



Boughton Leigh Junior School

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Autumn Term 2

Dear parents and carers,

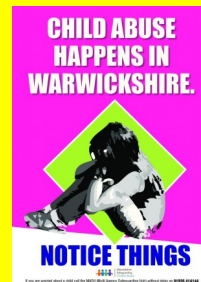
Firstly, I'd like to thank you all for your kindness and generosity. I've been overwhelmed with the toy contributions sent in for our Children in Hospital Appeal which was set up by our Head Girl, Mary-Anne. We are off to the hospital to deliver the gifts on Friday morning. I am also pleased to announce that, thanks to the support of our families, we have raised **£1579** for the Christmas Fair, which again was an overwhelming success. The children will benefit greatly from this, as we reinvest it into their learning.

This year, I'd like to say a thank you to the Rev. Jane Gaffney, who has helped us support a couple of our families experiencing a difficult time this Christmas by providing a food hamper. Whilst on the theme of saying thank you, our Head Boy, Head Girl and some members of the House of Commons have been out delivering chocolates and cards to the emergency services, which has become an annual tradition. On the theme of Christmas traditions, Year 4 have delivered several performances of their play, 'Mr Humbug Sees The Light', with a final performance finishing in style on Tuesday evening- well done Year 4!

Finally, a huge well done to all the staff and children for working so hard this term, especially the Rowing Team, who after securing first and second place, are off to represent the Eastern Area in the final. Also off to new ventures, I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff, pupils and governors to wish Mrs Marsay and Mrs O'Dell the best of luck in their new roles.

Please have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you in 2020!

Kind regards, Mrs Duynstee—Head Teacher



Attendance:

A polite reminder that our attendance to date is 96.2% and our target is 97%.

Thank you for your support.

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.



Parent Governor Vacancy

Governor notice:

Please note that there is a vacancy for 2 parent governors.
Please look out for a letter or contact the school office directly, if interested.
Thank you

Foodbank Donations

For our harvest festival celebrations we asked for food donations for the Rugby Foodbank, who distribute over 1 tonne of food every month to those in need of support in food poverty. Overall, we have donated 310kg of food to them. Thank you to all of you for your generous donations that have helped us deliver this huge amount of food to the Rugby Foodbank.

We were sent a certificate of thanks for our help and dedication!



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:

What a busy half term we have had! On Thursday 22nd November, we had a fantastic morning helping to collect Christmas donations for the foodbank at Tesco. We spoke to customers, gave out information leaflets and helped to pack the crates of food.

The volunteers and customers all commented to Mrs Boaler about how helpful we had been and what great role models we were for our school. We really enjoyed supporting such a great cause!



We hope you all have a lovely Christmas holiday and we will see you in the New Year!

A Message from the House of Commons:

This half term, we have been busy organising ourselves into our new committees! This year we are focusing on: Mental and physical wellbeing, Sports and our environment. The Eco-Warriors team have already been busy out in the school grounds, litter picking and keeping our school environment clean and tidy. They are working towards earning the Bronze Award for school. Look out for more updates coming soon!

The House of Commons also had a fantastic time helping to run stalls at the Christmas Fair, including Santa's grotto and the café.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas break-see you in the New Year!

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Message Board

This Half Term's School Priorities Update:

RAP 1: Developing our teaching pedagogy and curriculum

Staff have been working hard on re-shaping our curriculum. We are really pleased with the results, which will enable teaching at depth and securing access to learning for all, including those with special needs.

RAP 2: Improving outcomes for vulnerable learners

All interventions for pupils are now set up and running well. We are particularly pleased with our reading initiatives, which will receive further investment in the new year.

RAP 3: Raising achievement in reading

There has been a focus on home reading, which needs further investigation. Pupils need to be reading to decode, to comprehend and then to enjoy. Currently, some children are taking books home but failing on comprehension. Ways to support will come out to parents in the new term.

RAP 4: Mastering Maths

Year 3 have started Maths Mastery well this year, and year 4 are following suit with their new start to the programme. Maths across school continues to have a focus on concrete learning and basic skills, such as time tables.

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

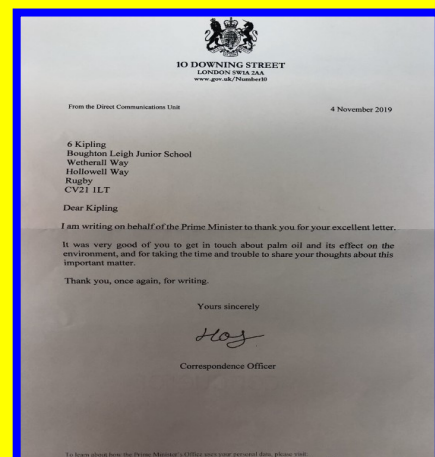
The Jolly Brollies team would like to remind parents that the school office phone line closes at 4.30pm. To contact Jolly Brollies, the direct line is 07817 229057. Jollies Brollies closes at 6pm—on the dot. Thank you.

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.

Year 6's letter from Downing Street

Year 6 were inspired by the Iceland advert 'There's a Rang-tan in my bedroom' and wrote letters to 10 Downing Street about palm oil and deforestation. 6 Kipling sent their letter off and were so excited to receive a response!



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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: Oliver A, Gabriel B, Lexi H, Brooklyn W, Maddison M, Max K, Jacob B.

3 King-Smith: Jude H, Trisha M, Olivia.

3 Eliot: Billy B, Jaime W, Ruby C, Riley S, Alisha S, Haitham L.

3 Strong: Anastasia G, Rosaya G, Millie M.J, Lily K, Henry K, Lolinda D, Anastasia Z.

Tolerant

Year 4 Stars of the week:

4 Deary: Tanisha H, Alisha B, David M, Phoebe O'T, Nicola M, Oliver W, Chloe M-S.

4 Nimmo: Maicie B, Jacob H, Rooney C.F, Maya P, Kayleigh L, Erin W, Harrijs G.

4 Dickens: Szymon G, Juee O, Seth B, Barnaby B, Panna V, Imogen G, Freya L.

4 Tomlinson: Annabelle O, Adam D, Livvy D, Coby T-K, Sophia M, Niya K, Olivia H.

Aspirational

Year 5 Stars of the week:

5 Pullman: Aaryan K, Oliver L, Tyler L, Lilly H, Joel H, Ryley, Shelly O'L.

5 Horowitz: Dainton W, Bethany C, William C, Anna K, Corey D, Jenson J-S.

5 Rowling: Brogan D, Blake M, Sayba M, Corey W, Callum N.C, Macey T, Caitlin W.

5 Morpurgo: Kayla P, Cezary K, Jazmine D-K, Jason, I, Olivia, Indie S.

Respectful

Year 6 Stars of the week:

6 Lewis: Amani G, Skye M, Josh M, Gergely M, Erin C, Ben O, Magda.

6 Kipling: Olivia C, Kian G, Coby S, Bethany L, Jude S, Kalyn B, India K-B, Mia W.

6 Tolkien: Ben B, Cameron B, Olivia H, Renee S, Theo W.

6 Fine: Destiny S, Rhys A, Sam P, Michael R, Tarina R, Daniel E, Ellis K.

Successful

Class role models:

Year 3: Ryley S, Vadims L, Gabriela G, Emily F.

Year 4: Konrad K, Maicie B, Seth B, Sophia M.

Year 5: Aaryan K, Jaylen R, Amelia W, Anna Z.

Year 6: Ellie M, Emilyya A, Kayleigh T, Ayana C.

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Life at BLJS

Festive Fun at BLJS Christmas Fair!

On Friday 6th December 2019, BLJS worked together to create a fantastic Christmas Fair for all to enjoy.

There was a very festive atmosphere with lots of different stalls—festive food and drinks, sweets, games and a wonderfully scented soap stall! We even had a very special, magical visitor in Father Christmas, who set up his grotto just to spread some festive cheer.



The tombola was a huge success—thank you to all who donated items matching their year group colour on non-uniform day! Thank you to everyone who ran stalls and helped to make the event a great way to start the Christmas celebrations in school. **A special thank you to Miss Warriner and the PTA for organising the event!**

Biology Workshop at Rugby High School

On Thursday 10th October, a group of Year 4 girls were invited to attend a Biology Workshop at Rugby High School as part of Biology Week 2019. The theme of the day was 'What's in an Autumn leaf?'

Emilia, Maya and Sienna used paper chromatography to analyse pigments in Autumn leaves and examined plant cells under a microscope. They also helped to create a shared piece of art which will be entered in the BioArt Attack competition run by the Royal Society of Biology.



Fundraising at BLJS

Lest we forget!

For remembrance day we wore our poppies proudly through wristbands, badges and keyrings which all helped us to raise a grand total of **£536.02**—a fantastic amount!

Thank you to all who donated for such an important cause.

Year 6 and some of Year 4 visited the War Memorial on Monday 11th November 2019, to lay wreaths and take part in a special memorial service. We took the time to observe the two-minute silence to remember those who gave their today for our tomorrow.



Lest we forget!

Children in Need

On Friday 15 November 2019, the whole school took part in this year's Children in Need celebrations. In classes, we discussed the importance of helping those who may be in need, different ways of raising and donating money (including those from the news) and the history of the BBC Children in Need telethon.

Children and staff wore non-uniform. For many of us this included adding our Pudsey and Blush ears to raise money for Children in Need. Altogether we raised **£327.51** - a fantastic amount to help us make a difference to the many children and their families who are in need.

Homelessness Week

This year, we took some time to think about those who are less fortunate than us—the homeless. In our year groups, we took part in shelter building. We also had discussions surrounding what it means to be homeless, who can be homeless and what can cause homelessness.



We also wore non-uniform in return for a donation of 50p each to raise money for the charity 'Shelter'. Overall we raised **£233.36** to help the homeless.

Key Dates (Please download our APP)

Monday 6th Jan	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 7th Jan	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 15th Jan	Young Voices
Thursday 16th Jan	Year 5 fire safety talk (2 classes)
Friday 17th Jan	Year 5 fire safety talk (2 classes)
Tuesday 28th Jan	Year 3 & 4 Film Night
Thursday 30th Jan	Year 5 Career Event
Tuesday 4th Feb	Years 5 & 6 Film Night
Wednesday 12th Feb	Anglo-Saxon/Viking Parent Afternoon
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
Friday 3rd April	Last day of half term
Monday 6th April—Friday 17th April	Easter Holiday
	Looking ahead...
Monday 20th April	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 22nd April	Earth Day
Monday 4th May—Thursday 7th May	SMSC/Art/British Values Project Week
Monday 11th May—Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs
Friday 22nd May	Last day of half term
Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May	Half Term Break
Monday 1st June	Pupils return to school
Monday 29th June—Friday 3rd July	All About Me Week

Next newsletter due: End of Spring 1

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