



## Tours for Next Year's Reception Classes

Over the next few months we will be showing prospective parents around the school for next year's intake. The tours will involve a short presentation from the head teacher and then an opportunity to look around the school. Tours have been organised for:

16<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am

No appointment is necessary; parents are welcome to just turn up on the day.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone connected with the school for all of their support during this term. It has been very busy and enjoyable and looking back it is very pleasing to see how much we have achieved. We hope everyone enjoys the half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone again when term starts again on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

## Harvest

We would like to thank all of our parents and children for the contributions that we received for our harvest assembly. We were joined again this year by one of the managers from the local Foodbank, who came in to talk to the children about the need in the local area to support families who do not have enough food. At the end of the assembly, some of the children helped to pack up all of our contributions ready for Foodbank to take away.

## INSET Reminder

This is a reminder that Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October is an INSET day. The first day back for children in Term 2 will be Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

## Fillip

It is not every day that you have a world champion visit your school! We are hugely

proud to announce that we now have a world champion who is a member of our school! Huge congratulations to Fillip who recently won a gold medal at the World Kick Boxing Championships. This follows a huge amount of hard work and dedication. We are all very proud of your achievements!

## Sports Premium Funding

As a school, we receive money from the government to promote sport in our school. This year we have decided to use some of the money to provide new experiences for our children and for them to have the opportunity to try a new sport that they may not have come across before.

So far this term all of our children have taken part in skipping workshop. All of our children in Year 6 have just taken part in a six-week martial arts programme run by Matt. This has proved very popular with the children to the extent that Matt has agreed to run evening martial arts lessons for children in our school on Wednesday evenings from the beginning of next year. Details regarding how to sign up for his classes will be sent out to you soon.

Our children in Year 4 will be off to St Werburgh's Climbing Academy after half term to take part in a series of three rock climbing lessons at the special indoor climbing wall which has been built there.

Details regarding the special experiences that our other year groups will take part in will be



announced later on in the year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Warner and Mrs Garrett for all of their hard work setting up these experiences for the children.

## The Friends

A big thank you to the Friends for all of their hard work fund raising for the children in our school during this term. The team are now hard at work preparing for the Christmas Fair which is due to take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. The team are desperate for as much help as possible. If you feel you can spare any time, please do not hesitate to let them know, either through their Facebook or via the school office.

## New website

We are delighted to announce that our new school website has gone live today! This follows a huge amount of hard work from Mrs Elliott who has worked alongside an external company to develop a new website that we hope will provide up to date and useful information to you as parents about our school.

The website address for the site remains the same: [www.baileyscourt.com](http://www.baileyscourt.com)

Please spend time exploring the new site particularly the learning section which provides detailed information regarding what the children will be learning in school and resources that you might find useful to use at home.

## Woodland Nurturing (Forest Schools)

A number of year groups have visited Hortham Farm during this term to take part in woodland nurturing (forest school) experiences. These sessions have been very much enjoyed by the children and it is really pleasing to see how their independence and outdoor skills are developing. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who have taken the time to volunteer to help out at forest schools. Without this help we would not be able to run the programme out of school. A list of the weeks when woodland nurturing sessions will be occurring in each year group has been added to the dates section at the end of this newsletter. Please can we encourage parents to consider and let us know in advance if you would be

available to help at on one or more of these days.

## Year 4 swimming

We are very grateful to Barley Close Primary School for allowing us to use their indoor swimming pool to provide swimming lessons to our children in Year 4. All of our children in Year 4 have taken part in this experience this term. Follow up sessions will now take place later on in the school year.

## Congratulations Amelia and Matthew!

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Amelia and Matthew who recently entered the British Regional Schools Judo Championship and we are delighted to say both came away with silver medals! Following this amazing achievement, both will now be going on to the nationals next May. We are thrilled with the children's achievements and wish them every success next year!

## Year 5 Learn the Ukulele

As part of our ongoing enrichment programme, all of our children in Year 5 have been having ukulele lessons this term. This is a new initiative in our school and is proving to be a very popular one with the children. It is amazing to listen to the progress they are already making!

## Information About What is Taught in Each Year Group

A number of parents have recently enquired where they can obtain further information regarding our curriculum at Bailey's Court and the subject areas that children will be learning this term. In order to support parents, we have published a number of documents on our school website in the Learning section which provides detailed information regarding the areas children will be learning about.

## 101 Things to Do Before ...

Today we relaunched our initiative, '101 Things to Do Before I Leave Bailey's Court'. Each year the children are set a range of challenges to complete at home throughout the year which are

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specific to their age and stage of development. Once completed, children are encouraged to complete their '101 Booklet' and bring it back to school so that they can be awarded with a special badge and certificate.

Details as to what is needed to complete the challenges can be found in the 'Learning' section of our school website. Children have until the summer to complete this year's initiative.

## Brightwell

Last year we nominated The Brightwell Therapy Centre, which is based in Bradley Stoke, as the charity we would like to support. The children in each year worked hard on their enterprise projects and collectively raised a massive £1350. We presented the money in a special assembly and The Brightwell were extremely grateful and appreciative.

## Birthday Fridays

Today we celebrated our first Birthday Friday of the school year. Instead of holding these at the end of each month as we did last year, we have now organised these to take place at the end of each term. All children in the school have spent this afternoon playing games to celebrate the birthdays of all of the children who have had birthdays during this term. This was an initiative we started during the Covid pandemic and due to popular demand, we have decided to continue with it.

## Pupil Premium

Every year at this time, we send out a reminder to all families about **Pupil Premium** funding. **Pupil Premium funding** was introduced by the government in April 2011 and, since that date, schools have been allocated funding for children from families who are eligible for certain Government benefits, free school meals, plus looked-after children and those from families with parents in the Armed Forces. If a child has received free school meals at any point during their time at primary school, the school will continue to receive **Pupil Premium** funding until the day that they leave the school.

The aim of the funding is to help raise standards for children in these groups. For eligible children, we will be offering a whole range of benefits, including a 50% discount on these activities:

**Residential school camp (Y6)**

**Educational school visits**

**Musical instrument lessons (in school)**

On top of this, we will be offering a free set of **school uniform** (to be purchased through the school) and a free place at our **Breakfast Club**. We will also be providing an additional **50% contribution of up to £100 towards a club** that is run either inside or outside of school. It would be a requirement that any club would promote the values of the school. This might include, for example, swimming lessons or beavers/cubs/brownies.

In addition to the list above, it is intended that this year's funding will make a contribution towards the following: (This is a small sample of what we offer, there are more details available on the school's website.)

**-Interventions to support children's learning in small groups**

**-Pastoral Support (with Mrs Martin)**

**-Counselling**

**-Resources for use in English and maths, including IT**

**-Forest schools**

**-Lunchtime support groups**

You can register for Pupil Premium if you are in receipt of a number of Government benefits:

-Income Support

-Income-based Job Seekers Allowance

-Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

-Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum act 1999

-The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit Child Tax Credit (with no working credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

-Working Tax Credit run-on

-Universal Credit

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All children who are in Reception or Year 1 or Year 2 in a state funded school have been offered a free healthy school lunch. **Children in other years will also be offered a free school lunch if their parent is currently receiving any of the welfare benefits listed above.**

This additional pupil premium money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed above. It is therefore important to sign up for free school meals, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, so that your child's school receives as much funding as possible and we can help to provide you with the benefits listed above.

If you are in receipt of any of the Government benefits (listed above) or are already registered for pupil premium, please contact the school office and Mrs Canings will be happy to answer any questions you may have and will provide you with the necessary forms to complete.

## Bicycles and Scooters

For health and safety reasons, we ask that no children or their parents ride bicycles or scooters on the school playground. If they need to be brought on to the school site they need to be pushed. We ask that this rule applies to very small children as well please.

## Holiday and Absences from School Reminder

This is to remind parents that absence from school may only now be granted by the head teacher in 'exceptional' circumstances.

Governors have agreed that this could include, attending funerals or family weddings etc.

Following Government guidelines, holidays cannot be authorised during term time. The head teacher can only consider applications made using the 'School Application for Absence Form' which must be submitted two calendar weeks ahead of the date requested for absence.

## INSET Days

This year's INSET days will be held on the following days:

31<sup>st</sup> October

26<sup>th</sup> May

5<sup>th</sup> June

## Breakfast and After School Clubs

Our breakfast club is open from 7.45am and our after-school club is open between 3.30pm and 6.00pm.

Bookings for the clubs will be made on a first come first serve basis. If you would like to book a space for your child, please contact the school office.

## Diary Dates

### Term 2

INSET 31<sup>st</sup> Oct

Children arrive back 1<sup>st</sup> November

Forest school Year 5 7 - 11<sup>th</sup> November

Remembrance assembly 11<sup>th</sup> November

Year 5 camp meeting for residential in Year 6

14<sup>th</sup> November 6pm

New reception parents' tours 16<sup>th</sup> November 9.15am

Parent forum 17<sup>th</sup> November 2.45pm

Children in Need 18<sup>th</sup> November (tbc)

Reception open afternoons 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> November 3.30 – 4.30pm

Xmas fair 25<sup>th</sup> November (TBC)

Forest school Year 6 28<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Xmas lunches 14<sup>th</sup> December

End Term 16<sup>th</sup> December

### Term 3

Children arrive back 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan

Parent forum 26<sup>th</sup> January 2.45pm

End Term 10<sup>th</sup> Feb

### Term 4

Term begins 20<sup>th</sup> Feb

Forest school Year 4 27<sup>th</sup> Feb – 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Open afternoon 9<sup>th</sup> March 3pm

15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March parent consultations

Forest School Year 5 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March

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Parent forum 15<sup>th</sup> March 2.45pm  
Sports Relief 17<sup>th</sup> March (TBC)  
MOJO Active – Year 2 21<sup>st</sup> , 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
MOJO Active – Year 4 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> March  
Forest school Year 3 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Year 5 parents' camp meeting 29<sup>th</sup> March  
3.30pm  
End Term 31<sup>st</sup> March

### **Term 5**

Term begins 17<sup>th</sup> April  
MOJO Active – Year 1 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> April  
MOJO Active – Year 3 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
MOJO Active – Year 5 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> May  
Parent forum 11<sup>th</sup> May 2.45pm  
KS2 SATs 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 5 camp (Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May)  
Forest school Year Reception/Year 1 15 – 19<sup>th</sup>  
May  
Sports Days 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May (reserve 25<sup>th</sup>)  
INSET 26<sup>th</sup> May  
End Term 26<sup>th</sup> May

### **Term 6**

INSET 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Children arrive back 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Forest school Year 5 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June  
New reception parents meeting 12<sup>th</sup> June 6pm  
Forest school Year 6 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June  
Forest school Year 2 19 – 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
New reception meet the teacher visits 19<sup>th</sup> June  
– 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
MOJO Active – Year 6 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
Forest school Year 3 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June  
Parent forum 29<sup>th</sup> June 2.45pm  
Summer fair 1<sup>st</sup> July (TBC)  
Forest school Year 4 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July  
New Reception stay and play visits 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July  
Reception teddy bear picnic 7<sup>th</sup> July  
21<sup>st</sup> July End Term

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