



Bamford Primary School Newsletter 4

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Winter weather...

It's always a difficult decision to close the school and the issues to be considered such as site safety, transport routes and staffing vary depending on the day of the week and the areas affected. We always try to keep school open and also to notify you as early as we can if not. Thank you for your continued understanding and support, especially to those parents who thoughtfully came and helped to clear our many paths without even being asked. It was very much appreciated. Winter is not over yet so please make sure that your contingency plans remain in place in case of further snow. As always, please do not try to ring school – you will receive a text, the website will be updated and Derbyshire County Council informed as soon as a decision to close the School is made.

Safer Internet Day

Our e-safety policy has been updated and will appear on the School website very soon. We are holding our Safer Internet Day on Wednesday 18 March when all classes will be discussing related issues in addition to the regular e-safety work covered. A leaflet with information for parents is being sent home together with this newsletter. If you wish to discuss it further, please contact the School or your child's teacher.

School Governors

We have 2 new vacancies on the governing body, 1 for a parent governor and one for a LA governor who may also be a parent – past present or future!! At this time of change, when School is in the process of appointing a new headteacher, it would be really wonderful if we could make sure that we have our full complement of governors to take the school forward. You do not have to be an expert in education: knowledge of children, our community, human resources, marketing, PR, law, business, health and

safety, buildings, families, or healthcare are among the relevant areas, but not the only ones. The job is not onerous – there are 4 main meetings a year plus governors are encouraged to sit on one of our 2 committees, which meet termly, if they can. We try to arrange meetings during the day as well as the evenings depending on the views of the majority of governors involved. Training is provided – sometimes in school or with other schools. At Bamford, women are particularly under represented so it would be fantastic if some mums would consider putting themselves forward. Or if you have a local contact that might be interested let us know. We always do our best to make you feel welcome and understand that it will take a couple of meetings before most people feel able to contribute. The only requirements are:

- An interest in supporting our school and providing the best education for our children
- A willingness to give up a little time to come into school to get to know us and to attend meetings

Please speak to Mrs Perkins or Mrs Gemmell if you would like a chat about this or further information.

British Values

We teach children about the values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs as part of our broad and balanced curriculum which promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of all pupils. There is a link on our website to the guidance from DfE if you require further information.

Time out of school

We would like to remind you that we cannot authorise any term time holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances, and not at all during the Year 6 SATs week (w/c 11th May 2015) or where attendance is low, whatever the reason. We are proud of our excellent attendance and would like to thank parents for their continued support to achieve this.



School Crossing News

We have been notified that the Council believe the School Crossing Patrol at Main Road, Bamford does not meet specific national criteria and therefore will not be replaced. A school crossing patrol consultation has been launched at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/schoolcrossings

Please follow this link before 21 April if you wish to express a view.

Reading – Bug Club

The school has been pleased to use some of the money raised by the PTFA towards the purchase of an electronic reading scheme which is accessed via the internet and complements our traditional scheme. You should be receiving a letter about it this week, together with a password, so that children can access reading books at home. If you do not have a computer or tablet at home, but still wish your child to access it, please have a work with your child’s teacher to find out when they can use computers in school to do so.

Breakfast Club

We have received enquiries about a Breakfast Club to run before school. Please would you let school know if you would be interested in using a breakfast Club from 8am Monday – Friday from September by filling in the slip below and returning it to the office or emailing:

info@bamford.derbyshire.sch.uk

This is just to gauge interest so that appropriate arrangements can be made and is not at this stage a firm commitment to use it either all or part of the week. The cost is likely to be in line with other breakfast clubs in the area.

Dates

- 24/2-2/3 Scholastic Book Fair in school
- 4/3 Y6 parents’ SATs briefing 6pm
- 5/3 World Book Day
- 13/3 Red Nose Day
- 16-20/3 Science Week (Journeys/Transport)
- 23 /3 Y6 Visit to HVC – Specialist Schools Day
- 25/3 Easter Egg Competition
- 23-27 March Parents’ Evenings
- 27/3 Easter Assemblies from 2pm
- 30/3-1/4 Y6 Easter School

Breakfast Club Consultation

We might be interested in using a breakfast club before school next September.

Number of children

Number of days

Name