



The Bluecoat School and Nursery Unit

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Summer Term Newsletter 2016

Dear Parents



I would like to thank all parents sincerely for your support at our fantastic BBQ and disco last Thursday. The weather was lovely and it was great to have so many children, parents and visitors at the event. It was a very successful evening due to your support and we really appreciate it.

Free School Meals for Reception and KS1 children

I would 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. If you would like any advice about applying for free meals for your child from September, please do not hesitate to call in and see us before the end of term.

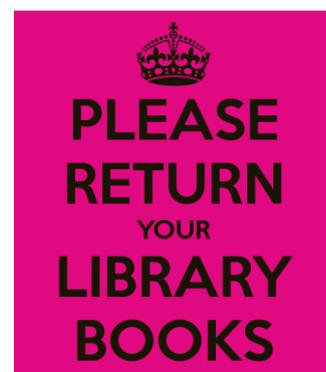
Annual Reports- Evaluation Forms

I hope that you enjoyed your child's annual report this year. If you have not yet returned your evaluation form, please could you do so as soon as possible as it is very important that we have the confirmation that you did receive the report and we also welcome any feedback you and your child/children are able to provide us. A further copy of the evaluation form is attached for your convenience.



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 recently. 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

We are anticipating a period of hot summer weather in the remaining days of this term and I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about sun safety. We will take steps to ensure your child's well-being in hot weather at school during the next few days 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.

Staff Changes

This year we will be saying goodbye to some colleagues who will be leaving us at the end of term. I would like to record my sincere thanks and best wishes to Mrs Jill Powell and Mrs Jo Scullion two of our long standing teaching assistants, Mrs Donna Martin, our administrator of many years and Ms Kirsty Boon and Ms Laura Priestly from the Foundation Stage. We wish them all well for the future.



Learning outcomes and school books

Finally, we will be sending home some of your child's learning outcomes and school books this year and we would be grateful if all children could bring in a carrier bag from home by Wednesday for this purpose.

Kind regards

Carol Hines
Headteacher

