

BORDESLEY VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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End of Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carers,

It's hard to believe, but we are already at the end of the Autumn Term! We hope you all enjoy the holiday period and wish all our families who are celebrating this time of the year, a very happy Christmas.

The school will re-open in the new year on Monday 6th January 2025. Please ensure you return promptly.

Home Learning



While the children are not in school please maintain the good learning habits established over the term – encourage your child to read on a regular basis, take some time to access TTRS and engage with activities on Education City or Atom Prime. If you are experiencing any difficulty accessing any of our online resources please see the class teacher before the end of term. Short periods of time engaging with learning over the holiday period will benefit your child/children enormously in the future.

Final week of Term

This week the children have opportunities to take part in off site visits. **On Monday 16th December, Yrs.1, 2 and 3** will walk to the **Trinity Centre** for a pantomime – Herald of Herod, which replaces their R.E this week. **On Tuesday 17th December, Yrs. 3 and 4** will be travelling by coach to the **Crescent Theatre to see Beauty and the Beast**. Travelling after lunch they can take a small snack and soft drink with them, for the interval. Please note, the running time of the performance is 2hrs 20mins so the children are not expected back until 4.15pm approximately. The same applies to **Yrs. 5 and 6's visit on Wednesday 18th December**. There will be a **Rewards Assembly on Wednesday** too, rewarding attendance of at least 97% for this term and also recognising good behaviour. Role models could in addition, be receiving a Headteacher Award. Please look out for the certificates!

On Friday 20th December there will be **class parties** to celebrate the end of the term. For **Nursery**, this will be **Wednesday 18th December**. The children do not have to wear uniform but, should bring along a party plate of food for themselves to eat during the morning.



Staffing

We have in recent weeks welcomed Mrs Khan back to the school and she is very much looking forward to taking Yr.4/4A for the remainder of the academic year. We would though like to thank Miss Hanif for all she has done to support the teaching and learning within the classroom to date.



We would also like to introduce Ms Robinson who has joined the Early Years team. Ms Ashraf, currently in RB, has worked across the MAT for a number of years and supported many children at the start of their learning journey and enabled them to achieve expected outcomes and more! Looking to extend her own experience however, she has made the decision to leave at the end of the term and we're sure, like us, you will want to send her your best wishes for all she does in the future.

Attendance

Coming to the end of term we'd like to thank all those families who have supported the school and their child/children's best interests by sending them into school on a daily basis. Attendance remains at the forefront of our work as it has such an impact on a child's success. It is though, given recent findings, also a constant focus within the media.

On 5th December the Chief Inspector of Ofsted spoke of the "alarming" level of children missing school that has become a "stubborn and damaging issue". Its annual report subsequently said attendance issues had "deepened" since the pandemic with around 158,000 children missing at least half of their classes in the autumn and spring terms of the last academic year.

This term our absence rate of 4.4% is in line with national figures published for 9th September to 22 November 2024 which stood at 4.7% for those of compulsory school age in state-funded primary schools. However, there are families, particularly in the Early Years, who still need to make a concerted effort to enable us to build on this and develop good habits for the future.



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Parental Engagement & Interactions

This term's Parent / Carer's coffee mornings have received positive feedback and we look forward to continuing these into the Spring Term. **As part of this focus on engagement with parents, the school will be closed to pupils on Monday 20th January 2025** to enable **Parent Consultations** to take place throughout the school day. An extended meeting with the class teacher will focus on progress to date as well as areas for development that you may be able to support with at home. All parents should be ensure they attend these important meetings. Further details will follow in the new year regarding timings/appointments.

Unfortunately, there have been a small number of incidents this term where this partnership between parents and the school has been challenging. In response we must reiterate that any confrontational conduct on the school site will not be tolerated. **Aggressive or abusive behaviour, whether verbal or physical, that is directed towards any member of the school community i.e. staff, parents, pupils or visitors to the school, could result in the parent / carer being barred from the school site.**

We look forward to seeing all our families on our return on 6th January 2025 and hope we can continue working together to secure the best possible outcomes for each child attending our school.

Yours sincerely,

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