



Bolton-le-Sands C of E Primary School

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May 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

Our Christian value this half term is **FAITH**. We will explore how faith is an attitude of being able to trust in someone in a way that mirrors the commitment that God has for his people. This will also be reflected in our developing understanding of the Easter story as well as the parables that Jesus told.

COVID UPDATE

The latest guidance on COVID-19 is as follows:

Children, aged 18 and under, with a positive COVID-19 test result should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days following a positive test on day 0. After 3 days, children can return to school if they do not have a temperature and are well enough to do so.

As COVID restrictions have been lifted, we have taken this opportunity to revert back to our pre-COVID lunchtime routine where all pupils eat their lunch in the hall. To do this safely, the hall is timetabled into sittings and children are brought into the hall to eat, with their phase, at an allocated time. Their 'eating' time is 20 minutes, allowing 40 minutes of active outdoor play. However, we are aware that some children take a little longer to eat (or the queue for a school lunch can be a little long); therefore, children are permitted to stay in the hall until they have finished their lunch. After communication with some parents, it appears that some children have come home with lunch not eaten. Please remind your child that they don't have to rush out to play, they can finish eating first. We will continue to promote this and monitor our routine closely.



Sports Day

We are hoping to see the return of our BLS Sports Day this year. We have booked 25 May for this event. Our FOBLES are organising refreshments, tombola and a family picnic for the day too. The infant Sports Day will run in the morning and juniors in the afternoon. We invite all families to join us as we have a family picnic 12noon – 1pm. Please bring blankets, chairs and a picnic as well as some money to purchase refreshments or try-out the tombola. On Sports Day, children are permitted to wear their sports kit along with a house-coloured t-shirt. Honour: purple; Courage: orange; Trust: blue and Respect: green. (Earrings not to be worn on this day.)

Bikeability

We booked Year 5 Bikeability sessions for the week commencing 3 May. For this, your child will need a working bike of the correct size and a suitable helmet.

Lost Property

Due to more sunshine, children remove coats/jumpers etc at break times. These often get left and end up in lost property. To help us reduce lost items, please ensure **everything** is **named**.



Baby Kelly

It is of great pleasure to be able to announce the safe arrival of baby Robyn Mary Kelly. Both baby and Mum are doing well.

Year 6 SATs

The Year 6 SATs take place from Monday 9 May until Thursday 12 May. Breakfast will be available in school from 8.20am for all Year 6 pupils.

Join the PTA!



FOBLES

At the FOBLES meeting this week, we had a total of 5 parents attending. Although the meeting was fantastic and lots was discussed and agreed, we do need more parents to attend. In attending, not only do you provide useful ideas but you can also share the thoughts and views of fellow parents helping us to organise even more successful events tailored to what the majority of our families want. We are also seeking some parents who can create a 'class group' who can help spread the word, give reminders and encourage others to get involved. If you are able to help out, please get in touch via email at FOBLES@bolton-le-sands.lancs.sch.uk or catch one of the FOBLES team. Our FOBLES team work hard to raise valuable funds for our school. This year, they have paid for our text messaging service, Mathletics subscription, contributed to Life Education and our laptop lease. They have also committed monies towards our Early Years outdoor area improvements and our improvements to the Key Stage 2 reading scheme.

Our next FOBLES meetings:

Family Fun Night Meeting: 7pm 11 May

General Meeting: 7pm 6 July



Attendance Notice

Our Governing Body have approved and adopted the new Lancashire Attendance Policy, which can be found on our school website. We continue to experience 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 and others in their class. 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, prior to the absence, 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.



Dates for your Diary

Mon 2 May:	MAY BANK HOLIDAY
Tue 3 May:	Year 5 Bikeability Begins
Wed 4 May:	5:30pm Y5 Coniston Residential Parents' Meeting
Thu 5 May:	Year 3 Paddle & Bush Craft Outdoor Day EYFS Heights and Weights Measure Sunshine Class Swimming Session 2
Fri 6 May:	Year 3 Paddle & Bush Craft Outdoor Day
Mon 9 May:	Year 6 SATs week begins 4pm Governors' Meeting (Curriculum Committee)
Tue 10 May:	Dental Survey for EYFS
Wed 11 May:	7pm FOBLES Family Fun Night Meeting
Thu 12 May:	Sunshine Class Swimming Session 3 Summer Disco & EYFS & KS1 Non-uniform Day (£1)
Fri 13 May:	KS2 Non-uniform Day (£1) and Class 4 & 9 cake sale
Mon 16 May:	4pm Governors' Meeting (Resources Committee)
Tue 17 May:	Victorian Themed Day Classes 9,10,11
Wed 18 May:	Year 1 Trip to Greenland's Farm
Thu 19 May:	Sunshine Class Swimming Session 4
Fri 20 May:	Year 2 Trip to Greenland's Farm
Mon 23 May:	LKS2 Trip to the Shore
Tue 24 May:	EYFS Vision Screening Year 5 & 6 Day out to Morecambe
Wed 25 May:	Sports Day
Thu 26 May:	Young Voices Concert Sunshine Class Swimming Final Session
Fri 27 May:	100 Club £25 draw School closes for the half term break
Mon 6 Jun:	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday (in lieu)
Tue 7 Jun:	INSET Day
Wed 8 Jun:	School reopens for the summer term Year 5 Residential to Coniston
Wed 15 Jun:	New Starter Induction Evening 6pm
Thu 16 Jun:	Swimming Gala at SALC Ripley St Thomas Information Evening 7pm
Fri 17 Jun:	Non-uniform Day (£1) and Class 3 & 8 cake sale
Mon 20 Jun:	Year 6 Residential to the Isle of Man
Mon 27 Jun:	High School Transition Week Stay and Play for New reception pupils
Tue 28 Jun:	Stay and Play for New reception pupils
Wed 29 Jun:	Ripley St Thomas Transition Day
Fri 22 Jul:	School closes for the summer holidays



Summer Disco

Our previously postponed disco has been reorganised for Thursday 12 May. Infants 3:15 – 4:15pm, juniors 4:30-5:30pm. Infants will have their non-uniform day on the Thursday, juniors will have their non-uniform day as planned on Friday 13 May, along with Class 4/9 cake sale.

Summer Uniform and Jewellery

Our summer uniform includes blue chequered summer dresses or grey shorts, if your children would like to wear them. We advise that open-toed sandals are not practical for school use. Please make sure all clothing is named. Also, at BLS, we allow pupils to wear earrings so long as the following two rules are followed:

- 1) **Earrings are small stud earrings only**
- 2) **They are removed before PE sessions**

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

Our Brilliant Bay Project

Please find more details of our exciting whole school topic on your child's Curriculum Newsletter released recently. We hope that this summer we can bring all our learning together to create a 'show' for parents. Once details have been confirmed, we will let you know!



Queen's Platinum Jubilee

There is an extra bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This is on Monday 6 June as it has been added to the June half term break. Tuesday 7 June is an INSET day, so school will reopen on Wednesday 8 June.

Kind regards
Mr Daniel Hargreaves
(Headteacher)