



Newsletter for September 2013

Happy Learners Greater Achievers

Message from the Head teacher

A very warm welcome back to school after a much deserved and long awaited glorious summer. I hope you all had a lovely holiday and quality time spent with the family.

A new school year, a fresh start. Lots of new faces and, of course, familiar faces. The school has grown in size of number this academic year with 102 children on roll. We have extended the class 1 outdoor play area over the summer holidays and secured the area with fencing to allow the children more freedom and space. The children have been making the most of the extended summer—enjoying all that Billesdon School has to offer outside.

Anita Timson

Diary Dates

September

Thursday 26th

European Day of Languages Day

Thursday 26th

PAFA coffee afternoon at 3pm in the Octopus

Friday 27th

Non-uniform Day to raise money for The Lister Girls Hostel, Trichy, India

October

Saturday 5th

Cross Country Race at Prestwold Hall

Monday 7th

Harvest Festival 9.30am at the Church

Wednesday 9th

Sports Ambassador training @ Robert Smyth Academy

Thursday 10th

Governor Monitoring Visit for Special Needs Provision and Impact

Thursday 10th

Chocolate Bingo

Friday 11th

Choir singing at the Harvest Supper @ The Coplow Centre 7pm

Tuesday 15th

More Able writer's workshop at Great Glen Primary School

Tuesday 15th

Parents evening 3.45-7.00pm

Wednesday 16th

Parents evening 3.15-5.00pm

Thursday 17th

Governor Monitoring Visit for Homework Provision

Thursday 17th

Choir singing at Small Schools Concert @ Lubenham School 4pm

Tuesday 29th

Life Education Van—Parents welcome to look at 8.45am

Thursday 31st

All Hallows Eve Disco—Classes 1 and 2 4-5pm. Classes 3 and 4 5.30-6.30. Theme is Superheroes. (Please note this is NOT a Halloween Disco as we are a Church School)

November

Saturday 2nd

Cross Country Race at Prestwold Hall

Tuesday 5th

Individual/family photographs from 8.45am

Wednesday 6th

Governor Monitoring Visit for Higher Achieving Pupils

Tuesday 12th

Governors Meeting 6pm

Friday 15th

Class 1 Open Morning for prospective new parents

Friday 15th

Children in Need Day—Wear pyjamas

Sunday 17th

Choir singing at Shoebox Service @ The Chapel 10.30am



Welcome!

A warm welcome to the 20 new starters in class 1; Harriet, Connie, Autumn, Chloe M, Lizzy, Hope, Eliana, Holly, Iris, Sam, Edith, Ethany, Roxy, Heidi, Jasmine, Bethany, Chloe H, Oscar, Joe and Nathan.

Also welcome to Ruby (year 1), Lottie (year 2), Laurie (year 4) and Evan (year 5).

We hope that you will all enjoy and achieve in your time at Billesdon School and look forward to getting to know all of our new families!



Choir News

As ever the Choir are in big demand this year. As well as singing in the School services for Harvest and Christmas this term they have events at Lubenham School, The Harvest Supper and the Shoebox Service. Thank you to all the parents who support us by providing transport when required!

Thank you!

We would like to say a big thank you to Rev'd Alison, Rev'd John and the ladies from the Church congregation, for serving refreshments and lovely home made cakes to the parents of our new starters on the first day of term. It was a great start to the new term and gave parents and members of the local community to get to know one another.

Shoeboxes

Leaflets have gone home about bringing in filled shoeboxes to school to support Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child which is being run by the Baptist Chapel.

Let's see if we can get over 100 shoeboxes this year!

PAFA Committee

Chair—Sue Crocker
Vice Chair—Jackie Tarleton
Secretary—Adele Stones
Treasurer—Mary Walsh
Committee Members -
Becky Stevenson, Angela Garner, Esther Allen

Vacancies for any interested parents to attend the meetings—Next meeting Thursday 3rd October at 3pm

Cross Country News

Cross country events are being held at Prestwold Hall once again this year. The dates for this term are; Saturday 5th October, Saturday 2nd November, Saturday 7th December. If you require any additional information please contact Mr Pullen.



Parents Evenings

Parents evenings have been scheduled to be held on the evenings of Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October. More details will follow shortly. We operate a system of signing up for times with teachers which is located in the entrance foyer.

Mr Warren

On Friday we say 'Goodbye' to Mr Warren, who has been our premises officer for years. He is now looking forward to spending more time on the golf course and doing lots of jobs around the house for Mrs Warren!

We would like to warmly welcome Mr Jacques as our new premises officer who starts work on Monday. Please be sure to give him a warm welcome if you see him around school!

New Look Website

Our website was updated at the start of the summer holidays. We are still populating the information on there and getting to grips with administering it. Any suggestions for content are welcomed!

Lost Property and labelling school uniform

Please, please, please, ensure that you put your child's name in all of their clothes and shoes so that items can be returned swiftly to children when found.

The lost property we have is full of un-named items.



Vouchers

We are currently collecting Morrison's 'Let's Grow' vouchers for schools and box tops for books from Nestle cereal boxes. Please bring any in if you have them and spread the word to neighbours, friends and family.



Non-Uniform Day

Don't forget that this Friday is non-uniform day for the whole school! No theme, just dress as you please. Nathan Booker will be leading Collective Worship on Friday with a presentation about his coast to coast walk to raise funds for the Lister Girls Hostel in Trichy, India which school is supporting this year.



PAFA

Help us to raise funds for FREE when you shop online!

Just visit easyfundraising.org.uk/pta-uk and follow the instructions to sign up to support Billesdon PAFA. You can raise money through using the links to over 2,700 retailers including Next, Amazon, Tesco, Sainsburys, John Lewis, Argos and Ebay just to name a few.

Any help would be gratefully accepted to supervise at the All Hallows Eve Disco on 31st October. See any of the PAFA committee if you are able to help out.



Golden Book Children for September 2013

Class 1; To all of Class 1! Connie Pickard, Holly Fowkes

Class 2; Lottie King, Ruby Payne, Edward Marsh, Iona Thacker, Eliza Greaves, Charlotte Williams

Class 3; Samuel Biggs, Laurie King, Ed North, Giles Carey, Anthony Chapman, Jenny Garner

Class 4; Millie Taylor, Madeline Stone, Evan Peterson, Anya Cherry, Frankie Fenton, Jaylan Wildbore

Lunchtime Golden Book Children

Reece, Matthew, Lizzie L, Eloise, Tom Williamson, Blossom, Maddy, all of class 4, all of class 1, Kieran, Alanna, Anya, Devon

Kindness Cup

Jasper Low, Lydia Whatton

Writers Cup

Year Group Cup

Reception, year 2 and year 3

House Cup

Horse Chestnut and Birch



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