



# Boughton Leigh Junior School

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## Spring Term 2

Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and understanding at what has been a very challenging time for schools. We have received many messages of support for our staff and these have been very much appreciated. Please visit our home page on the school website for links to home learning activities for your child, and updates on the latest advice regarding COVID-19.

This has been a busy half term with lots of exciting activities taking place. On Thursday 5th March, we enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. It was fantastic to see the children dressing up as their favourite characters and sharing books so enthusiastically. They also created stunning story boxes based on their favourite books, which have now been displayed around school. You can read more about this, and other events which have taken place recently, on our 'Life at BLJS' page.

Unfortunately, this half term also brought some very sad news. The school community has been devastated by the loss of Jamie Clarke, who sadly passed away on the 23rd February after a long and brave battle with cancer. He will be very much missed by all of our staff and pupils. All children had the opportunity to contribute to a special tribute, which was displayed at his funeral. Our sincere condolences are with his family and friends at this very difficult time.



A tribute to Jamie, created by the pupils of BLJS.

I do hope that you and your families are able to keep safe and well over the coming weeks, and I will look forward to all pupils returning to school as soon as possible.

Kind regards, Mrs Duynstee—Head Teacher



### Attendance:

A polite reminder that our attendance to date is not meeting our target of 97%. Please help us to get back on track—thank you!

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.



### Key dates

As of **Friday 20th March 2020**, the school is closed to most pupils until further notice. Therefore, we are unable to publish an accurate list of key dates at present.

Please see our school website or APP for the most up to date information regarding COVID-19, and school re-opening.

## Fantastic Fundraising

To celebrate Sports Relief 2020 we were lucky enough to receive some special football sessions with a coach from West Bromwich Academy. All sessions were enjoyed thoroughly by the children. We also wore sports-style clothing to raise money for the charity. Altogether we raised **£269.67!**

We also provided opportunities for the children to purchase Mother's Day gifts and have these wrapped for their loved ones. We raised a total of **£305**—another fantastic amount. Thank you for your support!



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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

Prefects: Alexia, Amelia, Hayden, Noah, Skye, Dhillan, Destiny, Ben.

## 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:

Hello from the new Prefects team! We are very excited to have been appointed to a new and important role in school.

At break times, we will be walking round school checking classroom and cloakroom tidiness. We will be recording your scores out of 10 on your classroom tidiness posters. If you score full marks, you will earn a reward from your class teacher!

A really important part of our job is to be good role models to the other pupils. If you want to ask us a question, we are there to help you!

Look out for our bright yellow 'Prefect' badges which will help you to identify us around school.

Please come and say hello!

### A Message from the House of Commons:

It has been another busy half term for the House of Commons! We are still working very hard to keep our school environment tidy with regular litter picking on the playground. We are also busy helping to keep our classrooms, cloakrooms and corridors tidy- thank you to all the children for your help with this!

The Toy Shack has been temporarily closed so that we can re-stock equipment and make it even better for playtimes- it will be re-opening very soon! Our next project is to re-vamp The Webb as a debating area for lessons and break times- look out for more information next half term!

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# Message Board

## This Half Term's School Priorities Update:

### RAP 1: Developing our teaching pedagogy and curriculum

The Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher have delivered training on the 'key habits' to all staff. They link directly with our school values and build on the principles of effective learning. Teachers are working on establishing these new strategies with their classes to be further embedded next term.

### RAP 2: Improving outcomes for vulnerable learners

In house assessments show that the gap between Pupil Premium (PP) pupils achieving age related expectations and the rest of the cohort is within 10% in upper school, and 20% in lower school. A recent visit from an External Advisor also confirmed that expectations in books for PP children were consistent with their peers. The next Pupil Progress Meetings will focus on closing the gap further, particularly in lower school.

### RAP 3: Raising achievement in reading

The teaching of phonics has been observed in all classes following recent Phonic Training and the introduction of the THRASS programme. Overall teaching was good, with the need to clarify a couple of misconceptions. Where teaching is secure, these staff are being used to model good practice to others.

### RAP 4: Mastering Maths

There is a continued drive on the use of Mathematical reasoning in all year groups, supported by resources from White Rose and Maths Mastery. Currently, monitoring shows that manipulatives are used more effectively in lower school due to following the Maths Mastery curriculum, which the Maths Lead is seeking to develop.

## 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's been another super half term for sport at Boughton Leigh!

The whole school enjoyed their football sessions with West Bromwich Albion Football Association during Sport Relief Week. In addition to this, it was lovely seeing so many children in their sports kits for our sporty non-uniform day; thank you for your donations to support this wonderful cause! Mr Gaskell and I were very lucky to be able to take 4 Year 5 children to the Warwickshire Primary Cross Country Championships. We were representing the Eastern Area and both the boys and girls teams placed 3rd - we are so proud of you!

Many thanks for your continued support at our sporting events - we couldn't do it without you!



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# This half term's stars of the week!

## Supportive

### Year 3 Stars of the week:

**3 Murphy:** - Tayla-Rhi C, Ruby S, David, Jack W, Elizabeth H.  
**3 King-Smith:** - Isabelle R, L'Naiyah T, Abbie T, Will S, Amy -Louise W.  
**3 Eliot:** - Mason B, Quinlan F, Aleksandro, Mariah, Jonah C.  
**3 Strong:** - Ianus D, Henry K, Jacob S, Chelsey C, Sandra N-D.

## Tolerant

### Year 4 Stars of the week:

**4 Deary:** - William R-W, Harley B, Marley W, Louisa S.  
**4 Nimmo:** - Marcus C, Remmy S, Emilia J, Jack R, Elizabeth H.  
**4 Dickens:** - Amy B, Sophia H, Camilla G, Charlie W.  
**4 Tomlinson:** - Mihail B-C, Liam F, Noah L, Alyssa B, Bailey S.

## Respectful

### Year 5 Stars of the week:

**5 Pullman:** - Maya M, Ava G, Shelby O, Lexi, Richard N.  
**5 Horowitz:** - Corey D, Harry S, Shaylen R, Tommy C, Zimo L.  
**5 Rowling:** - Tiarna G, Connor D, George P, Sushanth G, Stanley.  
**5 Morpurgo:** - Finley B, Zack L, Lachlan T, Maneesh P.

### Year 6 Stars of the week:

**6 Lewis:** - Gergely M, Sienna M.  
**6 Kipling:** - Iliana T, Kajetan K, Ruby E, Oskar K.  
**6 Tolkien:** - Summer G, Dhaksh.  
**6 Fine:** - Ayana C, Sam D, Destiny S.

## Aspirational

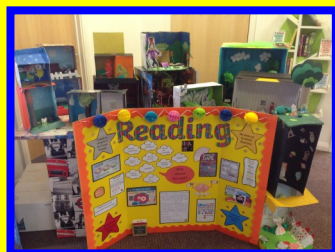
## Successful

## World Book Day 2020

On Thursday 5th March, we took part in World Book Day celebrations. Many different book characters could be spotted around school during the day! Here is just a small selection of our favourite books and authors.



We also put on our creative caps and made our own story-boxes which told the story of our chosen characters. These all looked amazing and it is clear that the children (and their families) put lots of time and effort into making them. Look out for them on our fantastic displays around school. Thank you for all of your entries!



## Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Day

Year 5 enjoyed sharing their topic learning about the Anglo-Saxons with their parents and carers.



**Amelia W and Tiarna G said:**

The parents enjoyed eating the pottage (an Anglo-Saxon stew) that we cooked with Mrs Dedman. It was really nice to show our books to our parents and do some activities with them. Everyone was smiling and enjoyed the afternoon - it was super! It was also fun to test our parents on the Quiz questions; they weren't as clever as us!

## Learning Launchpad News

It's been an exciting Half Term in Learning Launchpad. We have been fortunate enough to have our own forest school sessions with Mr Tresize. We were inspired by some of the things we saw, found and experienced, and have written our own forest based stories. We have also done careful observational drawings of feathers, branches and flowers.

We have particularly enjoyed learning about the digestive system. We have learned some of the names of the parts of the digestive system, and know all about how to brush our teeth correctly. Some of us even got to try out disclosing tablets to see if we had been doing a good job.

There have been lots of opportunities to celebrate and learn about a range of festivals this Half Term as part of our SMSC work. We have learned all about St David's Day, Shrove Tuesday, St Patrick's and Burn's Night. It's been a great opportunity to do some cooking, and we have made pancakes, Welsh cakes and potato cakes, which we thoroughly enjoyed testing!

