Bilton C of E Junior School

News, dates and little moments from school

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of my first half term at Bilton Junior School, I would like to thank you for making me feel so welcome. Joining a new school means getting to know many new faces, routines and traditions, but the warmth and kindness shown by children, families and staff have helped me feel very much at home at BJS.

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children-spending time in classrooms, talking with them around school and hearing about their learning, interests and achievements. They have given me so many reasons to feel proud. Their enthusiasm, thoughtful conversations and willingness to share what makes their school special have been a real highlight. I have also been proud to see the care and commitment of our staff, who work hard each day to help the children feel welcome, supported and ready to learn.

Thank you for your generous support of our different charity days and collections. Whether you have made a donation, supported our fundraising or contributed items for Rugby Foodbank, your kindness has been greatly appreciated. These opportunities help our children understand that they can make a positive difference and that, by working together, our school community can support others.

It was lovely to welcome so many parents and carers to parents' evenings this week. Thank you for making the time to attend and for the thoughtful conversations you had with staff. The evenings felt positive, with families leaving seeming happy and reassured. Sharing successes, discussing any concerns and agreeing next steps together are important parts of helping every child thrive.

A special congratulations goes to Mrs Vipond and our allotment club on achieving their Platinum Award! This is a wonderful recognition of their hard work, patience and dedication. We are very proud of everyone involved and grateful for the care they put into our allotment.

We have also taken time to celebrate our Young Carers in School, recognising the important contribution they make within their families. We want our young carers to know that they are seen, valued and supported at BJS, and that there are adults here who will listen whenever they need someone to talk to.

Finally, thank you for the support, encouragement and partnership you have shown throughout this half term. It has been a busy and rewarding start to my time at BJS, and I am proud to be part of this school community. I look forward to welcoming everyone back for the next half term and building on all that we have begun together.

Wishing you and your families a happy and restful half term.

Mrs Nicky Brown - Head of School

Our value this half term…



Our value in action

This half term, we have been exploring our value of Respect and what it looks like in our words and actions. From listening carefully and valuing different opinions to caring for our school and showing kindness, the children have demonstrated how small, thoughtful choices can make a difference to others.

That respect has also reached beyond our school gates. We were proud to raise £267 for Jeans for Genes and PANS/PANDAS awareness, alongside our Macmillan fundraising where we raised over £1000. The wonderful donations for Rugby Foodbank have shown the generosity of our school community and helped children recognise the importance of supporting others. Thank you to all our families for your contributions-you have helped bring our value of Respect to life.

Pop these dates in your diary

Event

Monday 2nd November - Return to School

Tuesday 3rd November 9.30am & 10.30am Year 2 Parent Tours

Wednesday 4th November - Friday 6th November Year 6 Rock UK Trip

Thursday 5th November Bonfire Night Special Menu (No need to pre-order)

Tuesday 10th November 9.30am & 10.30am Year 2 Parent Tours

Thursday 12th November 9.30am & 10.30am Year 2 Parent Tours

Friday 13th November Children in Need - Children are invited to wear non-uniform to for a £1 suggested donation. The school office will also be selling Children In Need merchandise the same week.

W/C 16th November Book Fair Week (more information to follow)



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Half-term wellbeing reminders

For our parents and carers



Take a breather

A quiet moment for yourself matters too.



Let go of perfect

Half term doesn't need to be packed with plans.



Enjoy simple moments

A shared story, a chat or a laugh can be enough.



Find your own pace

Make space for rest in whatever way works for you.



Reach out

You don't have to manage everything alone.



Be kind to yourself

Your wellbeing matters, too.

Wishing all our families a happy half term.

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