



Bishop William Ward C of E Primary School Newsletter

Happy, respectful, lifelong learners

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Dear Parents/Carers

The newsletters have been so packed full of photos and uniform news recently that I have only this week found space to include the results of the parent survey carried out before the Easter break. Here's what you said:

Teaching and Learning	% Strongly Agree or Agree
My child is making good progress	99
Teaching is good at our school	99
My child knows what it means to be a good learner	98
My child knows where to get help if they are stuck	100
Behaviour and Safety	
My child is kept safe at school	98
Our school has high expectations of children's behaviour	98
Most children behave well at our school	96
Our school ethos is nurturing, supportive and fair	98
Communication	
The newsletter is useful, informative and interesting	97
I like receiving information via email	99
I receive valuable information about my child's learning	95
Class Dojo has improved communication about children's learning	98
Leadership/Management	
Our school is well led and managed	100
Leaders at our school are always looking for ways to improve	99
The Governing Body are effective	95
Our school responds to concerns raised by parents	99
School Dinners	
My child enjoys school dinners	91
The menus offer a variety of healthy food	95
School dinners are good value for money	100
I enjoy coming in to have lunch with my child	99
General	
My child enjoys coming to school	96
The school is well-resourced (IT, PE, Music, premises, grounds etc.)	97
Staff are friendly and approachable	98
I would recommend our school to another parent	99

The percentages are based on whether people agreed or disagreed – we have taken out the 'don't know' answers. The comments you leave are really useful and often very encouraging – here are a few:

He seems to understand about learning, not just what he has learnt.

There should be a more balanced education between academic and PE learning.

Loves her teachers and comes home excited about the topics she is learning about.

I'm confident my child is safe here and children are well behaved.

Dojo is a great tool. It's lovely to see what they are up to.

Excellent leadership. Child focussed.

The school meals are healthy and my child enjoys them all the time.

Need more iPads.

Exceptionally happy with my child's education. She is happy and confident and feels valued.

Calendar Corner

May

- 14th - 17th Year 6 SATs week
- 15th Fun for Families
- 18th BWW Talent Show
- 18th Royal Wedding Street Party Picnic**
- 25th Last day of term

June

- 4th Non-pupil day
- 5th Back to school
- 5th - 8th Multi-cultural Arts Week
- 7th Year 1 trip to Walton-on-the-Naze
- 11th Y2 and Y3 trip to Colchester Castle
- 11th 'Blue Bag' second-hand clothing collection
- 13th Sports Day, 1.15pm

July

- 4th Sumer Music Concert, 3.15pm
- 5th Transition Day

ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

On Friday 18th May, we will be celebrating the upcoming royal wedding with a special picnic lunch on the playground. The children will all eat together in a street party style environment. To help the festivities along, we are asking everyone to come into school dressed in red, white and blue. No money required – just for fun!

Children in the Gold Book this week:

Foundation: Zayn

Year 1: Brooke

Year 2: Seth

Year 3: Lily-Faith

Year 4: Everyone!

Year 5: Harry B

Year 6: Stacey

Headteacher's nomination: Zach



Meet the Governors – Melissa Kelly. *I am proud to say that I have been lucky enough to be a Church Governor at BWW since April 2016. I have had two children attend BWW, our middle child is currently in year 6. I also have a one year old who I hope will attend in due course. I am not embarrassed to say that I am a huge fan of the teaching and support staff at the school. In my view they do an amazing job, often going above and beyond to help pupils and parents/carers. Their passion for their job inspires me as a Governor and as a parent. As a solicitor (of too many years call than I care to mention), I have a few transferable skills that have been put to use in various ways on behalf of the school. In recent months my focus has been in supporting Mr Bull, Mrs Chester and Mrs Cleverdon (aka The Office Angels) on the implementation of the General Data Protection Regulations ('GDPR'). This is a new piece of legislation which impacts many sectors, including the education sector and for which the government have yet to provide any additional funding. Much like the millennium bug, the true ramifications for GDPR are currently unknown. However as with so many things the key to success is in robust preparation. So alongside Mr Bull and the Office Angels, I will continue to do my homework!*

JOB VACANCY

We are looking to appoint some 'relief' MDAs. This would mean you might be called upon to cover, when one of our team are absent for training or sickness. It would mean coming in for about 1½ hours to help in the lunch hall and supervise the children at play. The rate of pay is £8.55 per hour. Please come and speak to either Mrs Chester or me if you are interested.

DINNER FORMS

Please make sure that dinner forms are returned by Thursday – it helps the kitchen staff budget and avoids wasting food. Thank you!



We were really proud of Y4 last week at Mersea – excellent behaviour, challenging themselves and having lots of fun!

All the best to **Year 6** for their SATs next week – make sure you get plenty of sleep over the weekend!

Mr Bull