

**November 2019**



### **Headteacher's Note**

We are fast approaching the end of term and what a busy autumn term it has been. We hope to see many of you at our parent conferences which are taking place from 11th November to Friday 22nd November 2019. I am out on jury service for those dates 11th - 22nd November, but I leave the school in the very capable care of Mrs Cousen. We will be in frequent contact, so I will be keeping my ear to the ground from my temporary base at Manchester Crown Court. You will see from the newsletter that we have many events taking place across the remaining weeks of term, be sure to note your child's day for the pantomime trip and return permission slips and monies as soon as you can please.

We hope some parents will join us for a meeting with school governors as part of our Governor Day on 5th December. Please see Mrs Lowe if you would like to join us at 8.45am. Governors will be seeing learning taking place in school, speaking to leaders about changes being made to our school curriculum and speaking to our children about life at Pikes Lane.

We are also pleased to have had our first working party meeting for the relationship and sex education (RSE) policy. From our initial meeting, we have a further meeting planned in January to look at the draft policy and possible teaching resources for the statutory elements of the subject. Our working party includes school leaders, governors, parents and a representative from the mosque. At Pikes Lane, we will only be delivering the statutory relationships education in school. The draft policy will go on our website after the working party have approved it in January. We very much value the consultation process that has got underway and look forward to sharing updates as they take place.

We were asked earlier in the term if we would consider running after school child care. We have taken responses, but unfortunately, numbers are too low to make a club viable to cover our staffing costs. We hope parents will continue to make use of our variety of free clubs to support their needs.

We must also remind parents that our collection time of 3.20pm must be observed, we still have parents receiving late collection letters, and this costs staff time. We will be introducing a late collection fee to cover staff costs for parents repeatedly late to collect their children. Thanks to the vast majority of parents who collect on time.

We hope you enjoy the activities taking place at the end of term and can join us for the Life Skills Day and open afternoon on Monday 9th December, where you can share in your children's learning.

Ms Lindon

### **Sports News**

The Under 11 boys' football team played fantastically at Bolton Wanderers Football Club competition on Friday 8th November. They came 3rd in their league just missing out going through to the knockout stages by 1 point. They had a great time competing against some very good opposition, and they even got to meet BWFC player Yoan Zouma!

**Player of the Competition:** Talhah Bhavaya  
**Sportsmanship Award:** Navid Siddiqi





**Year 4 trip to Tatton Park – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

**Citizens Advice Bureau Drop in – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – 9am-11am in the Community Room**

**Flu vaccinations for Reception to Year 6 inclusive – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Year 6 Assembly – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**Life Skills Day and Open Afternoon – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**Key Stage 1 (Y1 and Y2) Pantomime trip – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3 and Y4) Pantomime trip – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**EYFS Nativity Play – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am and 2pm**

**School Closed for the General Election – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**Bolton Hospice Sponsored Elf Run! Children to wear Christmas jumpers – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Winter Singalong – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am**

**Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5, 6) Winter Singalong – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm**

**Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5 and Y6) Pantomime trip – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December (Please note the change of date due to school being closed for the General Election)**

**Christmas Party Day – Party Clothes – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**School will close at 1pm for Christmas holidays – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Holidays: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (inclusive)**

**Citizens Advice Bureau drop in session – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 9am-11am**

**Citizens Advice Bureau drop in session – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 9am-11am**

**Citizens Advice Bureau drop in session – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 9am-11am**

## **Rights Respecting Schools Award**

We are delighted to share that we have achieved the bronze 'Rights Respecting School Award' by UNICEF.

This shows that we are committed to ensuring that children understand and enjoy their rights. We look forward to continuing our journey towards silver and sharing this with you.



## **Orienteering**

Thank you to all the staff who helped out, and all the children that came along to our orienteering day in the holidays. We had a fantastic time!



