



3rd December 2020

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

I always love the Christmas season in schools and have enjoyed hearing about all of the advent calendars that are being opened across our area, as well as what those naughty elves are up to! During a time when we give thanks and take time to give to others, I wanted to take up a large section of this newsletter to detail some of the gifts that are allowing us to improve our school. They are going to make a huge difference to our children and really support us in our mission to 'Empower and Enable' our pupils towards their futures.

We are so lucky to be supported by so many groups of compassionate, caring people but there are three organisations that I must really draw your attention to. The first is Magic Breakfast. This group not only supplies our children with breakfast items (usually bagels but currently the take home products), but were also kind enough to refer us to Amazon for a Christmas reward. Not everyone will know that this association also provided many, many food packages within the community during Lockdown and will continue to do so over the Christmas period. When speaking to a representative from Amazon I was completely blown away with the generosity of our 'reward', totalling £10000 in donations. Some Christmas present! We are also going to be provided with a breakfast event where a celebrity (we still don't know who) will be addressing our children remotely, with props provided from Amazon. It should be great fun!

The third organisation that I'd like to mention is our Multi-Academy Trust, Ambitions, who are completely dedicated to providing the highest standards of educations for all children in their schools. This has already included a lot of building work at Bayside and I have now agreed with our Trust Directors to develop two further areas in the school. The first is the Food and Fabric room which will be completely refitted, work commencing next week. You will notice that the area will be fenced off in order to limit disturbance as much as possible. Next Spring, we will also be putting in a completely new computing suite, with all new PCs and presentation board.

With best wishes and thanks for your ongoing support to all as always,

Mr Vernon, Principal



Bayside Christmas

Please note that on Thursday, December 17th, the children can come to school in a Christmas jumper (all other uniform to be as normal) in return for a donation of £1 (to be split between the PTA and Save The Children Fund). Christmas lunch is also on the menu on this day for those that have ordered and the children will be taking part in a range of festive themed activities.

Safeguarding Children

Help us to keep everyone safe. If you notice anything that makes you question the safety of any young person, please report your concerns to the BCP Children's Services First Response Hub. Information is always best reported first hand and all communication will be shared with school through our regular contact with a range of professionals. I have attached a BCP update to this newsletter about county lines.

<https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/childreducation/ChildrensSocialCare/are-you-worried-about-a-child-or-young-person.aspx>

Last Day of Term

School will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday 18th December, with collection between 1pm – 1:15pm (in line with current Friday collection times).

Attendance

Please be aware that normal attendance procedures are in place at Bayside. We aim for 96% attendance for all pupils and will identify where children are falling below this. A range of measures will be implemented in cases of unsatisfactory attendance, which may involve working with the local authority to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (under section 444A of the Education Act, 1996).

During the week commencing the 23rd November, the class with the best attendance was 1SW. During the week commencing the 30th November, the class with the best attendance was 6RM.

Weekly Class Attendance	23 rd November	30 th November
RAD	91.54%	91.51%
RRL	96.97%	95.12%
1SW	97.74%	97.65%
2LW	94.12%	90.32%
2MA	97.22%	92.45%
3HC	97.12%	95.02%
3NT	95.33%	95.57%
4KH	92.34%	97.01%
5JW	91.56%	97.78%
5TE	Class Closed	97.64%
6BC	94.44%	93.37%
6RM	95.02%	97.96%

Upcoming Resource Development

Programmable Tech (Amazon Funding)

We are purchasing a range of incredibly exciting technology to promote computing and engineering at Bayside, as well as documentation and resources to ensure that they are used properly! This includes:

- Floor robots for EYFS
- Robo 'Wunderkind' robots for KS1
- Robocube Sphero Bolt (class set) programmable spheres for KS2
- Programmable cars and a multi-purpose robot for a coding club



Tablet Suite

An order has been placed for 16 10 inch tablets for pupils to use for a wide range of purposes, including learning interventions, research and mental arithmetic rehearsal. Teachers will also utilise software on these devices to allow them to control all tablets at once as a learning tool.

Science Resources (Amazon Funding)

In line with the updated Science curriculum, which Mr Chaffey has been working incredibly hard on, we will be updating many Science resources. This is to enable the focus of lessons to be on learning through doing and learning of knowledge based on the investigative process.

Cookery Equipment

We need to ensure that our new food and fabric room is equipped with the relevant equipment to enable all of our young chefs to prepare dishes to the best of their ability!

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