



Boughton Leigh Junior School

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Spring Term 2

Dear parents and carers,

Well done to all of the children for their achievements during this rather long half term! The children and staff are ready for a well-deserved break. A particular well done to 3 Eliot, 5 Rowling and 5 Morpurgo, who have maintained their superb behaviour and attitudes to learning in the absence of their usual teachers. We wish all 3 staff involved a speedy recovery.

Some children have enjoyed a residential and the year 6 trip will be upon us soon. Year 4 are looking forward to their sleepover at the Sealife Centre, and we are still working on rescheduling a school sleepover experience for year 5 (which we haven't forgotten!)

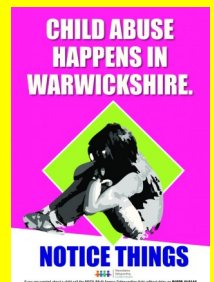
Please can I take this opportunity to direct you to the website for school information, particularly with reference to policies, such as school meal payments and leave of absence. We do ask that all medical appointments are made for outside of school hours wherever possible. I'd also like to remind parents that earrings need to be studs only, there should be no nail varnish and uniform should be in line with school policy.

Finally, some sad news to share; as some of you may already be aware, Franco, who spent many hours after school coaching boxing, and will be well known to the children, has sadly passed away. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

Thank you as always for your continued support, please all have a restful holiday and a Happy Easter.



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.



Wellies wanted!

The children have really been enjoying the opportunity to take part in outdoor learning sessions as part of forest schools. If you have any unwanted waterproof clothing or wellies you would be happy to donate for the children to wear during these sessions, please bring them in to the school office.



Thank you!

COMIC RELIEF

Fundraising News

Thank you to all those who took part in our non-uniform day for Comic Relief. We raised a superb total of **£196.02!**

We also received the following email of thanks from The Royal British Legion:

'To all at Boughton Leigh School, I have just received another donation towards the 2018 Poppy Appeal which has resulted in the final total now being **£1480**. This far exceeds any other total achieved in the last 15 years since I have been involved and further thanks must be extended to all parties concerned for their wonderful support and generosity.'



What an outstanding achievement- thank you once again for all of your donations.

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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:

This half term, we have been working hard on setting up the new Toy Shack on the top playground! After the Easter holiday, pupils will be able to hire equipment from the shack to play with at break and lunch times on a rota basis. There are lots of toys to choose from: hoops, balls, space hoppers and much more! Each class will have a turn at least once a week. This week, we have been training the House of Commons representatives from each class on how to use the Toy Shack. There will also be an assembly for everyone after Easter to explain how it works. We can't wait to see you all enjoying the new equipment!

Have a fantastic Easter!

A Message from the House of Commons:

The House of Commons has been working hard on fundraising for our buddy bench and sign. Our year 3 and 4 cake sale was really successful, and we raised an amazing total of **£163.49!** This will go a long way towards buying materials to help with our project. Thank you so much to everyone who supplied and bought cakes- your support is very much appreciated! In upper school, we have been promoting outstanding behaviour by monitoring corridors, toilets and litter. We will make sure we let teachers know when we spot children being excellent role models for their class!

We hope you enjoy the Easter holiday!

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Message Board

This Half Term's School Priorities Update:

RAP 1: Developing mastery and reasoning in Maths

The year 3 staff have shared, through their performance management meetings, how much they now enjoy teaching Maths Mastery. Although the programme took a lot of getting used to in the first term, they now say they wouldn't want to teach any differently, which is fantastic! Year 4 are looking forward to starting their training in the summer.

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

Internal data shows that the gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers is less than 20% across all subjects and year groups, which we hope to close further by the summer. Governors have been in close liaison with Mrs Brown looking at provision, with a particular focus on SEN.

RAP 3: Raising Achievement in Reading

End of Spring Term analysis for accelerated reading indicates that the initiative is having a positive impact on pupil progress, particularly in years 3-5, where parental support for home reading is stronger.

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

Senior Leaders have been analysing the school budget and setting the new one for the next financial year, taking into account successes and impact from the current year. This has been shared with governors at the Resources Committee.

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 snack bars and sandwich spreads do not contain nuts (e.g. peanuts, hazelnuts, almonds etc).

Morning drop-offs

When dropping children off for Jolly Brollies, or a before school club such as Hotshots basketball, please escort your children into the reception area before leaving them.

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.



See the Wasps...for free!

As part of Wasps' mission for every child to experience a live rugby match, the Club welcome all under 10s to their home fixtures at Ricoh Arena for FREE!

Upcoming fixtures

You can now purchase tickets to the following Wasps home games:

Wasps v Worcester Warriors: Saturday 6 April - kick-off 3pm

Wasps v Saracens: Saturday 27 April - kick-off 4.30pm

Tickets can be purchased online, over the phone or at the Ticket Office.

<https://www.wasps.co.uk/>

School uniform

Please ensure that all school uniform, coats, bags, P.E. kits and lunchboxes are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Official BLJS school uniforms can be purchased from:
<http://www.webb-ellis.co.uk/schools/>

Or

<https://myclothing.com/>

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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: Alfie T, Marley W, Elsie Mai N, Beau P-W, Bianca C, Tamikka D, Isobel R, Harley D.
3 King-Smith: Konrad K, Zihan L, Oliver W, Harriyn G, Kewa G, Kingsley S.
3 Eliot: Georgia L, Auguste A, Amy B, Benjamin C, Georgia L, Barnaby B, Sophie H.
3 Strong: Rhyley O, Maicie B, Harley B, Brydon B, Chloe M-S, Alesha B, Robert K, Jack R, Tayio F.

Tolerant

Year 4 Stars of the week:

4 Deary: Jessica P, Sam S, Nisha M, Asharnie B, William C, Macey, Zoe C.
4 Nimmo: Aaron T, Jenson J-S, Callum H, Oskar L, Tiarna G, Blake M.
4 Dickens: Summer B, Sayba M, Leo T, Charlie H, Nauris, Connor B, Eva M.
4 Tomlinson: Kayla P, Kestra H, Jason I, Daisy C, Hayden E, India S, Tia W, Isla J.

Aspirational

Year 5 Stars of the week:

5 Pullman: Marcus B, Raleigh H, Emilyya A, Kyle S, Oscar K, Ben C.
5 Horowitz: Farid A, Tahsin H, A-J B, Olivia P, Reece B, Jayden K, Callum S, Ethan M.
5 Rowling: Taylan E, Daniel S, Olivia C, Magda J, Amani G, Lacey B, Sam D,
5 Morpurgo: Ben B, Mary-Ann M, Maddison H, Ollie M, Olivia H, Daisy A, Lacey L, Emelia A, Lucas R.

Respectful

Year 6 Stars of the week:

6 Lewis: Deekshita S, Zara A-J, Daniel S, Amelia M, Kris-tapps, George D, Max J, Jacob F.
6 Kipling: Macey C, Charles P, Sarah N, Olivia H, Christopher A, Destiny-Leigh, Ellie W, Rosie B.
6 Tolkien: Troy C, Jamiel B, Demi C, Rhys P, Maciej W, Charlotte S, Raef, Daisy H.
6 Fine: Patrick C, Rachel S, Filipena, Kane B, Taylor H, Daniel A, Zack E, Alekks N.

Successful

Class role models:

Year 3: Dexter R, Rebecca M, Phoebe O, Thai E.
Year 4: Taya A, Ryley T, Summer B, Maneesh P.
Year 5: Sophie B, Grace B, Fahad S.
Year 6: Amelia M, Charles P, Shrutni P, Cormac D.

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Life at BLJS

Spectacular Science Fair!



On Tuesday 19th March we held our first ever Science fair! Mrs Pollard, our Science Co-ordinator, had this to say:

"Thank you so much to everyone who came along to our Science Fair. It was a wonderful celebration of the children's hard work and it was so lovely to have live demonstrations from the Year 4 team. A special thank you to the Science Ambassadors for running the, 'Are fingerprints inherited?' investigation - apologies that the ink didn't wipe off as easily as I hoped!!"

Primary Poetry Superstars!



Year 3 pupils have been busy perfecting their poetry skills and entering their creations into a national competition! The children wrote

poems on the theme of Diversity for the Premier League Primary Stars poetry competition. As one of the first schools to enter, the children received an amazing selection of poetry books for our school! We are waiting to hear whether any of our entries have been chosen as a winner- **good luck to all those who took part!**

Two Tremendous Trips for Year 5!

Castleton trip:

The children in year 5 were offered the fantastic opportunity of visiting Castleton for a 3 day residential trip. Those children that chose to attend had an amazing time and fitted in a range of different and exciting activities such as: gem panning, visiting a cave, archery and many more! They all absolutely loved the experience and didn't want to come home! The children's behaviour was exemplary and they all represented BLJS brilliantly. **Well done to everyone who attended- your teachers and parents are very proud of you!**



Conkers trip:



Some of the Year 5 pupils enjoyed an adventurous day of orienteering and exploring at Conkers. All of the children who attended behaved superbly. They even braved a go on the zip-wire before getting the train back!

Thank you children for a fun day!

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Key Dates (Please download our APP)

Monday 29th April	Pupils return to school after the Easter holiday.
Thursday 2nd May	Year 4 Sealife Centre sleepover trip.
Monday 6th May	Bank holiday.
Wednesday 8th May	Year 3/4 Mini Red Tennis competition at Harris School.
Friday 10th May	Year 3/4 Quadkids competition at Riverside Academy.
Mon 13th-Thur 16th May	SATs week.
Mon 20th-Fri 24th May	Walk to school week.
Monday 20th May	Year 5/6 Rounders competition at Rugby High School.
Wednesday 22nd May	Year 5/6 Mini Orange Tennis competition at Harris School.
Mon 27th- Fri 31st May	Half term.
	Looking ahead...
Monday 3rd June	Pupils return to school.
Mon 3rd-Fri 7th June	All about me week.
Monday 3rd June	Year 5/6 Rounders competition at Rugby High School.
Wednesday 5th June	Year 5 Hockey competition at Bilton School.
Friday 7th June	Pyjamarama Day (fundraising for The Book Trust). Level 2 School Games- Tri Golf (Years 3,4 and 5).
Mon 10th-Fri 14th June	Healthy eating week.
Monday 10th June	Forensic Science Day at Rugby High School (10 year 5 girls to attend).
Wednesday 12th June	STEM celebration event (6 children from 3 Murphy to attend).
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 11th July	Year 5 Athletics event at Harris School.
Friday 12th July	Anticipated date for end of year reports to go home.
Tuesday 16th July	Year 6 leavers' production to parents/carers (2 performances-more details to follow).
Thursday 18th July	Year 6 leavers' BBQ. Last day of Summer Term for pupils.

Next newsletter due: Friday 24th May

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