



Weekly News

11th September 2019

Key information for week commencing:

Mon 16th September 2019

• **Monday**

Open Prayer Meeting @ 12.30pm

• **Tuesday**

Pathfield Buddies

London Parents Meeting @ 3.20pm

• **Wednesday**

'A Telling Tale' Year 6 with Paul Stevens

• **Thursday**

Pathfield Buddies

Open Prayer Meeting @ 12.30pm

• **Friday**

Upper School Friday Sports

Dear Parents,

We have had a lovely couple of days here at Pilton Bluecoat Academy hearing all about the children's summer holidays. A special welcome of course has to go to our new Year 3 cohort and those children who have joined us from other schools. During my assembly on Monday I spoke with the children about our school motto which is 'Life, Love and Learning to the Full'. We reflected on the importance of building learning power and making the most of new opportunities as they arise throughout the school year. We also discussed our schools values which are listed below:

- Compassion
- Hope
- Perseverance
- Caring for Creation
- Justice for All
- Serving Others
- Peace
- Wisdom

As we progress through the year we will be continuing to develop the children's understanding of these through our new PSHE and RE schemes of work.

Letters issued this week:

Year Group	Topic
Year 5	London 2020
All	Friday Sports

Our topic for this term is called 'Digging Down into the Past' which for the Year 5 and 6 children will be focused on the Victorians. As part of their learning for this, we have arranged a Big Event trip to the Big Pit National Coal Museum in South Wales. During their visit the children will be provided with the opportunity to go down into the mine for a 60-minute underground tour. Exciting

stuff! Year 3 and 4 will be travelling up to the spectacular Cheddar Gorge caves to learn about the Stone Age and the Cheddar Man. More details concerning these trips will follow shortly.

Our Friday sports will be starting again this week with Year 3 and 4 leading the way and then Year 5 and 6 the week after. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions concerning this.

In July we ran a Parent Café which I am pleased to say was a great success. Moving into this year we are going to run the Café every Friday morning from 9am to 9.30am starting on the **20th September**.



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Please feel free to come along for a chat, a hot drink and a yummy treat. If you would like more details, then please speak with Claire Gregory or myself.

It has been really lovely seeing how smart the children look on their return to school. Please can I remind you that with regards to school shoes they need to be plain black and not branded trainers like Nike or Adidas.

In order to support many of our children with their reading fluency and stamina I would like to put together a group of parent/grandparent volunteers who would be prepared to come into school to listen to individual children read. If this is not something you have done before but would like to, then fear not, because we are planning to organise some training for this. If you are interested, then please pop in and see Mrs Dadswell who will be coordinating things. Your help would be very much appreciated.

Finally, I would like to encourage you to talk to our staff if you have any concerns regarding your child. Our aim is always to ensure that every one of our pupils feels safe, happy and is ready to learn. Class teachers and school leaders will arrange appointments, or if they can, meet you there and then. The children now have their Pupil Planners so please feel free to use this as a form of communication if needs be.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mr Thomas
Headteacher

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Your child should receive a letter regarding afterschool clubs within the next week.

RECORDER CLUB

Lunch time recorder clubs will be starting again soon. Children who played last term will be invited to join a group and there will be a chance for new beginner recorder players to sign up too - keep an eye out for the club letter coming out soon. If your child plays in one of the recorder clubs they are welcome to bring their own recorder into school or they can use one of the schools' recorders. **Mrs Brayley**



ParentPay®

Please ensure your ParentPay account is set-up and that you have authorised us to send out text messages with reminders. It is your responsibility to ensure your account is set-up with your up to date email address and mobile numbers. This is now our main avenue of written communication with you regarding school news, trips, events and activities. Any queries, please contact the school office.





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MUSIC LESSONS

We have number of music teachers who come into school to offer private music lessons for pupils. These include piano, violin, guitar, flute, clarinet and saxophone. A peripatetic music letter will be sent out on ParentPay this week for more information.

PARKING PERMITS

Parking permits for Fairview Car Park, are now available from the school office. We will require your child's details and your car registration number. The permits are limited to 2 per child/family.

LONDON - YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL

Letters have been sent out today, via ParentPay, regarding next year's year 5 residential to London. Please note that places are limited and are all based on first come, first served. The deposit needs to be paid on ParentPay to secure your child's space.



PERMISSIONS FORM

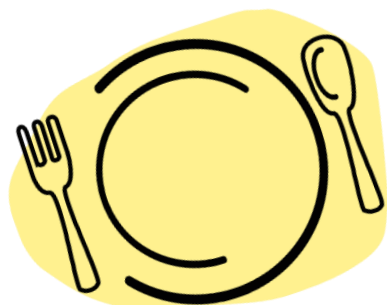
Your child will come home with a permissions form within the next week. Permissions need to be updated annually. Please ensure that this is returned as soon as possible.

NEW FRIDAY SPORTS SCHEDULE SEPT – DEC 2019

Date	Planning	Swim	Dance	Basketball	P.E
AUTUMN TERM					
13-Sep	LOWER	4AB	4KD	3GT	3BC
20-Sep	UPPER	5PK	5JH	6MT	6SE
27-Sep	LOWER	4AB	4KD	3GT	3BC
04-Oct	UPPER	5PK	5JH	6MT	6SE
11-Oct	LOWER	4AB	4KD	3GT	3BC
18-Oct	UPPER	5PK	5JH	6MT	6SE
HALF TERM - 25 OCT					
01-Nov	LOWER	4AB	4KD	3GT	3BC
08-Nov	UPPER	5PK	5JH	6MT	6SE
15-Nov	LOWER	4AB	4KD	3GT	3BC
22-Nov	UPPER	5PK	5JH	6MT	6SE
29-Nov	LOWER	4AB	4KD	3GT	3BC
06-Dec	UPPER	5PK	5JH	6MT	6SE
13-Dec	LOWER	4AB	4KD	3GT	3BC



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Dinner Menu

WEEK TWO MENU - Week Commencing Monday 16th September

All meals are served with a selection of fresh vegetables and fruit.
Jacket potato options are available every day with cheese, beans or tuna

OPTION	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Purple Option	Baked Bean & Cheese Wrap with Potato Wedges	Chinese Chicken with a Rice Side	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Lasagna with Garlic & Herb Bread Wedge	Fish Fingers & Chips
Green Option	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Quorn Bolognese	Sweet Potato & Chickpea Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Quorn Balls in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Chips
Pudding	Carrot & Pineapple Slice	Apple & Blackberry Crumble with Custard	Flapjack	Chocolate Cake	Raspberry Yoghurt Cake

DATES TO REMEMBER 2019/20

Event	Date
Cheddar Gorge - Year 3 & 4 Trip	Wednesday 25 th September 2019
Big Pit - Year 5 & 6 Trip	3 rd & 10 th October 2019
Whole School Tempest Photos	Friday 8 th November 2019
Children in Need Day	Friday 15 th November 2019
London Residential - Year 5	Tuesday 4 th - Friday 7 th Feb 2020
The Beacon Residential - Year 3	Monday 4 th - Wednesday 6 th May 2020
BANK HOLIDAY	Friday 8 th May 2020
Oceanfest - Year 6	Friday 19 th June
Heatree House - Year 6	Monday 22 nd - Friday 26 th June 2020



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NOTICEBOARD



BIG
breakfast
2019



Please join us for
breakfast
in aid of
North Devon Hospice

venue: **Queen Anne's Café, Barnstaple**

date: **Saturday 19th October**

time: **9.00am – 11.30am**

£6.00 for your delicious Big Breakfast
including tea/coffee- Vegetarian option too.
Please pop in or phone 01271 325232
to book your place and avoid disappointment.

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PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

We have a variety of pre-loved uniform now available
to buy at the school office.

Items include coats, jumpers, t-shirts etc.

All items are available at a low price of 50p - £1

Come & visit the pre-loved shop!

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