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BJS Bulletin



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HEADLINES

I want to start this week by wishing all our families, staff, Governors and volunteers a very happy and blessed Easter break.

The Gregorian calendar seems to be going so fast this year with 3 months of the year almost gone already and likewise the liturgical calendar is zooming on also. As a church school obviously we consider this and focus some of our thoughts and assembly times on the events of the Christian calendar. Having only just celebrated the birth of Jesus, we are now gearing up to consider and reflect on the reasons and stories behind his death at Easter.

Class teachers and the SEND team have been so grateful for the opportunities this past week to meet individually with the parents of our children who have Special Educational Needs or Disabilities and to discuss and talk through their progress and targets. Our thanks to all those who have demonstrated their genuine partnership with us in this way.

By the time you read this, families of children in years 3, 4 and 5 will have received an update letter from our Chair of Governors regarding plans from September (copy below). I am thrilled that Mrs Norton has accepted the position of interim Head and that Mrs Webb has accepted to become interim Deputy. They will make an excellent team together and I have complete and full confidence not only in them in their new roles but also in the entire Governing Body who, with the support of the Diocese, will then have the breathing space to get the right person in place for the school's next chapter. I am proud that I will leave the school in such a strong position as to facilitate this transition in a seamless and very effective manner.

A. J. Edwards



Dear Parents,

Further to my communication of two weeks ago concerning Mr Edwards' leaving BJS at the end of this academic year, and in line with my commitment to keeping you up to date as events unfold, I write today with the following updates.

Firstly, it gives me great pleasure to tell you that Mrs Alex Norton has accepted the job of Interim Headteacher and Mrs Kate Webb the job of Interim Deputy Headteacher with effect from September 1, 2015. They, and the strong team they have around them, will ensure that BJS continues to consolidate the improvements made during Mr Edwards' headship and continue to move forwards while we find a new Headteacher.

From the above information, you will deduce that the governors are not going to try to find a permanent replacement for Mr Edwards from September. The reason for this has both strategic and practical elements. Strategically, the appointment of a Headteacher is one of the most important activities a governing body must undertake. We must not rush into it but rather take the time to find the right person for this school, consulting widely within the school community as we do so. To this end, we have asked the Diocesan Board of Education to help us and we will be adopting their tried-and-tested process after Easter. Practically, serving Headteachers must give a whole term's notice to their existing employer, which means that to start at BJS in September a serving Head must resign by the end of March. We do not want to exclude serving Heads from our search so would rather wait to find the right person, hopefully to start in January, 2016.

The appointments of Mrs Norton and Mrs Webb will have practical implications in terms of timetable and areas of responsibility both for them personally and probably for other members of staff as well and these will take a little while to work out. Please bear with us but rest assured that further communications will be made as and when decisions are made.

Wishing you a happy and blessed Easter.

Best wishes

David Simmonds

Chair of Governors, Bilton C of E Junior School

Wow what a week of sport!

Our gifted and talented year 5s and 6s got a chance to participate in a range of sports over at Harris on Friday. The Yoga and Rowing were particular highlights.

On Saturday Zoe, Megan and James competed in the Warwickshire finals for cross country. A prestigious event and not only did they do a fantastic job representing our school but also Eastern Warwickshire. A special mention must go to Zoe who came an amazing 2nd!

The year 5 football team played a very close match on Tuesday after school. Unfortunately we conceded one goal but are looking forward to our challenge of another match in a few weeks. All the boys played exceptionally well and have done the school proud.



Lunch Time Awards—Top Table

Every week Mrs. Reeves-Brown awards children for demonstrating our Christian values during lunch time, the nominated children get an invitation to join the top table on the Friday of that week. This week the lunch time top table awards go to:

Service - Jack W (4SV), Sam D (4SV) and Daniel T (4SV)

Responsibility - Thomas E (4SV), Oliver S (3MB), Kai S-R (3MB) and Charles W (3MB)

Respect - Josh B (4SV), Thomas M (4SV) and Thomas C (4SV)

Generosity - Angelina G (4ZP) and Scarlett-Rose P (4ZP)



Inspire



Challenge



Achieve





The Excellence awards are presented to the children during Thursdays assembly.

This week there is no Thursday assembly because of the Easter Church Services.

Mobile Communication

We are hearing a lot of comments recently from both children and parents about late night use of the various mobile communication devices available to children. This week alone we have been advised of 'selfies' and text messages being sent between children who attend BJS after 10 o'clock at night, presumably when the children are in bed and parents believe they are asleep.

Can we please remind parents and carers, not only about the importance of children getting a good night's sleep, but also about the vital role you play in supporting children with e safety by monitoring when, where and how devices are being used.

Punctuality

Well done to **Chestnut** for winning the Time Keeper's award again this week with 7 late marks across the house! Oak and Sycamore were very close behind with 8 each, which, considering we had the eclipse last Friday which led to some children arriving after they shared the experience with family, is quite impressive!

This term **3AT** have had the best time keeping, having had 6 weeks with no late arrivals, so they get the end of term reward which Mrs Thompson will distribute! Thank you to 4KW for their continued efforts...you were just one week behind 3AT with 5 weeks of no late arrivals!

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school, on time, after Easter!

Diary Dates

**Monday 13th April—
School opens**

**Friday 1st May—
Teacher training day
(school closed)**

**Monday 4th May - May
Bank Holiday (school
closed)**

**25th May to 29th May—
Half Term**

**Thursday 16th July—
School closes**



Leave of Absence Requests

Please note the head teacher will only consider authorising exceptional leave of absence when the request has been put in writing as per the schools policy. If the head teacher requires more information he will contact you but we do not have the time to hold individual meetings to discuss exceptional leave of absence, nor should teaching staff be involved in such discussions. Thank you for your co-operation.

Easter Special

Monday March 30th - Thursday April 2nd 2015



For Boys & Girls 7-11 (Yrs 3-6)

Hot Lunch @1pm followed by activities until 3:30pm
Registration required

Rugby Evangelical Free Church, Railway Terrace, CV21 3EX
www.railwayterracechurch.org.uk/easterspecial

PTA News

What a great disco on Friday, thank you to all the staff and parents who helped out, and not forgetting all the children that made it fun! We raised a total profit of £571.31

Easter Egg Competition— we had some amazing entries and raised a total of £70. The winning entries received an Easter egg and are listed below:

3AT Aiden R.	5FM Christian V.
3ED Gracie D.	6KC No entries
3MB Joe M.	6AL Jamilla Y
4KW Archie P.	6BG Poppie KC
4ZP Jessica N.	Adult - Claire Bradley
4SV Tilly S.	
5AB Jake H.	
5SS Ryan S.	



We are hoping to support the school in flooring for the trim trail, which I'm sure many of you will welcome due to the amount of washing you have to do! We will keep you updated on this as we have people coming to quote for various options!

We are currently asking the school to provide a wish list of things the PTA can help fund over the next financial year.

Bike left in bike shelter

Please can the owner of the white Apollo Tropic girls bike be collected from school, as it's been left in the bike shelter for a couple of weeks. Thank you

Donation of emulsion paint

Please can we ask for donations of any left over tins of emulsion paint (any colour). We are hoping to create a Mural in the unit area, we will need them on the Monday that we return to school after Easter. Thank you



Healthy Snack

Can we please remind parents/ carers to send your children with a healthy snack for their morning break. Please do not send in chocolate bars, crisps and sweets. We operate a healthy snack bar at school where children can purchase snacks at morning break.

Thank you



School Meal

The price of a school meal for Junior School pupils will be increased to **£2.10** per day this Summer Term.

School opens on Monday 13 April and the cost of meals is estimated as follows:

5 day week £10.50

1/2 term payment (29 days) £60.90

**Year 5 deduct days for PGL if applicable (15/4-17/4)

Envelopes and letters were given to pupils this week, please pick up a copy from the office if you haven't received any. Please remember 48 hours written/emailed notice is needed to change from dinners to sandwiches.



Family Fun Day

Sunday 26th April, 11am to 3pm at Warwickshire College Sports Hall, Rugby. This event is in aid of Help the Heroes.

Visit their website for more detail
<http://aprilextravaganza.weebly.com/>

