

Bexton Primary School & Nursery Weekly Newsletter

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Dates for your diary (new dates*)

Monday 13th September: Y6CB Bike Ability

Tuesday 14th September: Y6TL Bike Ability

Wednesday 13th October: Reception & KS1 Parents' Eve 1.30-6.30pm (All Parents' Evenings will take place virtually on Teams)

Wednesday 20th October: KS2 Parents' Evening 1.30-6.30pm

Friday 22nd October: School breaks up for half term

Monday 1st November: INSET (staff only)

Tuesday 2nd November: School reopens to children

Friday 17th December: School closes for Christmas

Tuesday 4th January: INSET (staff only)

Wednesday 5th January: School reopens to children

Friday 18th February: School closes for half term

Monday 28th February: School opens to children

Friday 1st April: School closes for Easter

Tuesday 19th April: School opens to children

Thursday 26th May: School closes for half term

Friday 27th May: Additional Bank Holiday for Queen's Jubilee

Monday 6th June: INSET (staff only)

Tuesday 7th June: School opens to children

Friday 22nd July: School closes for summer

Please read this information carefully.

We've had a number of parents calling the office asking for information which has been shared through the newsletter. The office staff are extremely busy and would appreciate parents checking the newsletter or the class website page before phoning the school. Many thanks for your support with this.

Covid Restrictions

Whilst it is nice to be returning to some normality around our routines we want to reassure parents that we are taking a measured and careful approach to try and keep transmission of COVID-19 (and other infectious illnesses) low. In school staff are continuing to wear face coverings in shared areas, we're doing smaller key stage assemblies face to face but continuing whole school assemblies virtually. We'll be keeping windows and doors open to ensure good ventilation, giving the children regular reminders about hand washing and continuing with enhanced cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.

We ask that parents either **wear a mask or practice social distancing** on the playground. We also ask that parents **don't linger** at the start or end of the school day to reduce congestion. Thank you once again for your support.

Homework – how you can support your child at home

Normal homework routines will begin again this week. Maths homework will be set for all children from Year 1 to Year 6.

Homework is always set on a Thursday and returned to school the following Tuesday. All homework from Y1 to Y6 will be set on your child's Microsoft Teams account. We have reduced the amount of homework we are setting to support parents in having enough time for regular reading with their children. This table is a rough guide to how much time your child should be reading (with or to an adult) each night.

Reception to Y2- 10 minutes a day	Year 3 to Year 4 - 15 minutes a day	Year 5 to Year 6- 20 minutes a day
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Please ensure your child writes in their diary when they've read with you. Parents can do this for their child in Reception or Year 1.

Spellings

This year we are launching a new spelling scheme with the children. Spellings are often very tricky and the new scheme teaches children in a clear and systematic way, teaching children to look at spelling patterns and apply them across their writing. It also reinforces a lot of the phonics knowledge learnt in the infant years.

A key change will be that no spellings will be sent home as they will be taught, practised and assessed in school. This is a carefully considered approach, which we hope will relieve some pressure at home. You can read more about it [here](#).

Lost Property- please name jumpers and cardigans!

We're already finding lost property around school. If an item has a child's name in, we will return it. Unfortunately, many parents don't put their child's name in and items will end up being uncollected and eventually recycled.

Reading Challenge

A huge well done to all the children who took part in the Knutsford Library Reading challenge and/or submitted what they'd read over the summer. We've had feedback from the library that they'd had a particularly amazing response from Bexton families. We awarded Headteacher awards to all the children who took part last Friday.

Birthday Books

We're pinching a great idea from one of our Cheshire Academy Trust schools. When it is a child's birthday, instead of bringing sweets in, the child brings in a book for their class to read and keep. It doesn't have to be a brand new book, it can be a favourite book from home. If we get a 'birthday book' in, we'll share a photo on the newsletter with a special birthday message.

OPAL Update

Over the summer holidays, we had a huge sandpit built as part of OPAL. A huge thank you to FOBS for funding this for us. The children are very excited to start playing in it but we're in need of some toys! If you have any of the following things, please could you drop any donations in the box outside the office. Many thanks!

- Plastic buckets
- Plastic spades/forks
- Diggers/Dumper trucks
- Plastic bowls
- Small rakes
- Sieves
- Moulds
- Plastic measuring jugs

