



Bolton-le-Sands C of E Primary School

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# January 2022 Newsletter

Please find below our latest news of events and things going on in school. If you can't find the answers you are looking for, please don't hesitate to get in touch through the School Office!



## Collective Worship

We begin the New Year studying our next Christian value of FORGIVENESS. During this half term we will look at how damaged relationships can be restored through acts of good will, motivated by love.



## Coronavirus Update

Please continue to support us with the measures we currently have in place. As policies change, we will keep you informed. For now, here is a quick summary:

- **Positive LFD test result – self-isolate for 10 days. Day zero is the day symptoms started or test date.**
- **Early release from self-isolation if you have 2 negative LFD results on days 6 and 7.**
- **Close contacts to carry out LFD tests daily for 7 days.**
- **Face coverings to be worn on the school premises.**
- **Continue to social distance.**

## Uniform and Jewellery



This is a polite reminder that our uniform includes suitable, black, footwear (not trainers).

Also, at BLS, we allow pupils to wear earrings so long as the following rules are followed:

**Earrings are small stud earrings only and they are removed before PE sessions** (they cannot be covered and must be removed independently)

Please support us in following our guidance so that we can continue to allow earrings to be worn.

## Staff Absence

We continue to be affected by significant staff absences in school. We continue to work extremely hard to ensure that we function as normal; however, please be understanding that at times, our communication, efficiency and ability to perform to our usual high standards will be limited.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our after school clubs begin from Monday 10 January. We are currently collating the club registers and parents will be notified by text on Friday 7 January of which club their child has been allocated. Please check your messages.

## FOBLES

Our amazing FOBLES team have planned a selection of fundraising events for the spring term with the aim to continue to raise funds for the improvements of the EYFS outdoor area and the school reading scheme. Please continue to support our FOBLES as much as you can. How you can help:

- **Buy a 100 club number (new numbers for 2022 now available): first £25 draw at the end of the half term.**
- **Donate £1 for our non-uniform days (this can now be done via ParentPay) – see the dates for your diary.**
- **Bake some cakes for your child's Class Cake Sale – see the dates for your diary.**
- **Support the Outdoor Easter Disco – see the dates for your diary.**
- **Allow your child to use the Key Stage 2 Tuck Shop for break time snacks.**
- **Help out at events (Cake Sales, Disco) by giving up some of your time.**
- **Attend the next FOBLES meeting on Tuesday 8 March at 7pm at The Lodge (venue TBC).**

For further information or to express your interest in supporting our FOBLES, please email:

[FOBLES@bolton-le-sands.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:FOBLES@bolton-le-sands.lancs.sch.uk)

## Welcome

We welcome Mrs Alison Barker to the school family who has begun as our Office Manager, taking over from Mrs Mitchell. As with any new job, it takes time to settle and learn new routines so please bear with us over this term!

## Mrs Sissons

Unfortunately, Mrs Sissons has been unable to return to work as planned, due to her ongoing treatment. Our thoughts and prayers are with her as she continues to recover. Miss Denby will continue to work with Class 5.

## The Little Princess Trust



Congratulations and well done to Carey and her mum for braving the shave and removing all their hair in support of the Little Princess Trust. So far, they have raised £1,600, smashing their goal of £700. Thank you for your support.

Join the PTA!



## Absence and Holidays

Over the autumn term, we have experienced a number of pupils regularly arriving late to school. This lateness, even if by a few minutes, significantly disrupts the school routine for your child. Please ensure that you provide enough time to get to school each morning so that your child can be in their classroom by 9am. Thank you.

'Application for Leave of Absence' forms are available on our website. These must be completed in thorough detail to explain the exceptional circumstances. There is no automatic entitlement to holiday leave; therefore, parents must seek school's permission before taking their child out of school. **Family holidays will not be authorised.**

### Tremendous



To help support a local community effort of planting 310 trees in Bolton-le-Sands (one for every pupil), we have pledged to plant 40 within our school grounds and fundraise to help support the cost of the trees. Further information about our poetry and art competition all linked to 'trees' will be released. In the meantime, please feel free to start planning ideas with your child! We are also calling for helpers to dig the holes! Please let the School Office know if you are prepared to give up some time to help. Thank you.



### Dates for your Diary

Tue 11 Jan:	Classes 6, 7 and 8 resume swimming Lancashire Cup Football Tournament
Thu 13 Jan:	Class 3 begin their swimming sessions
Mon 17 Jan:	Life Education Bus visit Classes 9, 10 and 11 STEM workshop week
Fri 21 Jan:	Non-uniform Day (£1) and Class 9 Cake Sale
Sun 23 Jan:	Class of 2020 and 2021 reunion (TBC)
Mon 24 Jan:	4pm Governors' Meeting (SFVS)
Tue 25 Jan:	Gymnastics Tournament (TBC)
Fri 4 Feb:	Non-uniform Day (£1) and Class 8 Cake Sale
Mon 7 Feb:	4pm Governors' Virtual Meeting (Curriculum Committee)
Wed 9 Feb:	Young Voices (postponed)
Fri 11 Feb:	100 Club £25 draw School closes for the half term break
Mon 21 Feb:	School reopens 4pm Governors' Virtual Meeting (Resources Committee)
Fri 25 Feb:	Non-uniform Day (£1) and Class 7 Cake Sale
Tue 1 Mar:	Shrove Tuesday
Wed 2 Mar:	Ash Wednesday
Tue 8 Mar:	7pm FOBLES meeting at The Lodge (TBC)
Mon 14 Mar:	Parents' Evening Week
Fri 18 Mar:	Non-uniform Day (chocolate donation) and Class 6 Cake Sale
Mon 21 Mar:	4:30pm Full Governors' Meeting
Thu 24 Mar:	FOBLES Outdoor Easter Disco (further details to follow)
Fri 1 Apr:	100 Club £100 draw School closes for the Easter break
Fri 15 Apr:	Good Friday
Sun 17 Apr:	Easter Sunday
Mon 18 Apr:	Easter Monday
Tue 19 Apr:	School reopens



### Term Dates

Please note that the Term Dates for 2022 – 2023 have been confirmed by the Governing Body and LCC. As such, they are now displayed on our school website under the 'parents' tab.

### Swimming

Lower Key Stage 2 (Classes 6, 7, 8) swimming will recommence on Tuesday 11 January.

Class 3 begin their swimming on Thursday 13 January. Please ensure that you have provided your voluntary contribution via ParentPay and returned the consent form.

### Social Distancing

We request that parents are considerate to others and ensure that the narrow paths to and from school are not blocked. This will allow a steady stream of people to access school. We have requested that the Packet Lane path is one-way up to school in the morning and down to the road in the evening.

### Parking

We understand that parking around school is extremely limited.

Therefore, we strongly recommend that those who have to drive park at a distance and walk into school. Safety for children and residents of the village is paramount.

### Holy Trinity

Our first Second Sunday Service of 2022 will be held on Sunday 9 January. The theme is "Water" and the informal service will be held at Holy Trinity at 9:15am. Young families especially welcome!

Kind regards  
Mr Daniel Hargreaves  
(Headteacher)