



Boughton Leigh Junior School

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Spring Term 1

Dear parents and carers,

I'd like to start by congratulating the children on such a settled start to the New Year! All year groups returned refreshed from their Christmas holidays and have shown a fantastic attitude to their learning.

Thank you to all children who attended our recent PTA film nights which were a great success as usual- behaviour was superb and we raised an outstanding total of £560 for the school. It was also fantastic to see so many children taking part in our Number Day event for the NSPCC- as well as enjoying some inspiring Maths activities, we raised over £380 from donations and our cake sale. Thank you so much for your support.

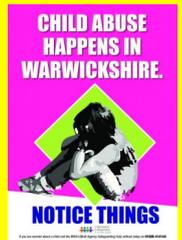
In light of the recent bad weather we have been experiencing, please do ensure that the school office has your most up to date contact numbers, as we will use these to text important information. Sometimes it is necessary for the children to enter the building via reception while debris or ice is cleared from the school site; we really appreciate your co-operation at these times. In the event of extreme weather conditions such as heavy snow, please consult our APP or website for the most up to date information on whether the site is safe for pupils to attend.

Occasionally, in an emergency situation, we may need to operate a lockdown procedure in school. For example, in the event of a local fire causing smoke pollution, we would bring the children inside from their break time in order to keep them safe. This is standard practice for all schools, and we always ensure that this is carefully and sensitively explained to the children, as well as informing parents and carers. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require further information.

Finally, the children have recently been working on how to keep safe online in their Computing sessions. Please support your child by ensuring that any online profiles they may have are set to private, and that they understand how to report any inappropriate content. Please see our school website and APP for further guidance. Wishing you all a restful half term, and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 24th February.



Kind regards, Mrs Duynstee—Head Teacher



Attendance:

A polite reminder that our attendance to date is 96% and our target is 97%.

Please can we remind parents and carers to contact the school office on 01788 577914 to report **each day of absence**.

Please can we also remind you that if a child is absent due to sickness or diarrhoea, they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode.

Please note that in line with our Attendance Policy and feeder schools, term time holidays will not be authorised.



Lost Property

We still have lots of items in lost property. If you know you have lost school uniform, PE kit or forest school clothes please can you check lost property. Please make sure all items of clothing and footwear brought to school are clearly named so they can be returned to their rightful owners.

Thank you!

Fantastic Film Nights

All year groups enjoyed the evenings spent cosied up watching a film with friends— "Detective Pikachu" being the chosen film for all.

Hotdogs, sweets, drinks and of course popcorn was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to Miss Warriner for organising and to all staff who helped make both of these events a success.

Overall we raised £560 - a fantastic amount for the school.



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School Parliament

House of Lords

Deputy
Head
Boy:
Aaron



Deputy
Head
Girl:
Grace



Head Boy:
Oscar



Head Girl:
Mary-Anne

Secretaries to The
House of Lords:

Year 6:

Sam D and Olivia

Year 5:

Tia and Sam S

House of Commons

Year 3: Chaise, Daisy, William, Isaac.

Year 4: Alice, Eliana, Sahul, Jack.

Year 5: Eva, Rhea, Zoha, Mia.

Year 6: Lili, Llianna, Ben, Ryan.

A Message from the House of Lords:

It's been a busy half term for the House of Lords! We have now written our new Children's SEF with our priorities for this academic year. Please take a look at our new display outside 5 Morpurgo to read it for yourselves! We are also working on a folder for every classroom containing our half termly newsletters and a copy of the Children's SEF—don't forget to ask your class teachers to look at these during reading time and keep up to date with all the latest news from around school.

Have a fantastic half term holiday!

A Message from the House of Commons:

This term our Eco-Warriors team have been working really hard to make our school more environmentally friendly! We now have a special recycling bin on site for our children and the local community to use for recycling their crisp packets. Labour Councillor for the Newbold and Brownsover area, Jim Ellis, is even going to be paying us a visit to see what we have been up to! We are also going to be holding an eco-competition after half term, so look out for more details coming soon!

We hope you all have a brilliant half term break!

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Message Board

This Half Term's School Priorities Update:

RAP 1: Developing our teaching pedagogy and curriculum

The GPAS lead has visited the infant school to look at writing expectations at Key Stage 1, so as to better understand starting points for Year 3 pupils. Year Heads have worked with staff to re-write Topic Medium Term Plans, which include targets to be covered.

RAP 2: Improving outcomes for vulnerable learners

SENCO has offered support on differentiation, and there have been some nice examples of this observed in Topic. Mrs Boaler has worked with the Admin Attendance Officer to send out letters and meet with key parents to overcome attendance barriers.

RAP 3: Raising achievement in reading

The Teaching Assistants have received training on Phonics in line with Teachers and phonic intervention groups have now started in all year groups. The English Team have looked at vocabulary across the curriculum, and have delivered a staff meeting regarding expectations.

RAP 4: Mastering Maths

Times table diagnostics have been carried out, and teachers are using Times Table Rockstars regularly to promote recall of facts. Year 3 use concrete resources well, as teachers are now in their second year of delivering Maths Mastery.

Messages from the office

Payments

Please ensure that any payments sent into school are clearly labelled with your child's name, class and what the payment is for. Please can we also ask that separate cheques are sent in for each payment as it is difficult to split them. Thank you.

Allergies

Please note that we are a NUT FREE school due to students with severe nut allergies. Please ensure that any food sent into school, such as snack bars or sandwich spreads, do not contain nuts of any kind.

Jolly Brollies

The Jolly Brollies team would like to remind parents that the school office phone line closes at 4.30pm. To contact Jolly Brollies, the direct line is 07817 229057. Jollies Brollies closes at 6pm—on the dot. Thank you.

Ordering school uniform online

Please note that school uniform is no longer available from Myclothing.com. It can now be purchased from Loopwear.co.uk.

PE Message from Miss Hobday

It has been great to see so many children in school actively participating in their PE lessons, however; just a gentle reminder about ensuring that children always have their PE kits in school. This includes some joggers and a jacket for outdoor sessions when it is a little cold.

Over the next half term, we have some exciting sporting events coming up.

Mr Farinha and I will be taking some children to cross country, with the hope of representing the Eastern Area after the neighbourhood races. We also have a football league being led by Mr Trezise and Mr Stonell. We will keep you updated on how the teams are getting on - good luck to you all!



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This half term's stars of the week and class role models!

Supportive

Year 3 Stars of the week:

3 Murphy: - Ilana E, Bobby R, Elouise B, Lexi C, Maxie P, Tayla-Rhi C.

3 King-Smith: - Olivia G, Georgina G, Michael G, Felicity M, George R, Alex, Isabelle R.

3 Eliot: - Haitlam L, Quinlan F, Theo S, Charlie L.

3 Strong: - Willow C, Lilly K, Kylan S, Charlie, Ianos.

Tolerant

Year 4 Stars of the week:

4 Deary: - Bradley W, Holly K, Robert K, Dexter S.

4 Nimmo: - Jacob H, Lacie W, Amelia F-J, Jacob C, Marcus C.

4 Dickens: - Luca K, Vicki L, Camilla G, Panna V, Benjamin C, Amy B.

4 Tomlinson: - Poppy R, Harry D, Luiza K, David F, Mihail B-C.

Aspirational

Year 5 Stars of the week:

5 Pullman: - Connor B, Olek G, Tyler L, Riley T, Arthur P, Maya M.

5 Horowitz: - Leo T-C, Grace S, Jessica P, Jordan T, Corey D.

5 Rowling: - Charlie H, Stanley D, Poppy S, Rimsha S, Tiarna G.

5 Morpurgo: - Kentra H, Vashika P, Nelly G, Finley B.

Respectful

Year 6 Stars of the week:

6 Lewis: - Callum S, Erin C, A.J B, Zinedine H, Rileigh H.

6 Kipling: - Lucas J, Tristan B, Reece B, Gabriella B, Mia W, Corey B, Iliana T.

6 Tolkien: - Lucy H, Lacy L, Maddie H, Daisy A.

6 Fine: - Sophie B, Grace B, Jayden R, Icee Lynn, Leticia F, Ayana, C.

Successful

Class role models:

Year 3: Ruby C, Millie, M-J, Joel A, Isaac, Z.

Year 4: Rushna K, Lacie W, Auguste A, Niya K.

Year 5: Rhea D, Grace S, Izzy E, Kayla.

Year 6: Courtney T, Jude S, Ben B, Grace B.

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Life at BLJS

Career Day at Boughton Leigh Junior School!

In Year 5, we had the best opportunity to explore different careers and discuss our future professions.

It was a truly amazing day!



Here are some of the activities that we did in the afternoon:

- Using ICT, we accessed the National Career Service website where we used an assessment tool to find out what jobs would be suitable for us according to our skills. It was fascinating to find out the different options!
- We then researched and presented a job of our choice looking at different aspects and requirement such as: skills and knowledge, qualifications, income, day-to-day tasks and work environment.
- We were also shown how to write a CV (Curriculum Vitae).
- We had discussions about different careers.
- We interviewed each other.

In the afternoon, we had the opportunity to meet people from different professions.

Representatives of the NHS, police, air ambulance, recruitment agencies, catering and hospitality, car industry and IT are just a few examples.



It was a memorable experience!

Merry Christmas UHCW

Before Christmas, our Head Boy and Head Girl went to Coventry Walsgrave Hospital— alongside Mrs Duynstee and Mrs Hunter—to gift the Children's Ward with Christmas presents. The team at UHCW were very grateful for the gifts as some children had to spend Christmas in the hospital.

All of the toys that were not given to the hospital, were given to Cancer Research UK.

Thank you for all of the toys that were donated!



NSPCC Number Day It's Maths - but not as you know it!

On Friday 7th February, we raised money for the charity NSPCC, celebrating Number Day's 20th Birthday. Number day is a Maths-inspired fundraising event for all- from nursery children to secondary schools!

We took part in activities to do with digits such as singing, fraction colouring and calculating unit fractions. All children were also invited to wear any clothes, shoes or watches with numbers on. Some people were very creative and made their own outfits for this special day.

Year 4 held a cake sale to raise money too—thank you to you all for your generous donations!



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Key Dates (Please download our APP)

Friday 14th Feb	Last day of half term.
Monday 17th - Friday 21st Feb	Half Term Break.
Monday 24th Feb	Pupils return to school.
Monday 24th - Friday 28th Feb	Taking Care Project.
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day.
Friday 13th March	Sports Relief Non-Uniform Day. Year 5 Gifted and Talented PE event at Harris School.
Thursday 2nd April	Year 3 trip to Newalk Museum, Leicester (2 classes). Parents' evening 3.30-7.30 pm
Friday 3rd April	Year 3 trip to Newalk Museum, Leicester (2 classes). Last day of half term.
Monday 6th April—Friday 17th April	Easter Holiday.
Monday 20th April	Pupils return to school.
Wednesday 22nd April	Earth Day.
Thursday 23rd April—Friday 24th April	Year 4 Sea Life Centre Sleepover (2 Classes).
Thursday 30th April—Friday 1st May	Year 4 Sea Life Centre Sleepover (2 Classes).
Monday 4th May—Thursday 7th May	SMSC/Art/British Values Project Week.
Friday 8th May	May Day Bank Holiday.
Monday 11th May—Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs.
Friday 22nd May	Last day of half term.
	Looking ahead...
Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May	Half Term Break.
Monday 1st June	Pupils return to school.
Monday 15th June-Friday 19th June	Year 5 residential trips (Castleton).
Monday 22nd June-Friday 26th June	Year 6 residential trip (Acorn Adventure).
Monday 29th June—Friday 3rd July	All About Me Week.
Friday 3rd July	Summer Fair.
Wednesday 8th July	Induction Day.
Friday 10th July	Anticipated date for final reports.
Monday 13th July	Proposed date for Year 6 Leavers' play 6-7.30pm.
Thursday 16th July	Last day of term / End of school year. Year 6 leavers' event 5-7.30pm.

Next newsletter due: End of Spring 2

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