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HEADLINES

Dear Parents and Carers,

I get such a sense of pride for being associated with this school. The children and staff never cease to amaze me. I have been walking around lately and so many children stop and open doors for me and each other. They are pleasant and kind to one another and when there is an incident they are usually really sorry and anxious to move on.

I have been trying to find out about all aspects of school life from the point of view of the children. This week the spotlight has been on Assemblies/Worship. The children really enjoy that we have a half termly 'Value' that we are focusing on. They like the variety that we currently offer in terms of me and other staff leading and they also enjoy visitors coming to school to tell stories. They like lighting a candle at the beginning, giving something for them to focus on and they also like that we have 'reflection' time. In the business of life it is good to have some time in the day that is quiet.

They absolutely love Mrs Webb's commendation assembly and enjoy Wild Worship on Friday's with Simon and Johnny from Rugby Youth for Christ. They like being involved generally with the planning and organisation of it. We have a request out there at the moment for them to choose the songs they would like to sing.

Next week we are having a special friendship week on the back of our successful Anti Bullying Week. Please ask your children what they are focusing on. I believe there is a very special assembly on Monday to kick it all off!

Inspire

Challenge

Achieve

Primary School Consultation

There will be another opportunity to discuss the Primary School consultation on Tuesday 2nd February 2016, at 6.30pm.

There will be governors there to help answer any questions you may have.

Please book your appointment to see your child's class teacher

Partnership Progress Meetings for you to meet with your child's class teacher will be held on Monday 8/2/16 and Wednesday 10/2/16 please follow the link to book an appointment.

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There are still 178 parents who have not booked an appointment.



Punctuality

Apologies for not publishing the Time Keeper's results to you for last week: Oak won the Time Keeper's Award with only 2 late marks and year 4, yet again, recorded no late marks so were all awarded the Golden Time Keepers Award.

Time keeping this week has been nothing short of amazing with only 3 late marks recorded across the school (all in 6KC) so Oak and Sycamore have achieved the Golden Pocket Watch Award as have all of years 3,4 and 5!

Well done and thank you to everyone!

Reminder for Parents – Leave Of Absence during Term Time

As you will all be aware, current attendance regulations stipulate a Head teacher may not grant a leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what he/she views as 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. If the leave is granted, the head teacher is able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Parents are asked to respect the new regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional.

January's Always Child

Each month, names are read out in assembly and children are given a handwritten invitation to attend afternoon tea in our lovely Burrow room with Mrs. Norton.

Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Webb said, "**Joseph** is a good listener and he always works hard. He is also kind and helpful—a good friend to others."

Mrs Thompson said, "**Jake E -P** always hard working, shows resilience and a friend to others"

Mrs Stanford and Mrs Vipond said, "**Evie C** is always focused and ready to learn. A super talk partner who quietly supports others."

Mr Cantillon said, "**Isobel G** for always being a reliable, cheerful and trustworthy helper."

Miss Lewis said, "**Carmen T** for always being totally focused in lesson and working hard."

Mrs Satsangi said, "**India H** for listening well and contributing to lessons."

Mr Byrne said, "**Himansa H** for always having a great give it a go and learn attitude."

Miss Gale said, "**Liam P** for always trying his best in all aspects of school life."

Mr Evans said, "**Sam M** for always being so helpful around the classroom and an excellent buddy."



Ms Davies said, "**Grace** - for always being lovely, great at listening and staying focused."

Mrs McKee said, "**Kiera K** is always focused in learning and eager to help, always reliable too."

Mrs Burton said, "**Kryspin W** is always pleasant, polite and willing to get stuck in."

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:

RESPECT

Kieran H - 4JE, Aiden H - 4JE and Nathan A - 4JE

COMPASSION & GENEROSITY

Isobel P - 6BG, Lucy H - 4SV, Ismey K - 4SV and Martyna M - 4SV



SERVICE

Joel B - 3MB, Sam S - 3MB, Zak H - 3MB, Gene F - 3AT and Lewis F - 5FM

E-safety

As the e-safety day is fast approaching on the 9th February, we would like to invite all parents/ carers/ governors for an e-safety information evening session on Monday 1st February. The session will be run by Jane Key, the Warwickshire e-safety advisor.

To get you thinking before the session please complete the survey using the below link

<http://kwiksurveys.com/s/aaEx251T>

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 1st February, at 6.30 pm



The following is from on line safety experts 'thinkuknow':

Parents and Carers Website - This new website supports parents and carers in protecting their children from abuse online. The site provides advice for parents who are concerned about their children, as well as those just looking to learn more about what they can do to keep their children safe.

Please visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

Excellence Awards

This week's Excellence Awards were presented to the following children during Thursday's assembly:

3AT—Charlie S for a hard working attitude in all work

3ED—Elspeth R for persevering with maths and getting there!

3MB—Jack G for working hard in Maths and comprehension and being thoughtful towards others

4SV—Roll over

4FW—Evie H for working hard in all subjects

4JE—Hannah D for two fantastic performances this week

5AB—Harvey H for a great attitude towards learning and really improving on his maths

5FM—Ashton M for her positive and enthusiastic approach to learning

5SS—Tilly M for her fantastic diary writing in Topic work

6BG— Emma B for a fantastic attitude to her learning, she is flying—keep it up!

6AL—Roll over

6KC—Danny M

French (5FM) Joshua C for great effort and responsibility for his own learning and Adam S (6BG) for incredible resilience and being such an autonomous learner!

Well Done to everyone—keep up the great work!

Bad Parking

To the owner of a silver Mercedes estate car, registration YS04 JVN, who blatantly parked across an elderly couples driveway and on yellow zig zag lines. You caused our neighbours unnecessary upset as they couldn't get out of their drive to attend an appointment. This is not acceptable parking, there have been further reports this week of inconsiderate parking from the owner of the same vehicle.

Please park responsibly.

School—Diary Dates

Monday 1st February—esafety meeting 6.30pm
Monday 15th February—Friday 19th Feb 2016 - half term week
Monday 21st March—Friday 1st April 2016—Easter break
Friday 29th April 2016—teacher training (school closed)
Monday 2nd May 2016—Public holiday (school closed)
Monday 30th May—3rd June 2016—half term week
Tuesday 21st June—Sports day
Friday 22nd July 2016—teacher training day



Sainsbury's
Active Kids
Eat well • Move well • Live well

Sainsbury's will be issuing their Active Kids vouchers from the 27th Jan to the 3rd May. If you shop at Sainsbury's please collect them and send them into school. There's a collection box outside the office. Thank you.

WCC School Status Consultation

The County Council have opened a consultation on proposals for Bilton Infant, Bilton Junior and Bawnmore Infant to all become primary schools.

Have your say ... Do you think that the schools should all become primary? Do you think that the schools should remain as infant/junior?

You can e-mail your responses to - consultation@warwickshire.gov.uk

or send your comments to -
Sarah Mills
Service Manager Access & Organisation
Building 3
Saltisford Office Park
Ansell Way
Warwick
CV34 4UL



The closing dates for comment is 5th February 2016.

Last week only 25 responses had been received so far across all 3 schools and many of these are from local residents. Please respond and let us know what your views are.

FRIDAY 5th FEBRUARY

Years 3 & 4 - 6.00-7.15pm
Years 5 & 6 - 7.30-8.45pm



Entry £2 (on the door)

There will be drinks, sweets, UV face paints and glitter tattoos for the children to buy on the night.

Please note strobe and UV lighting may be used.



PTA NEWS

Diary Dates

Next meeting - Wednesday 2nd March 7pm (School)
Easter egg comp - Thursday 17th March
Family Bingo Night - Friday 11th March (school)
Disco - Friday 22nd April
Adult quiz night - Friday 20th May (school)
Disco - Friday 10th June
Summer Fayre - Saturday 25th June(11-2)
Leavers Disco - Friday 15th July

The next time we meet will be at the Disco on Friday 5th Feb. If anyone can help out on the night please email pta@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

Year 3/4 6 - 7:15pm (help needed from 5:30pm)

Year 5/6 7:30 - 8:45pm (help needed from 7:15pm)

Thanks for your continued support.