



Bishop William Ward C of E Primary School Newsletter

Happy, respectful, life-long learners

9th
September
2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope that you enjoyed the summer break and had some fun in the sunshine. A special 'hello!' to our new Foundation class, who all look very smart in their new school uniforms and have started to find their way around the school.

The children have come back enthusiastically and are all working hard, focussing on the books of Roald Dahl in English. I look forward to Tuesday, when the children are invited to dress up in support of the Roald Dahl Marvellous Children's Charity. In exchange for a £1 donation, they can come dressed as a character from the Roald Dahl books. If you are struggling for ideas, come and talk to us – there are lots of simple ideas that can be created with things you might have at home.



Diary Dates

September

- 13th Roald Dahl dress up day
- 13th St Helena staff to visit Year 5&6 pupils and parents, 9am
- 15th Kingswood meeting for Y6 parents, straight after school
- 19th Fire safety talk for Y3, 2pm
- 21st Friends of BWW AGM, 8pm
- 22nd Individual school photographs
- 26th-30th Year 6 Kingswood residential trip
- 28th Gilbert Open Evening, 7-9pm
- 29th St Helena Open evening, 6-8pm

October

- 11th Fun for Families
- 13th Harvest festival, KS1 at 9.15am, KS2 at 9.45am
- 21st Last day of half term
- 31st Non-pupil day

November

- 1st Back to school
- 2nd Parent/Teacher meetings 3.30pm-6pm
- 3rd Parent/Teacher meetings 5.30pm-8pm
- 15th Fun for Families

December

- 3rd Christmas Fair, 11am-3pm
- 8th Whole school pantomime trip
- 13th Key Stage 1 nativity 2pm, 6pm
- 14th Key Stage 1 nativity 2pm
- 15th School Christmas Dinner
- 19th Key Stage 2 Carol Service, 6.30pm
- 21st Last day of term

Make sure your children have their uniform looking smart, they've brushed their hair and got sparkly clean faces on **22nd September**. That is when the individual school photos are being taken this year!

YEAR 6 PARENTS

This is an extremely important term, as it is the time for you to apply for secondary school places for next year.

You should receive a letter from the local authority giving you instructions on what to do. It is vital that you get the forms completed within the time frame given, or you risk your child being put into a school that is not easy to access or may not be one of your preferences.

There are dates for open evenings in the list to the left and an email came out earlier this week with details about school tours. Please let me know if you need any further information.

A message from the team at 'Kids Rule'. The club is only for children at our school, but is run independently. If you are interested, please use the information below to contact the club organiser.

Who Rules? Kids Rule!!

Kids Rule was back with a SPLASH this week, with our water slide entertaining the kids in the September sunshine! Long may it continue... We have already also enjoyed some 'junk modelling', using household recycling to make shakers and even a ukelele. So why not treat your child to two hours of sports, crafts, dressing up, cycling, dodgeball, group chats and challenges, all with a healthy snack and a treat - and give yourself a little break too! Spaces available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3.10-5pm in the school hall, price £5 per session, paid half-termly. For details, please contact Queenie on 07428 771636.



KINGSWOOD MEETING

There is a meeting after school for Year 6 parents about the Kingswood trip. This will be an opportunity to ask any last minute questions and find out what activities the children will be doing. The meeting is for parents, but children may attend.

Year 5/6 Parents

Staff from St Helena will be coming in to talk to parents and children about the school. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions. The meeting takes place on **13th September at 9am** in the school hall.

Children in the Gold Book this week:

- Year 1: Thomas
- Year 2: Toby
- Year 3: Tia
- Year 4: Harry B
- Year 5: Evie
- Year 6: Harry



'FOODIE' AWARD – SUMMER 2016

Congratulations to **Harry T**, who was given our first 'Foodie' prize at the end of last term. He was spotted by Mr Rothery for always eating his dinner and having excellent manners. He won a cookery book!



BREAKFAST CLUB

Our breakfast club is up and running and there are spaces available. The club runs from 7.45am until the start of school. Children have breakfast and then get involved in games and craft activities. Sessions cost £4.25 and are currently available for any day of the week. If you are interested, call Cathy Joyner on **07944648731** or email contact@fun4kidscolchester.co.uk



In Science, **Year 5** have been dissecting plants to find out how they work – fascinating and awe-inspiring stuff!



We have had a change of staff at lunchtime, with Mrs Cozens stepping down and Miss Murray taking over as Senior Midday Assistant. We have a fantastic team looking after the children at lunchtimes and I know that Miss Murray is enjoying her new role.

Finally, if your child started in Year 7 this week, let them know that we have been thinking of them and wish them all the best.

Mr Bull