for holidays

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the important change in the school attendance law which came into effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 for all schools. This change means that schools will only be able to authorise any requests for absence from school for holidays in '**exceptional circumstances**'. These exceptional circumstances are likely to be very rare and will **not include affordability reasons**.

I would therefore encourage all parents to plan family holidays in school closure periods. I am attaching a copy of term dates for the remainder of this year and next year to support you to make your plans during school holidays. These dates are also available on our school website. Thank you for your on-going co-operation with this very important matter.  
Kind regards



Carol Hines  
Headteacher



## ***Term dates 2014/2015***

### **Autumn 2014 (Term 1)**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Children return to school

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014

Term ends

### **Autumn 2014 (Term 2)**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014

Children return to school

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Term ends

***Bank Holiday – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2014  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015***

### **Spring 2015 (Term 3)**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Children return to school

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Term ends

### **Spring 2015 (Term 4)**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015

Children return to school

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Term ends

***Bank Holidays – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2015***

### **Summer 2015 (Term 5)**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Children return to school

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015

Term Ends

***Bank Holidays – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2015***

### **Summer 2015 (Term 6)**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015

Children return to school

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015

Term ends



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## ***Term dates 2015/2016***

### **Autumn 2015 (Term 1)**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015

Children return to school

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015

Term ends

### **Autumn 2015 (Term 2)**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015

Children return to school

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Term ends

***Bank Holiday – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2015***

***Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016***

### **Spring 2016 (Term 3)**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Children return to school

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Term ends

### **Spring 2016 (Term 4)**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016

Children return to school

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Term ends

***Bank Holidays – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2016***

### **Summer 2016 (Term 5)**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Children return to school

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Term Ends

***Bank Holidays – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016***

### **Summer 2016 (Term 6)**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Children return to school

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016

Term ends



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**Keeping children safe - collection at home time**

Please could all parents complete and return the attached form as soon as possible. If there are no additional authorised adults except for parents, please write NONE on the box below.



<b>Child's name:</b>	<b>Class:</b>	<b>Teacher:</b>
<b>Names of adults authorised to collect my child from school</b> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.		
<b>Name of parent:</b>	<b>Signed:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

**If you have a child/children in Y5 or Y6, please complete the box below to confirm if they have parental permission to walk home unaccompanied on a regular daily basis.**

<b>Name of child:</b>	<b>Class:</b>	<b>Teacher:</b>
I/we confirm that my child has parental permission to walk home from school on a regular daily basis  <b>YES                  NO</b>		
<b>Name of parent:</b>	<b>Signed:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

