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## Bexton Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Dates for your diary:

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Parents Evening 3.30-6pm  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Y5 Bike ability  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Y6 and Reception photo orders to be returned (new date)  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** Y3 visit to Chester  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** Y3 & Y4 Parents invited into a Guide Dog Assembly @9am  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** Red Nose Day (Red clothes/ noses £1 donation) \*new date  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March & Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** All of Year 6 to bring their bikes. Sessions for both classes will take place during the two days.  
**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March-Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Y5 Residential  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March:** Artis Performance for all EYFS & KS1 Parents @2.45pm  
**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** School closes for Easter

### Violin and Ukulele Concert Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Apologies for the very short notice. We have finally managed to organise a date for our concert for Year 4 and 5. 4TW will perform at **9.30am**, 4AS will perform at **10.30am**. Year 5 will perform together at **2.45pm**. If you cannot attend, a recording of the concert and will be available via our You Tube channel.

### Staffing Changes

Congratulations to Miss Dunkerley who has been offered a job closer to home in Macclesfield. She starts her new job after Easter and I am sure you will join us in wishing her the best for the future. She has promised to keep in touch!  
We are currently interviewing for an interim TA position in Reception and will keep parents informed as soon as we appoint.

### National Fairer Funding

You may have seen in the press that the government is currently consulting on its new formula for distributing school funds. If the proposal goes ahead, Cheshire East will see a reduction of £9.3 million from its education budget and Bexton is likely to lose 2.7% of its overall funding budget (the cost of two teachers). Cheshire East is currently the 45<sup>th</sup> worst funded authority in the country and if the National Fairer Funding proposal is approved, it will move to the **4<sup>th</sup> worst** funded authority. Whilst we fully support the need for additional assistance across the country, we feel that the proposals go too far and do not take into account schools like ours.  
We will continue to work hard to ensure the children's education is not affected but it will obviously make resourcing a much trickier task. We are therefore asking if you could sign the NFF petition <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/182705> **AND** complete the consultation on the link below: <https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/consultation/intro/>  
You only need to complete the first four questions and to make it easier, we have also attached a sample response from the council but please don't cut and paste as there are filters on the government software! Many thanks in advance for your support.

### Dates for your diary:

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April:** School opens after Easter holidays  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April:** FOBs meeting @7.30pm – all welcome  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April:** Football Tournament in aid of Ethical Enterprise (further details to follow)  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May:** KS2 SATs Week A free breakfast club will be available to all Year 6 children Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May:** FOBs Disco £5 per child 3.30-4.15pm Preschool  
4.30-5.30pm KS1  
5.45-6.45pm KS2  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May:** Sports Day KS1 10am-11.30am  
KS2: 1.30pm-3.00pm  
*Please note Sports Day is earlier in the year to allow us enough time to rearrange if the weather is bad. The reserve date is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June.*  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May:** School closes for half term  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June:** School opens

### Students in Year 1

We would like to welcome the new teaching students to Year 1. They are Miss Smith in Miss Goddard's class, Miss Graham in Mrs Allen's class. Mrs Vale has returned to school and is completing her teaching practice with Miss Chadwick.

### Governor Elections

This week we held our Governor Elections. Thank you to both nominees. Congratulations to Matt Stephenson who was voted onto the Governing Board and will be joining us at the Full Governing Body meeting this Wednesday.

### KNUTSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL'S BALL 2017

#### BOOKINGS BEING TAKEN NOW!!

Please see attached the booking forms on the [website](#) for the food and the pre-order of wine.  
All copies of the forms will also be available for collection at the school office.  
As a committee we have been extremely busy organising this year's ball and we are getting very excited and promise you a great time this year! 😊  
Emma Hamilton

### Parked Cars

We have had another complaint from a local resident. This time regarding parents leaving their car engines running while waiting for their children. Please could we politely ask parents not to do this, mainly to protect the health of our children.

### Lexia Star School!

This week we have heard from Lexia, who provide our new reading intervention. They have been so impressed with the commitment of our children, staff and parents in completing the programme. Many children who are on the programme are making rapid progress in reading and have reported they feel much more confident with their reading skills.

