

# BORDESLEY VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Autumn (ii) Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed the half term break.

This half term we are looking forward to a range of events, non-more so than **Chaplins' Pantomime** who will be visiting the school on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November** for pupils from **Early Years to Yr.2**, to re-enact the story of **Jack and the Beanstalk**. Alongside the pantomime there will be popcorn and drinks for all, and parents are asked to contribute **£3** towards the cost, via ParentPay prior to the performance in school. *Should parents of Nursery children wish to experience the pantomime, they will be welcome for a 9.15 -11.15am session that day, but please let us know beforehand if they will be attending.*



**Yrs. 3 – 6** will then be visiting the **Crescent Theatre** in the centre of Birmingham on **17<sup>th</sup> December (Yrs. 3 & 4)** and **18<sup>th</sup>**



**December (Yrs. 5 & 6)**. The children will have an early lunch in school, in preparation for a 1.30pm performance with a return time of approximately 4.00pm. All the children can though take a small snack and drink to the theatre for the interval.

The website describes this production as *a magical re-telling of the tale of Beauty and the Beast, first performed in this version by the Royal Shakespeare Company.*

*When Beauty's father hears that his long-lost ship packed with pearls has landed safely in harbour, he sets out on a long, difficult journey to claim his fortune and rescue his family from poverty.*

*But, when, stumbling across a magic world belonging to a fearsome beast, he picks a rose as a present for his favourite daughter, the family find themselves in a nightmarish predicament from which only Beauty can rescue them...*

While the visit has been subsidised, we are asking parents to contribute **£15** towards the cost of the visit. This is payable via ParentPay and will need to be paid in full by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024. If this proves to be difficult for any families, please speak to a member of the Admin team who can set up a payment plan over the remaining five weeks.

## Attendance

Under plans to be unveiled by Ofsted and Bridget Phillipson, the Education Secretary, pupil attendance will now be among 10 new performance ratings upon which schools will be judged. Thank you to everyone who has supported their child, and the school, by ensuring at least 'good' attendance this half term. Please take a look at the table below to see expected levels of attendance over the academic year, and the impact of regular absences on a child's level of attainment.

Attendance (%)	Expected levels of attendance over an academic year (Sept. – July)
98 – 100%	<b>Excellent attendance</b> – children are accessing all learning opportunities
96 – 97%	<b>Good attendance</b> – children are missing very few learning opportunities
94 – 95%	<b>Attendance is below expectations</b> – children are at risk of underachievement with up to 50 missed lessons and <b>up to 10 school days absent</b> in an academic year
92 – 93%	<b>Attendance is below expectations</b> – children are at risk of underachievement with up to 75 missed lessons and <b>up to 15 school days absent</b> in an academic year
90 – 92%	<b>Attendance is below expectations</b> – children are at risk of underachievement with up to 100 missed lessons and <b>up to 19 school days absent</b> in an academic year
Below 90%	<b>Persistent Absence</b> – children are at extreme risk of underachievement with over 100 missed lessons and <b>upwards of 22 school days absent</b> in an academic year

Following this half term's analysis there are children already at risk of underachieving! While letters have gone out to parents alerting them to our early concerns, this will be followed up with more formal meetings where applicable. For some, attendance below expectations is due to regular days off, but for others it is term time leave that is impacting significantly on a child's learning opportunities and overall attendance. We published term time dates at the beginning of this academic year and urge parents to adhere to the school's holiday periods. Please look at the table below and consider how your child's attendance relates to their class and his/her peers.



<https://bvcs.eschools.co.uk>

Class	96 – 100% Good /Excellent	90 – 95% Below expected	Below 90% Persistent Abs
Nursery	38%	29%	33%
RA	71%	17%	12%
RB	70%	19%	11%
1A	75%	14%	11%
2A	74%	13%	13%
2B	81%	15%	4%
3A	74%	11%	15%
3B	78%	15%	7%
4A	61%	19%	19%
5A	74%	10%	17%
6A	71%	11%	18%
6B	84%	6%	10%

### MiQuills

Our school meals provider, MiQuills Catering, has recently updated their weekly menus. They change their three-week cycles twice a year in keeping with the seasons, while theme days bring additional choices. Please take a look at the menus which are available on the school website. As part of the celebration of Black History Month the kitchen produced a meal of jerk chicken, rice, dumplings and plantains which was enjoyed by all! On Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December the children will also have the opportunity to share a traditional Christmas lunch with their classmates. If anyone usually bringing a packed lunch wishes to have a meal on this day please let the office know as soon as possible, as the kitchen needs to ensure their orders include any additional children.

Eating a well-balanced diet supports well-being and lays foundations for a healthy future. Did you know that children eating a school lunch are said to consume more fruit and vegetables than their peers? A school meal currently costs £2.45, but parents can always check whether their child is entitled to a free school meal by logging on to:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>.

### Events & Activities

There are a range of events coming up for both children and parents. Details are listed below:

Anti-bullying workshops - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November & Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Spooky Disco (Yrs. 2 – 6) – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – 4.30 – 6.30pm

Charity Fundraising – Children in Need – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Chaplains' Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk - (Nursery – Yr.2) - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November

School Photographs – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Charity Fundraising & Christmas Lunch - Winter Jumper Day – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Crescent Theatre Visits – Beauty and the Beast - (Yrs. 3 – 6) - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Parent / Carer's Coffee Morning  
You are invited to join us  
9.15 – 10.15am  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Yr.4  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Yr.3



Our Coffee Mornings with Yrs.5 and 6 have been well received and we hope to meet with more parent / carers on an informal basis this term and next. Please see the dates and times above, and come along. You'll be very welcome!

As always, we look forward to working with all our families to ensure the best possible outcomes for each and every one of our children.

Yours sincerely,

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