

Newsletter
Monday 3rd
October 2016

● ● ● Halfway through the Half Term!

Hi everyone, it is hard to think we are already into October and well over half way through this half term. How time flies when we are having fun! I am so impressed with how well all the children have settled into this term, they are growing in confidence and the quality of learning, especially from our older children is brilliant, well done to you all. I have just a few notices for you all this week as we head towards our first residential of the year. An exciting week ahead for many. Thank you as always for your continuing support.

● ● ● Car Parking

I am asked almost on a daily basis by parents, carers and local residents about car parking. I just want to highlight that it is not the school's responsibility to find parking space for parents and carers. There isn't a school in Cheshire West that has this facility, and after many years of campaigning with local councillors, the highways department and planners this still remains the case, however I am trying to come up with a short term solution. Firstly it is important that parents and carers park with consideration for others. Primarily our focus must be to keep our children safe outside of the school gates so please bear this in mind and don't park on the zig zags or on the crossing. I have negotiated with Morgan Sindall that for the short term all our staff cars will park in our new car park (staff only) at the back of the old BCT building and also in our original car park on the old school site. We can do this until demolition starts. In the meantime that leaves the old KCC car park completely empty and I am suggesting where possible parents and carers use this space. Can I please reiterate that you must keep your children close by when using this space, worryingly I am seeing children not supervised in these busy and dangerous spaces. Hopefully this will help in the short term until demolition is complete, but with 62 staff cars to find space for there will always be a need for all parents and carers to park considerably around the school. I would really value your support with this.



● ● ● Year 1 Take Chester By Storm!

It was a wonderful day last week when our Year 1 children took a trip to our fantastic city to explore all that it had to offer! They used the local buses to find their way into Chester and then explored almost every single part of it! What was most impressive was their tremendous attitude, enthusiasm and behaviour which was commented on by many adults around the city. It made me feel incredibly proud that the children of Year 1 represented our school superbly and I know Miss Fellows and Miss Spalvieri felt exactly the same! Congratulations Moon and Earth classes you have set the standard high this year.

● ● ● Year 2 Are Burwardsley Bound

This week sees the first of our residential trips and I am excited to hear and see the adventures that will be taking place for Venus and Mercury classes when they head to the beautiful countryside of Burwardsley later in the week. I am hoping to join both classes in the evening to listen to tales of adventure, challenge and of course the lovely campfire, story telling, singing and a bit of badger watching!! Good luck Year 2's I know that you will be incredible.



● ● ● Good Luck Mrs Sawyer & Congratulations Mrs Davies

Many of you may be aware that Mrs Sawyer our teacher in Pandora finished school last Wednesday to start her maternity leave. We wish Mrs Sawyer well and hope she has a little bit of time to relax and put her feet up before her second child arrives. Good luck Mrs Sawyer, we will keep you all posted with any news! Also I wanted to say a special well done to Mrs Davies our Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo). Over the past 2 years Mrs Davies has been undertaking a Postgraduate Professional Education Inclusion Assessment that supports her role in school. I am delighted to inform you all that she passed this assessment after many hours hard work outside of the school day. Well done Mrs Davies, a fabulous effort and well deserved!



● ● ● Parent Drop-In Thursday 6th October 3.15 – 6pm

Please don't forget that on Thursday of this week, all classes apart from Year 2 will be keeping their doors open at the end of the school day for any parents and carers who wish to pop in and have a look at their children's learning or to chat informally with teachers about how they are settling into school. You will have received a letter regarding these as we will be running them more regularly this year following feedback in last year's annual questionnaire where a number of parents and carers felt they didn't know what progress their children were making. Please also note that teachers will meet with parents at any time during the year by agreed appointment so when you feel you need to know more, just ask and we will support this. I look forward to seeing many of you on Thursday.



Sporting Success Already ● ● ●



Our sports season has started well and now all our clubs are up and running we expect to see a number of children representing the school. So far we have played one football fixture with our school football team beating a strong Saughall All Saints 4-3 in the 1st Round of the Chester Schools Cup.



From here our Boys and Girls Football Teams represented Dee Point in the BEV Schools Tournament. The girls came a close 2nd losing only on goal difference, but the boys managed to go 1 better and retained the BEV Schools Football Shield with a victory against the other Blacon schools. Well done to all the children who participated, amazing courage and determination throughout!! Our next task is a BEV Rugby Tournament for Years 5 & 6 on Thursday 13th October and a Year 3/4 football match in Tattenhall on the 19th October – more information to follow soon.

● ● ● ...And Finally

Thank you everyone for your continuing support, we have no news on the demolition at present, I do know that plans for the main entrance area are currently being drawn up with a number of meetings having happened with the Local Authority highways and planning departments to look at the best and safest solution. I will keep you posted as to the progress of this.

Have a lovely week everyone

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