



The Bayford Bugle



Courage Appreciation Peace Respect Responsibility Love

**Bayford (C of E) Primary School and Nursery, Ashdene Road,
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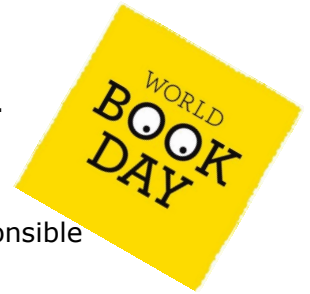
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Book Fair and World Book Day

The Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving this week and will be open during playtimes and after school from Monday 28th February to Thursday 3rd March.

Children have been given a book token that can be used against the cost of any book at the book fair that costs £2.99 or more. If you send your child in with money to spend at the book fair, please be aware that they will be responsible for looking after this themselves.



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. Children can come to school dressed as a book character and there will be a prize for the best dressed child in each year group.

TWiGS

Tim from TWiGS will be in school from Tuesday 15th March to Friday 18th March to run outdoor learning sessions for all classes as follows:

Tuesday 15th March – Class 1
Wednesday 16th March – EYFS
Thursday 17th March – Class 3
Friday 18th March – Class 2



As usual, activities will go ahead whatever the weather so please ensure your child is appropriately dressed to keep warm and dry on their TWiGS day.

Attendance

Since we wrote to parents in January about the worrying fall in whole school attendance, rather than seeing an increase we have actually seen a further decrease and we currently have attendance of just **93.6%** for the year to date.

Could we please urge you once more to NOT book family holidays during term time. We have had too many parents disregard our previous letter and have advised that they will be taking their children on a family holiday when they should be at school learning.

Taking children out of school results in vital missed learning which will have a detrimental effect on your child's academic development. Please make every effort to get your child to school every day.

Parents Consultations

These will be taking place on:

Tuesday 22nd March from 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday 23rd March from 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Further details will follow soon.

Walk to School & Drop Off

Don't forget your child can earn WOW badges for walking to school 3 days per week in each month (including parking in the pub car park and walking from there).



Value & Collective Worship

Our value this half term is Love. We will be thinking about love during our collective worships on a Thursday morning with Mrs Ross and Reverend Theresa.

'Love your neighbour as yourself.'



Matthew 22 v 37

Comic Relief

On Friday 18th March the school will be fundraising for Comic Relief so will be having a non-uniform day. Children should come to school in their own clothes and may also wear Comic Relief accessories such as red noses and deely boppers etc. which are available from Sainsburys, TK Maxx and various online websites.

Children should bring a minimum donation of £2.00 each for this very worthwhile cause.

New Management Information System

We have just changed our school Management Information System (MIS) from SIMS to Arbor. This was necessary due to the Herts framework no longer supporting SIMS.

Arbor comes with a Parent App which you can use to update us of changes of address, phone numbers etc. as well as being able to book parents evenings (though possibly not the upcoming ones), trips, clubs and make payments. This will consolidate all our different current systems i.e. ParentMail, SchoolComss, SIMS etc.

Class teachers will continue to use Class Dojo to communicate as we feel this works well but we will send details about Arbor once we are confident it is ready for parent use.

Watch out for more information!



Founders Day

On Friday 1st April, we will be holding our first ever Founders Day. This will be a day to remember and celebrate the founding of Bayford School, which was first opened on the old site in April 1833. Plans for the day are still being worked on but as this is the last day of term, school will be finishing at the earlier time of 1.30pm for children from Reception to Year 6.

Class 1 Parents Meetings

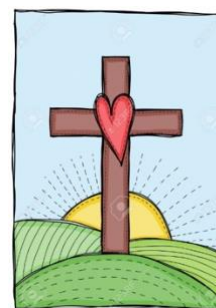
Miss Holliday will be holding meetings to inform parents about forthcoming tests for Year 1 and Year 2.

These are as follows:
Y1 Phonics: 2:45pm 8th March
Y2 SATs: 2:45pm 9th March

Easter Church Service

Our Easter Service will be held at St. Mary's Church, Bayford on Thursday 31st March. The service will start at 2.30pm and will finish at 3.15pm.

We have arranged for the bus to collect those children that use the service from the church. All other children must be collected from the church.



Cars Idling Outside School

Could we please ask that you turn off your car engines when waiting in your cars to drop your children off to school. Leaving your cars running creates a lot of harmful fumes which linger and will be breathed in by children and parents. This is also bad for the environment, and we should all be doing our bit to help save the planet wherever we can...and of course the price of petrol is really high at the moment and every little bit helps to save money!