



The Bayford Bugle



Courage Appreciation Peace Respect Responsibility Love

Jesus said, "I know my sheep...and my sheep know me." John 10:14

Bayford (C of E) Primary School and Nursery, Ashdene Road, Bayford, Herts, SG13 8PX

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Sunny Weather



Could you please make sure your child has a hat to wear at break and lunch while the weather is hot and sunny. You should also make sure your child has sun cream applied before coming to school and if they are able to apply it themselves, they could bring some into school to top themselves up with.

Last Day of Term

We will be breaking up for the summer holidays on Friday 21st July. We will be finishing at the earlier time of 1.30pm. However, there will be a leavers service on the field at 12.45pm which all are welcome to attend.

Class Swap Day

On Thursday 13th July, Year 6 will be visiting their new secondary schools for the day. This is also our transition day where the children will spend the morning in their classes for next year and get to work with their new teachers.

Attendance

Whole-school attendance to date is 93.5% which is below the government target of 96% but is an increase of 2% compared to February.

However, we have do have an increasing number of parents taking their children out of school for family holidays. In these cases, both parents are sent letters explaining that if their child is marked with 15 sessions (7.5 school days) over the current and previous term, as per county guidelines, the school will apply for a fine to be issued.

While 90% is a very good figure to receive in a test, when this is a child's attendance figure, it is actually very bad. This is equivalent of the child missing half a school year over the 7 years of their compulsory primary education.

School Reports & SATS Results

End of year reports, including SATS results for children in Year 2 and Year 6 and Phonics Screening Check results for children in Class 1, will be sent out to families on Friday July 14th



Outdoor Shoes

Could we please remind you that all children should have trainers for changing into at playtimes and lunchtimes. There are a small number of children who are still wearing wellies which are not suitable in this weather.

Class 3 – Midsummer Night's Dream

Class 3 have started work on their end of year show and will be performing William Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream at Sele School on Thursday 6th July.

Like last year, there will be a performance for the rest of the school at 2.15pm. We are waiting for quotes from coach companies to transport the children to Sele. As soon as we have them, we will write to you with details.

Attendance Ladder		
How close is your child to 100%?		
0 Days off school	100%	perfection!
equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent!
equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned

TWiGS

Classes will be having fun TWiGS sessions with Tim on the following dates...

Tuesday 20th June – EYFS
Wednesday 21st June – Class 3
Thursday 22nd June – Class 1
Friday 23rd June – Class 2



Class 3 Residential

Due to the large costs of a residential trip for children at this time of year, Class 3 have spent a week doing some local day trips this year.

However, as we believe that staying away from home is an important part of growing up, next year's Class 3 will be going on a residential trip in October instead. This will keep the costs down considerably and allows the children to build relationships and work on team building activities that will benefit them for the whole year.

Children will be going to Skreens Park, just outside Chelmsford.

SKREENS PARK
Activity Centre

Values & Collective Worship

Our value this half-term is Respect. We will be thinking about these during our collective worships on a Thursday morning with Reverend Theresa.

"And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them."
Luke 6 v 31



Online Safety

With the summer holidays just around the corner, children are looking forward to having more free time. For many, this will be spent online. We know that parents worry about what their children are doing online and need ongoing support.

There are a number of good websites where you can get the advice and support you need. We have also recently sent out a document from Skips Safety Net so please look out for that.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Admission to First Communion

This term, a number of children in Class 3 are embarking on 'Admission to First Communion' sessions with Reverend Theresa. This allows the children to explore the Eucharist and will culminate in a whole-school church service where the children will be able to fully take part in their first communion.

We are waiting for Reverend Theresa to confirm a date for us for the church service and will let you know as soon as we have it.



Staff Changes

There will be changes in all classes next year in some form or other. Mrs Kinsley will be leaving sometime before October half-term to have her baby and we are looking at our options for finding a teacher to cover her maternity leave. Class 1 will be taught by Miss Senior, Class 2 will be taught by Miss Brazier and Miss Kavalir and the children in Class 3 will be taught by Miss Lourenco.

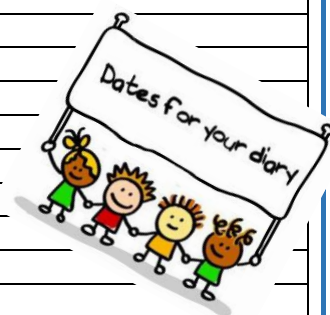
Our amazing team of dedicated support staff will be remaining with their current classes.

Mrs Hill will also continue with her pastoral role and will be available for parents to speak to in the playground on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, as she continues to be this year.

Diary Dates

There is a lot going on this half-term so please look out for emails with details on things your child may be involved in.

When	Who	What
Mon 19 th June	Year 1	Infant Agility at Sele School
Tues 20 th June	EYFS	TWiGS
Tues 20 th June	Selected KS2 Chn	Chess competition at Essendon School
Weds 21 st June	Class 3	TWiGS
Weds 21 st June	EYFS	Road Safety Workshop
Thurs 22 nd June	Class 1	TWiGS
Fri 23 rd June	Class 2	TWiGS
Mon 26 th June	Class 2 & 3	District Athletics at Wodson Park
Tues 27 th June	Class 3	Shakespeare workshop in school
Weds 28 th June	Whole School	Wellbeing Activities Day
Thurs 29 th June	Class 3	Shakespeare workshop in school
Thurs 29 th June	EYFS	Sports Day
Weds 5 th July	Class 3	Shakespeare workshop in school
Thurs 6 th July	Class 3	Shakespeare workshop at Sele
Thurs 6 th July	Whole School	Watch Class 3 Shakespeare at Sele School
Fri 7 th July	Class 1, 2 & 3	Sports Day
Fri 7 th July	Whole School	Summer Fair
Mon 10 th July	Year 6	Bikeability
Tues 11 th July	Year 6	Bikeability
Weds 12 th July	Year 6	Bikeability
Thurs 13 th July	Year 6	Secondary Transition Day
Thurs 13 th July	Whole School	Transition Day (Class Swap)
Fri 14 th July	Year 6	Bikeability
Fri 14 th July	Class 2 & 3	French Breakfast
Fri 21 st July	Whole School	Year 6 leavers service
Fri 21 st July	Whole School	School ends at 1.30pm



FOBS

A big thank you to everyone involved in the recent raffle – this raised a whopping £1800 for the school. Thank you also to everyone who bought tickets.

Thank you to those who came to the recent meeting about putting on a summer fair. It looks like we are going to have a really great afternoon on Friday 7th July straight after Sports Day activities, from 3-5pm. FOBS will be running a couple of refreshment stalls during the sports day and there will be food, drinks, stalls, games and fun.

If you would like to help out with any of the preparation or would like to man a stall on the day please could you email Mrs Sims to let her know.

In addition, if anyone works for a company that can do 'Match Funding' please let us know as this might be a further way of raising funds for the school.

Thank You.

