



# Boughton Leigh Junior School

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## Spring Term 1

Dear parents and carers,

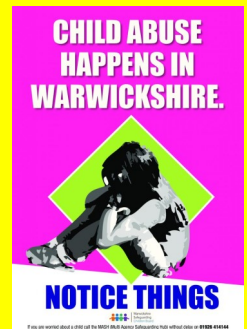
I would like to start by congratulating the children on their successful return to school after the Christmas holiday. It's never an easy term, however the children have really embraced their learning with a positive attitude. Their maturity particularly shone through during the icy weather, when they had to access the office reception to enter and leave school. This has been partly because of the fantastic parental support during this difficult time. Many thanks for your patience; it's been appreciated.

Whilst on the subject of parental support, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank those parents that abide by the school rules and refrain from bringing cars through the school gates. This has made a noticeable difference to the safety of the pupils. Communication is paramount to the school, and as you know, we strive to be as paper free as possible. As such, please note that we have moved the anomaly and hope to have it back in action as soon as possible.

Despite the bad weather, we are very pleased with our attendance to date. Please note that as part of our safeguarding process, the attendance team will be in touch with any families where the pupils are not in school to confirm the reasons why. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping our children safe.

Enjoy your half term and please note that school re-opens on Monday 25th 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.**



## Polite reminder



The school office has received a number of complaints regarding dogs on the school site. Please can we remind all parents and carers that **no dogs are allowed on the school premises**. They must be kept on the public side of the school gate.

Many thanks for your support.

## Dahl Coffee Afternoon

If your child attends sessions in The Dahl Room or goes to Dahl Outreach sessions then you are invited to join us for a coffee afternoon on:

**Thursday 28th February at 2:30-3:20 in The Dahl Room**

It is an opportunity to see our new room, ask any questions you may have, share the fabulous work your child has completed during their sessions and enjoy a drink with biscuits made by the cooking therapy group. Your child will be able to join you for the duration.

**We look forward to seeing you then!**



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# School Parliament

## House of Lords

Deputy Head Boy:



Ollie

Deputy Head Girl:



Ellexie

Head Boy:  
Theo



Head Girl:  
Daisy



Secretaries:  
Emmi



Jacob



## House of Commons

**Year 3:** Niya, Olivia, Dexter, Beau.

**Year 4:** Jazmin, Logan, Roseanna, Macey.

**Year 5:** Maria, Michael, Mary-Anne, Amani.

**Year 6:** George, Ivan, Khyree, Shontaye, Lili-Mae.

### A Message from the House of Lords:

We have been busy finding out what is going on around school-check out the 'Life at BLJS' page to see what the children have been up to this half term! We have also started work on our own magazine-by the pupils, for the pupils! Look out for it next half term.

So far we have been conducting interviews with pupils and teachers, researching fascinating facts and jokes, and taking photos of all the interesting activities going on in school! Our next challenge is to think of a catchy title; if you have any great ideas, please do let us know!

Next half term, we are also going to be fundraising for Comic Relief, so look out for more information coming soon!

### A Message from the House of Commons:

This half term, we have been making plans to set up a buddy bench on the playground. Lots of children, especially those in year 3, have said that having one of these would really help them to find their friends easily at break and lunch times.

We are going to paint the bench in the summer term with friendship phrases and we are currently raising money to buy a sign for it. We have presented our ideas in assembly and held a cake sale in the final week of the half term to begin to raise funds.

Look out for more news on our progress next half term!

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# Message Board

## This Half Term's School Priorities Update:

### RAP 1: Developing mastery and reasoning in Maths

This half term, concrete resources have continued to be sourced for classes to support pupils learning. Shared resources have been re-allocated and re-positioned within school for increased access by pupils.

### RAP 2: Close the gap between vulnerable learners and their peers

School leaders have successfully completed the final assessment for the Achievement for All Quality Mark, which was passed with flying colours. The use of Dojo has continued to support home-school communication for all pupils.

### RAP 3: Raising Achievement in Reading

The Lead Teacher for Reading has provided staff training for teachers on how to analyse accelerated reading data. This has provided clarity on strengths and weaknesses, both within classes and for individual pupils.

### RAP 4: Measuring the Impact of Intervention Strategies and Evaluating Effectively

The Performance and Standards Committee has received a report from the Strategic Lead for Lower Achieving Pupils. They have been informed on the processes undertaken by school and given the opportunity to challenge performance of interventions.

### Messages from the office

Please ensure that you have provided the school office with an **up-to-date contact number** in case of emergency. Please also inform us straight away if you change your mobile phone number, as we send out important information via text message.

Please note that we are a **NUT FREE** school due to students with severe nut allergies.

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.

### Community Notice



**Brownsover Meet 'N' Eat: Fun, food, activities and honesty shop.**

Next session Wednesday 20th February 2019 at Christ Church, Helvellyn Way, Brownsover.

For more details, please call or text Aqeel on: 07881 258573 or email:

[aqeelkapasi@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:aqeelkapasi@warwickshire.gov.uk)

### Checking your child's eyesight

Children may not always know that they have a vision problem. It is therefore recommended that children have regular eye tests. These should be carried out **at least once every two years**, even if there are no problems with their eyesight. These tests can be done at a high street opticians and are free for all children under 16 years old (and those under 19 years old in full-time education). You can speak to your child's Optician if you have any concerns about their vision. The opportunity to discuss any health issues relating to your child is always available and the **School Health and Wellbeing Service** can be contacted on 03300 245 204.

### Half term fun for sports fans!



Rugby St Andrews are hosting a **Wasps Rugby Coachclass** on 21st-22nd February with our Wasps Community Coaches and the possibility of some very special guests to coach all things Rugby! Wasps Coachclass is designed for **players of all abilities from U7-U12 age groups**. Group bookings and sibling discounts are available. **For more information contact [community@wasps.co.uk](mailto:community@wasps.co.uk)**

**Harris C of E Academy SSP** are also running **Bikeability courses** over the half term holiday—please see our school APP for more details.

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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:** Rooney, Emilia, Livvy, Remmy, Isabel.  
**3 King-Smith:** Kayleigh, Annabelle, Phoebe, Jacob.  
**3 Eliot:** Georgia, Leo, Mollie, Tiana, Anastasiya, Chloe.  
**3 Strong:** Jacob, Tayio, Rushna, Amelia.

## Tolerant

### Year 4 Stars of the week:

**4 Deary:** Emily, Archie, Corey, Taya.  
**4 Nimmo:** Anna, Aimee, Dainton, Ben, Rhea, Richard.  
**4 Dickens:** Fearne, Leo, Isabelle, Amelia, Logan, Connor.  
**4 Tomlinson:** Daisy, Mia, Yashika, Jodie, Jazmine, Dulcie, Noah, Amelia, Raisa.

## Aspirational

### Year 5 Stars of the week:

**5 Pullman:** Joshua, Evan, Daniel.  
**5 Horowitz:** Mia, Erin, Ruby, Evie, Hugo, Oliver, Farid.  
**5 Rowling:** Sienna, Sam, Kyra, Lucy, Aaliyah.  
**5 Morpurgo:** Lucy, Shantai, Alexandra.

## Respectful

### Year 6 Stars of the week:

**6 Lewis:** Nicole, Brianna, Sandra, Erin, Deekshita.  
**6 Kipling:** Shayla, Macey, Charlotte, Lily, Ethan.  
**6 Tolkien:** Tyler, Sruthi, Korben.  
**6 Fine:** Riley, Tyrun, Zack.

## Successful

### Class role models:

Year 3: Lillie A, Jack R, Louisa S, Sahil R.  
Year 4: Ava G, Grace S, Ryan C, Tia W.  
Year 5: Jude S, Milosz G, Sienna M, Cameron B.  
Year 6: Nicole N, Emmi P, Demi C, Ellesia S.

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# Life at BLJS

## Entrepreneurs of the future!

During Maths Week, year 6 were tasked with numerous assignments related to business enterprise, banking and fraud.

Here is what **Sruthi from 6T** had to say about this special week in school: "On Tuesday, a guest (an employee from Natwest) arrived to discuss fraudulent activity and staying safe online by not sharing our personal information. During our enterprise week, we had to set up a business; creating a company logo, slogan, and design. We also had to cost our products before we made them.



To conclude the week, Year 6 were asked to sell their products to Years 3, 4, and 5. The profits will go towards the Year 6 end of year event, finalizing our time at Boughton Leigh Junior School."

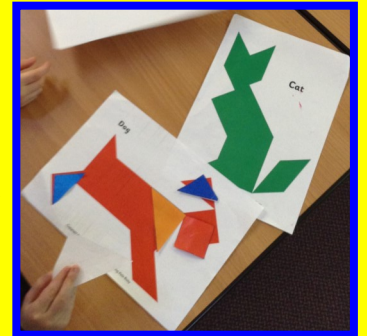
**What a fantastic way to apply those Maths skills!**

## Kung Hei Fat Choy!



On Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th of February, year 2 children from Brownsover Community School and Boughton Leigh Infant School came to visit year 3 to celebrate Chinese New year.

They took part in a variety of activities including Chinese lantern making, a 'chopstick challenge,' dancing, calligraphy and tangram making. All the children and teachers had a lot of fun taking part in and leading the sessions.



**The children are all looking forward to getting together again next half term to celebrate Easter!**

## We are Scientists!



Hello from the BLJS Science Ambassadors!

Our names are Leah, Lucy, Magda, Lucas, Warick and Tamas and we are in year 5.

We are currently fundraising to buy lab coats to use in school. So far we have made

£23 from our 'guess how many sweets in the jar' competition. Congratulations to the winner, Lucia in 5H! Look out for more fundraising soon.

We are also holding a **Science Fair on Tuesday 19th March at 3.20pm**. Both parents and children are welcome to join us.



**We hope to see you there!**

## Sporting Success!



On Friday 8th February, some of our year 6 pupils took part in the annual Level 2 Rowing Competition held at Harris School, in which they competed against 7 other schools.

The boys and girls both did exceptionally well, placing 1st and 3rd respectively. Our teams will now go on to represent the Eastern area at the Level 3 games.

**Well done!**

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## Key Dates (Please download our APP)

Mon 18th- Fri 22nd Feb	Half term.
Monday 4th March	'Running with Rex' initiative begins.
Tuesday 5th March	Castleton meeting for parents (6.30-7.30pm)
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Mon 11th-Fri 15th March	Science Week
Thursday 14th March	Parents' Evening
Friday 15th March	Year 3 to Big Bang Science Fair (NEC)
Tuesday 19th March	Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme.
Friday 22nd March	'Running with Rex' whole school event.
Monday 25th March	Year 5 residential to Castleton group 1.
Wednesday 27th March	Year 5 residential to Castleton group 2.
Wednesday 27th March	Year 5 Conkers trip (non-Castleton pupils).
Mon 1st-Fri 5th April	Autism Awareness Week
Tuesday 9th April	SATs parents' meeting.
Tues 9th/Weds 10th April	Year 2 and 3 Easter activities.
Mon 15th-Fri 26th April	Easter holiday.
	Looking ahead...
Thursday 2nd May	Year 4 Sealife Centre sleepover trip
Monday 6th May	Bank holiday.
Mon 13th-Thur 16th May	SATs week.
Mon 20th-Fri 24th May	Walk to school week.
Mon 27th- Fri 31st May	Half term.
Mon 3rd-Fri 7th June	All about me week.
Mon 10th-Fri 14th June	Healthy eating week.
Mon 17th-Fri 21st June	Year 6 residential to Isle of Wight.
Thursday 27th June	Induction Day
June (TBA)	Sports Day.
Mon 1st-Fri 5th July	SMSC and Art Week
Friday 5th July	Summer Fair
Thursday 18th July	Last day of Summer Term for pupils.

**Next newsletter due: Friday 12th April**

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