



Newsletter 23

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Tuesday 17 March	9.15 & 12.45	RL	Farm Visit
Wednesday 18 March	9.15 & 12.45	RM	Farm Visit
Thursday 19 March	9.15 & 12.45	RF	Farm Visit



Are you being a Billesley Bug Club reader?

Certificates are now being handed out to children in Billesley that are reading on a weekly basis and answering questions to earn coins! Please encourage your children to access Bug Club online, to promote a love of reading. If you are unsure what Bug Club is please click here for more information

SCHOOL LIBRARY

AFTER SCHOOL OPENING TIMES

MON-THURS
3.20 - 3.40PM

FRIDAY
3.20 - 3.50PM



INSPIRE our children to succeed



CREATE excitement for learning



ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE

SPORTS RELIEF DAY

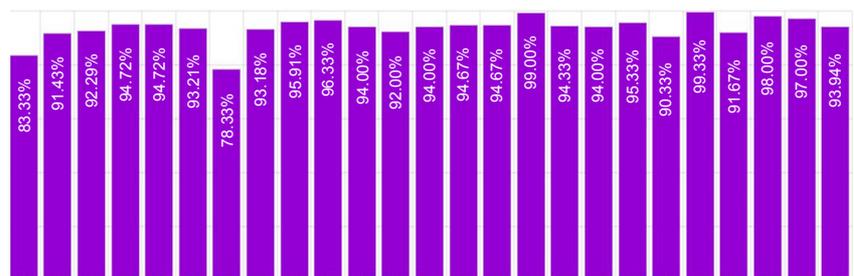
Friday 6 March is 'Sports Relief' day at Billesley. We ask that your child brings a £2 donation for the charity fund. As part of the event children are welcome to come to school in sports themed clothing.

ATTENDANCE

NO DAYS LOST	10 DAYS LOST	19 DAYS LOST	29 DAYS LOST THE SAME AS HALF A TERM!	38 DAYS LOST	47 DAYS LOST
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
190 days of education	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
GOOD Best chance of success - get your child off to a flying start	WORRYING Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to progress.		SERIOUS CONCERN COURT ACTION AND FINES		

CHILDREN NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL AT 8.45AM LESSONS START AT 8.50AM. LATE MARKS WILL BE GIVEN TO CHILDREN WHO ARRIVE AFTER 8.50AM GATES CLOSE AT 9.00AM, AFTER THIS CHILDREN MUST ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN OFFICE

Attendance W.C 24 March 2020



TERM DATES

BREAK UP	RETURN TO SCHOOL
2020	
FRIDAY 3 APRIL	MONDAY 20 APRIL
FRIDAY 22 MAY	MONDAY 1 JUNE
FRIDAY 17 JULY	TBC
PLEASE NOTE:	
THURSDAY 7 MAY 2020 SCHOOL CLOSED	LOCAL ELECTIONS
FRIDAY 8 MAY 2020 SCHOOL CLOSED	BANK HOLIDAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

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SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Class	Name	Reason
RF	Adeena Abid	Adeena has been brilliant in PE this week. She is a bright ray of sunshine, is always smiling, always trying hard and always sets a positive example to others. Her skills are really improving - she is a star! Well done Adeena
RL	Basil Yacoub	Basil has been so enthusiastic about PE this week. He loved running the daily mile and even thought our run to the Eiffel tower was to the actual Eiffel tower. He was so excited!! Basil wrote a list for our shoe box appeal which I thought was really thoughtful and showed what a truly nice young man he is. Well done Basil.
RM	Nigel Grant-Frade	Nigel, what a true role model you have been this week. Not only have you tried your hardest, but you have also helped others, been a kind friend when someone has needed you and also you've been a real team player. All great traits to become a great sports person. Keep up the good work Nigel.
1J	Ezekiel Williams	Ezekiel is always enthusiastic in P.E. and this week has been no different. He always tries his best and has become a real team player, who also encourages his peers to give 100% effort in all activities and challenges.
1M	Eduard- Nicolas	Eddy is such a team player! This week he has taken on some of Mrs James's PE challenges and has put everything into completing them!
1G	Dilon Franks	I have never met such an enthusiastic young man! He thrives during PE and fully engages in his learning. He has patience, perseverance and just so much potential!!
2T	Mohammed Yusaf	Yusuf is so enthusiastic in all PE lessons and willing to give his all in all activities. He is also a member of lots of after school clubs in which he always works hard and has fun. Keep it up Yusuf.
2H	Zaynoor Butt	Zaynoor is a pleasure to have in PE. She is smiley, enthusiastic and helpful. She is also excellent at all sports! Keep up the hard work. Well done Zaynoor.
2C	Muhammed Nafay	afay is always running really fast, sometimes too fast but that's because he wants to work hard and loves PE. He is always smiling and enthusiastic. Well Done Nafay.
3P	Mohammad Masab	Masab always tries his best in PE and has a real passion for sport and exercise. His attitude and willingness to learn new skills has really shone this week. Well done Masab
3O	Safana Alhussien	Safana always comes to PE with a smile on her face and gives 100% in every lesson. Well done Safana.
3M	Safa Rehman	She is extremely hard working and always has lots of questions, so she can try and improve. She is also very kind to all her classmates. Well done Safa.
4S	Rahim Ali	Rahim is always hard working in PE and has a positive attitude towards all sports activities. He always tries his best with a smile on his face.
4B	Bethany Westwood	Bethany has shown a real enthusiasm for PE this week, not only has she worked really hard, but she has also taken the time to help others and pass on her knowledge in gymnastics. Well done Bethany
4M	Anni Wang	Anni is a quiet pupil in lessons, but whatever activity she is doing she always shows resilience to develop and improve. Every lesson she walks out with red cheeks and that is the true sign of hard work!
5G	Airon Franks	Airon has been a breath of fresh air since joining Billesley. He has tried very hard during PE this week and has played games with a smile on his face. He always tries his best and gives 100% in every aspect of PE. Keep up the good work Airon.
5L	Ana Chisholm	Ana played really well in the girls football match this week and grew in confidence throughout the match. Ana is always enthusiastic in PE ,listens well and tries her best. Keep it up Ana.
5B	Yusuf Hussain	Yusuf always has a smile on his face in PE and gives a 100% in all lessons -working hard and having fun. What more can we ask of a pupil? Well done Yusuf.
6C	Seema Butt	Seema has stood out this term during PE. She has been focused, her attitude to learning has been fantastic and her enthusiasm and willingness to learn have been second to none! A true example of a champion! Well done Seema
6B	Safiya Khan	Safiya is a pleasure to teach in PE. She always has the correct kit, listens well and works hard. She is always willing to help her teacher or her classmates. She has also been a part of some very successful teams such as basketball and handball, and even comes to help in two after school clubs as a volunteer. She is a true sports ambassador!
6S	Syrah Rehman	Syrah is the epitome of enthusiasm and determination. She has been an important part of many successful teams. She is competitive, skillful and honest. All the things a great sportsperson needs.
RB1	Kane Hillyer	Kane has shown a real enthusiasm and love for yoga and gives his all every Friday, but it is his resilience and adaptability in lessons with Year 4 that has really impressed the PE team. Well done Kane.
RB2	Taha Bhuyan	Taha is one of the most polite and respectful children we teach in PE lessons. He has taken to his Year 5 lessons wonderfully, and this week in our hoop ball competition, showed a real confidence in his own ability, which was lovely to see. Well done Taha, keep it up,

GARDENING IN THE BASE

This term we have been focusing on cleaning up and preparing the gardens for our spring planting.

We have prepared the soil so that it is ready for our next crops. We have also had to have a good tidy up after the winter weather, raking all the autumn leaves.

We have planted our winter vegetables: broad beans, garlic and onions and they are already doing well. We have also planted some beetroots, lettuce and tomatoes which are growing really well. We will be planting them outside in the prepared beds when the weather warms up!



GARDENING IN NURSERY

In the nursery, we have been learning how to use garden tools safely. We have found out about the different parts of a plant and planned our nursery garden and talked about some things that we can plant in it.

We made our own little pots out of newspaper and filled them with soil. Then we sowed some broad beans and have been really excited to watch them grow! We are planning on planting them outside on World Book Day to see if we can grow our own beanstalks!



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CLUBS			
Day	Time	Clubs	Year Group
Monday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Drama	5 & 6
Tuesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Karate	3,4,5 & 6
Tuesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Change 4 Life	2,3,4 & 5
Tuesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Billesley Radio	4,5 & 6
Wednesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Tennis	2,3 & 4
Wednesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Multi Sports	1 & 2
Wednesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Football	5 & 6
Wednesday	3.20 - 4.00pm	Ukulele	4,5 & 6
Wednesday	1.30 - 3.00pm	Guitar	1 & 2
Thursday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Basketball	2,3 & 4
Thursday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Football	3 & 4
Thursday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Girls Football	3,4,5 & 6
Friday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Badminton	3,4,5 & 6
Friday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Singing	3,4,5 & 6
Friday	10.00 - 3.00pm	Guitar	3,4,5 & 6

CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE THEIR PE KIT IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY:

Black shorts

White t-shirt

(with or without the school badge)

Black plimsolls for inside games.

Black trainers for outside games.

Tracksuits or sweatshirts may be worn outside in cold weather.

ALL KIT SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELLED

REMINDER

Any children not collected by 3.30pm will be taken to After School Club. You will be charged £4 for child care. *Thank you.*



ACTION CALENDAR: MINDFUL MARCH 2020



SUNDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

8 No plans day. Slow down and let spontaneity take over

15 Stop to just watch the sky or clouds for ten minutes today

22 Have a device-free day and enjoy the space it offers

29 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

MONDAY

2 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful

9 When someone is speaking, take a full breath before you reply

16 Do something creative that absorbs your attention

23 Take an unusual route and notice what looks different

30 Mentally scan down your body and notice what it is feeling

TUESDAY

3 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

10 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

17 Look around and spot 3 things you find unusual or pleasant

24 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

31 Go nature spotting today. Even in a city, life is all around

WEDNESDAY

4 Start today by appreciating that you're alive and have a body

11 Notice how you speak to yourself. Try to use kind words

18 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

25 Make a list of amazing things that you take for granted

THURSDAY

5 Every hour simply take three calm breaths in and out

12 Feel the cool of a breeze or warmth of the sun on your face

19 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

26 Tune in to your feelings, without judging or trying to change

FRIDAY

6 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture & smell of your food

13 Stop, breathe and just notice. Repeat regularly during the day

20 Happy International Day of Happiness! dayofhappiness.net

27 Stop work earlier and use the time to be still and relax

SATURDAY

7 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

14 Enjoy doing any chores or tasks more mindfully today

21 Notice the joy to be found in the simple things of life

28 Bring to mind all the people you love and care about

"Mindfulness means being awake. It means knowing what you are doing" - Jon Kabat-Zinn



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



www.actionforhappiness.org

Find out more about the Ten Keys to Happier Living, including books, guides, posters and more here: www.actionforhappiness.org/10-keys

MATHS SURVEY RESPONSE

Thank you for completing the parent Maths survey during parent's evening. An amazing 132 responses were gathered in total and they have provided the school with a really useful insight into how you feel about Maths and how, when and where to go if you need to support your child with Maths. Below is a summary of the findings.

Remember this is out of 132 responses!				
I believe Maths is important	132			
How confident are you in supporting your child with their Maths?	Very confident 47	Confident 64	I can manage 15	Not confident 6
I know what to do if I need support with helping my child with their Maths	Agree 110	Unsure 13	Disagree 9	
If I needed help with supporting my child I would go to	Teacher 95	Internet 30	Friend 5	Other 2
If there was a free Maths course at BPS I would be interested	Interested 82	Not sure 31	Not interested 19	

The findings are overwhelmingly positive. The paint a picture of a community who value Maths, who know where to go for support if they have any concerns and a vast majority of our community would be interested in a free Maths course held at BPS.

More information about a free course will be issued over the coming weeks. Thank you for taking part, and if you have any further comments or concerns you would like to raise, then don't hesitate in contacting your child's teacher or myself.

Thanks again.
Mr Hook

SEN PARENT/CARER SURVEY

Birmingham City Council is looking to improve the journey of applying for and receiving the Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and/or travel assistance for families with children who have Special Educational Health and Care needs and, as part of this, would like to understand your experiences with the process at present.

Please complete the survey to report back on your experiences to aid Birmingham City Council to in improving this pivotal milestone in a young person's education lifecycle.

LINK: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CLYC9XX>



Christ Church BIKE HUB

FREE Go Ride
Kid's Cycling Sessions



Start back: Wednesday 4th March at 4pm
Giving children confidence in cycling

Bike Maintenance
11th Jan, 24th Jan, 8th Feb and 22nd Feb.
Saturdays 12.00 – 2pm
Learn to do your own bike maintenance

Led Rides

Please register your interest
Building confidence in cycling for all

Location: Christ Church Centre Car Park, School Road, B14 4EP
Free of charge

(bikes can be provided for the session)

20 places per session, please sign up by contact
christchurchyardleywood@outlook.com

or find us on Facebook 'Christ Church Yardley Wood' or phone 0121 436 7726



Communication and Autism



Access to Education

A Parent Support Group run by the
Communication Autism Team in 2019/20

The sessions run on a Friday 9:15 – 11:15 am at
GBNFC at Chinnbrook Children's Centre

on the following dates:

13th September
11th October
8th November
13th December
10th January
7th February
6th March
3rd April
15th May
12th June
10th July

For more information please contact:

Katie Price

or

Communication and Autism Team
0121 303 1792

**GBNFC at
Chinnbrook Children's Centre**

213 Trittiford Road
Billesley
Birmingham
B13 0ET
Tel: 0121 464 4772



FAMILY FORUM MEETINGS SPRING 2020



AREA	VENUE	DATE	TIME
West	Handsworth Fire Station Rookery Road B21 9QU 0121 380 7517	05/03/2020	13.30 – 14.30 pm
West	Ladywood Leisure Centre Ladywood Middleway, Birmingham B16 8TR 0330 109 9150	06/03/2020	13.30 – 14.30 pm
South	Northfield Fire Station South Road B31 2RB 0121 380 7536	11/03/2020	13.30 – 14.30 pm
West	Ladywood Leisure Centre Ladywood Middleway, Birmingham B16 8TR 0330 109 9150	09/03/2020	18.00 – 19.00 pm
East	Ward End Fire Station Washwood Heath Road B8 2HF 0121 380 7515	09/03/2020	10.30 - 11.30 am
North	Sutton Coldfield Fire Station Orphanage Road B24 9HR 0121 380 7539	09/03/2020	13.30 – 14.30 pm
North	Hollyfield Centre, Erdington Woodacre Rd B24 0JT 0121 373 1018	02/03/2020	13.30 – 14.30 pm

Are you a parent or carer with a child or young person who has additional needs, a disability or who needs extra help and support?

If so come along to one of our friendly Family Forum Meetings.

The purpose of these meetings is to provide a welcoming space for parents and carers to meet up in similar situations and share experiences over a cup of tea or coffee.

These meetings will also give you a chance to learn more about what's on, tips and advice and other information that families who have children with additional needs may need.

These meetings also give you the chance to let the Parent Link Officers know your thoughts on what you feel is needed to support families in Birmingham.

CONTACT DETAILS: 0121 303 8461 - parentlinkservice@birmingham.gov.uk