

# The Bluecoat School and Nursery Unit

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## Summer Term Newsletter 2015



Dear Parents

I would like to thank all parents sincerely for your support at our fantastic Sports Day last week! The weather was kind and it was great to have so many parents and visitors supporting the event and cheering the children on during the various races. We are really proud of the children's teamwork and individual efforts in achieving their personal best in whichever races or field events they chose to participate. Please do visit the gallery section of our website to enjoy the wonderful photos of the afternoon.

### School Meals – September 2015

I am pleased to advise you that we have made arrangements for our meals to be provided by a new company from September. We are very impressed with their menu and the meal provision that they will be able to offer us next term and we hope this will lead to many more children having hot school meals from September. **We have made arrangements for a 'taster day' for children and parents on Tuesday July 14th. Please put the date in your diaries and I will send full details of this opportunity early next week.**

### Free Meals for Reception and KS1 children

I would also like to remind you that all children in Reception and Y1 and Y2 are eligible for a completely free school meal every day funded by the Government.

This initiative for all children nationally in these classes is not related to free school meals eligibility due to financial circumstances.



**The government estimate that this will save families approximately £400 per child per year as you will not have to pay for a school meal or provide a packed lunch. This is a significant amount of money and we highly recommend that you do take advantage of the free meals for your child/children.**



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## Our teachers for September 2015

I am pleased to be able to advise you of our teaching structure for September 2015. There are some changes to our teaching team. We have already said goodbye to Mrs Bloor and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work, commitment and dedication to our school and children during her time with us and to wish her lots of luck in the future. Mrs Helen Pearman will be remaining with us on a part-time basis with a specific role teaching French and aspects of the English curriculum to children in KS2.

We have appointed one new teacher who will be joining us next term and our teaching structure for September will be as follows:



**Nursery and Reception: Mrs Helen Magan and Mrs Paula Kingman**

**Year 1/2 – Mrs Michelle Giddings and Mr Alex Brockbank**

**Year 3 - Miss Jodie Stanworth**

**Year 4 - Miss Stephanie Kinchin**

**Year 5 - Mrs Alison Walker**

**Year 6 - Mrs Rosie Carter**

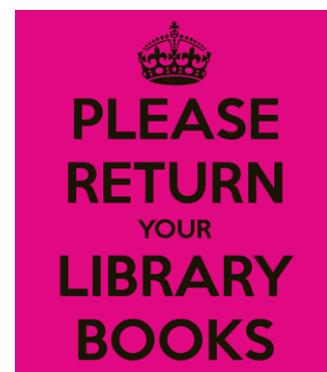
As our school continues on its positive improvement journey, I am delighted to advise you that Mr Bloor will continue to support me as Deputy Headteacher next year in a full time leadership role. Mr Bloor will be working with children and teachers in all KS2 classes throughout the year to further improve pupil achievement and success and will be working on additional leadership projects.

Our new Y3 teacher, Miss Stanworth will be spending time in school with us later this term and you will have the opportunity to meet her in in due course. We have shared this news with the children today.



## Library Books

There are a significant number of library books that have not yet been returned to us. We have issued those families who need to return books to us with a reminder letter this week. Please return all books to school by Monday so that our librarian, Mrs Thomas can get them checked back in and have the library all ready for September when the children return. Thank you.



## Sun Safety – Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide

As we continue to enjoy this period of hot summer weather, we have reminded the children in assembly about sun safety. We will continue to limit the length of time children will be outside during very hot conditions throughout the remainder of this term however, we would welcome your support with helping your child/children to protect themselves in the sun.

The children should:

1. **Slip on a shirt**
2. **Slop on a sunscreen**
3. **Slap on a hat**
4. **Seek some shade**
5. **Slide on some sunglasses**



Please provide your child/children with the basic protection they need so that they avoid sunburn, including applying sunscreen before they come to school as staff are not able to do so. All children have Bluecoat school sun caps available to wear outside in hot and sunny conditions.

## After School Clubs

As this term comes to a close, I would like to advise you that **all after school clubs will finish next week** due to other events we have planned for the children including our KS2 residential trip, our BBQ and summer fair and our end of term Fun Day.

I am delighted that we have been able to provide such an extensive and varied range of after school opportunities for our children this year, most of which have not involved parents with any charge or costs. The children have told me how much they value their after school clubs and we will be doing our best to provide similar opportunities from September. I would like to record my sincere thanks to every member of staff who has provided any form of after school opportunity for the children this year.



## Premier Performing Arts Provision

As you are aware, our children have been enjoying dance tuition each week with Stuart Hancock from Premier Performing Arts. The children will have their last dance lessons of this term next Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Stuart would like to invite any parents who are able to, to come into school at 2.30 pm that day to enjoy various dance performances by children from Y3 to Y6. This is an informal invitation and you are very welcome to join us if you can. Please arrive at the main entrance to the school shortly before 2.30pm on that day.

Stuart has also been leading our school choir this term and similarly, he would like to invite parents to listen to a performance by the choir of a couple of songs they been learning with him. Please arrive a little earlier to collect your children at 3.45pm on the main playground next Tuesday if you would like to enjoy the children's singing before the last choir session of this year ends at 4pm.



## **Remember to visit the website!**

Finally, I would like to thank you all sincerely for your on-going parental support for our school. We have enjoyed a successful and exciting year with our new curriculum and motivating learning experiences for all children throughout our school. Please remember to visit the school website regularly with your children at [www.bluecoatprimaryschool.com](http://www.bluecoatprimaryschool.com) for full details of all forthcoming events between now and the end of term and some fantastic galleries of photographs of your children's achievements and creative curriculum opportunities.

Kind regards

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