



Weekly News

26th June 2020

Dear Parents

Over the past week, the teaching staff and I have been reflecting on transition arrangements for the end of this current school year. I am sure that many of our children who have not been at school since March will have some anxiety about moving up to their new year groups in September. With this in mind we would like to make the following arrangements:

Year 6

In order to make it possible for our Year 3, 4 and 5 children to return to school we would like to say goodbye to our current Year 6 cohort on Friday 19th July. If government guidelines permit, we are currently planning an end of year (socially distanced) BBQ event for the Friday evening. There will be more information to follow on how we tend to organise this over the next couple of weeks.

Current Year 3, 4 and 5

We are eager to provide our current Year 3, 4 and 5 children with the opportunity to join us for a day in order to meet their new teacher for September and catch up with their classmates. This will provide our teaching teams with the opportunity to engage the children in some activities focused on reducing anxiety and building excitement for the new school year. You will see from the table below that we are intending to limit the number of children in each class to 15 each day.

Summer Term 2020				
Friday 17 th July 2020	Year 6 final day with Leavers BBQ at 6pm			
Class for September	Mon 20 th July	Tues 21 st July	Wed 22nd	Thurs 23rd
6SE - Miss Edwards	Group A	Group B	Staff Planning and Preparation Day	INSET Day
6MT - Mr Turner	Group A	Group B		
5MR - Mrs Rigler	Group A	Group B		
5JH - Mr Hick	Group A	Group B		
4AB - Mrs Bater	Group A	Group B		
4AN - Mr Northmore	Group A	Group B		
3BC - Mr Cobbett	Group A	Group B		
3KD - Mrs Dadswell	Group A	Group B		

We will continue to ensure that appropriate safety measures are in place and if you would like to gather more information on this then please take a look at our control measures document which can be found in the 'Returning to School' section of our website. I will send out more information regarding how we will adapt our control measures over the next two weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and patience over the past fourteen weeks.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Mr Thomas



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 @Pilton Bluecoat
 Academy



Twitter:
 @bluecoathead (Mr Thomas)
 @Pilton Bluecoat Academy

Gentle reminder

Please remember to not drop off your child outside the front of the school in Abbey road, there should be no parking on the 'keep clear' zone. Parking permits for Fairview carpark are available from the school office. The traffic volume has increased again now and there have been a few hold ups caused this week.

Thank You

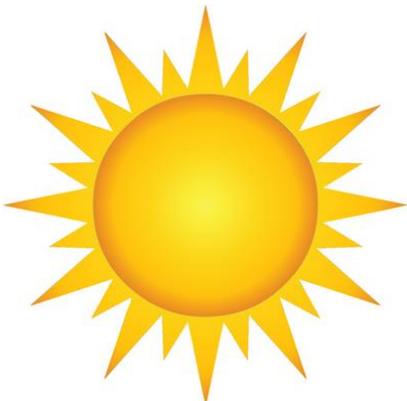


YEAR 6 PHOTO CD

We are gifting our Year 6's with a CD of photos of some of the activities and events that they took part in during their time at Pilton Bluecoat. The CD will show photos of all children whom we have permission for and will be given out to every Year 6 child as a momento.

If you would like your child's photo to be included on this CD please you're your permission via your Parentpay account.

DEADLINE FOR PERMISSION BY 30th JUNE PLEASE



A "Covid summer food fund" will now offer six-week food vouchers to children eligible for free school meals in England during the Summer holidays, 2020.

This equates to £15 per week.

If you think that you are eligible but yet to make an application, please think about it now.

Since the Covid-19 Pandemic began thousands of families across the world have had a change in their circumstances and incomes, due to furloughing, job losses, reduced working hours. If you think that you are one of these families or your circumstances have changed for another reason then please do consider applying for Free School Meals for your child which will automatically qualify you for Pupil Premium too. Details below;

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you feel your child qualifies for Free School Meals because of your income, please see the criteria below. If granted, the pupil premium that the school will receive, will be used by us to support your child in helping to pay for trips, clubs, and residential visits, including giving free school meals to them as a junior pupil. This income forms an important part of our school budget. All applications need to be made via the online portal at www.devon.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



Application for Free School Meals

How do I qualify?

If you receive **any** of these benefits you will be entitled to Free School Meals:

- Income-based & Contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) on an equal basis
- Income Support (IS)
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- Child Tax Credit (**without** Working Tax Credit) and with an annual taxable income assessed by HM Revenue and Customs to be less than £16,190
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Where a parent is entitled to a Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment received for a further 4 weeks when no longer qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to state-funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers. The criteria for Pupil Premium are the same as for Free School Meals (see Page 1). If we authorise your child's Free School Meals claim, it means that the school is able to receive the Pupil Premium funding for your child.

Universal Free School Meals All children in Key Stage 1 are automatically entitled to a free school meal. If you apply for Free School Meals for a child in KS1, we will check your entitlement for Pupil Premium only and inform the school that your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium. You can speak with the school directly to find out how they use the funding. Please note that we will not respond to your application for Free School Meals for a child in KS1 if he or she is already entitled to a free school meal. Even so, we ask all parents to complete this form as it enables schools to know about every child on roll who is eligible for the Pupil Premium additional funding.

All applications need to be made via the online portal at www.devon.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or you can phone or email; Devon FSM team: Tel: 0345 155 1019 Email: freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk

If you do apply and are successful, please let the school office know. Thank you.

Dinner Menu for week commencing 29th June 2020

Meal price is £2.30 per day, payable on Parentpay please.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN OPTION	Cheese & tomato pizza with potato wedges	Beef Bolognese with a bread wedge	Roast chicken bap & roast potatoes	Hot dog with pasta salad	Battered fish fillet & chips
JACKET POTATOES	Available every day with a topping of choice of cheese, baked beans or tuna				
DESSERT	Raspberry ripple cake	Apple & carrot yoghurt muffin	Strawberry ice cream	Chocolate cake	Oatie biscuit with fruit slices

All meals are served with fresh vegetables and fresh fruit daily.

QUEENS THEATRE PROM UPDATE

"During these challenging times, the safety of our customers, teams and visiting companies remains our top priority. Therefore we have taken the sad decision to remain closed until 26th November.

In order to ensure the sustainability of your venues, we will also be **closing our offices until the beginning of July**. This means there will be no support available during this time, for you, our valued customer. Please be assured that we will be back as soon as possible to answer any questions you may have.

If you have tickets to affected shows, or are awaiting a refund, please do not worry. Your tickets/money are safe and will be refunded as soon as we can.

We politely request that you do not email or call us during this time as we will not be able to respond."



The 2020 Summer Reading Challenge is here!

This year, Silly Squad, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020, celebrates funny books, happiness and laughter and features bespoke artwork from award-winning children's author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson (Amelia Fang; Evil Emperor Penguin; I Don't Want Curly Hair). Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books!

The digital Challenge is free to access, featuring games, quizzes and digital and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and their families to take part in reading-related activities at home. Although our library buildings are closed we have boosted the number of children's books available to borrow via our e-lending platforms which can be accessed from our [Devon Libraries](#) and [Torbay Libraries](#) websites.

From July we will also be hosting lots of Silly Squad events and activities on our Facebook pages, so look out for those!

You can sign your child up [here](#) or the following pages; pages (<https://www.facebook.com/BarnstapleLibrary/> and <https://www.facebook.com/Devon.Libraries/>

There will be lots of Silly Squad digital events throughout the summer.

Happy Reading!



TEAM VACANCIES

Required from September 2020

PILTON BLUECOAT ACADEMY

TEACHING ASSISTANT POST - SEND

Required: as from 1st September 2020
Hours per week: 27.50
Working weeks: 38 weeks (term time only)
Starting Salary: £9.55 per hour (Scale C)
Status: Fixed term contracts linked to particular SEND pupils
Closing date: noon Wednesday 1st July 2020
Interviews: the following week

2 x TEACHING ASSISTANT POSTS - SEND

Required: as from 1st September 2020
Hours per week: 17.50
Working weeks: 38 weeks (term time only)
Starting Salary: £9.55 per hour (Scale C)
Status: Fixed term contracts linked to particular SEND pupils
Closing date: noon Wednesday 1st July 2020
Interviews: the following week

GENERAL TEACHING ASSISTANT POST – TEMPORARY FOR 1 YEAR

Required: as from 1st September 2020
Hours per week: 27.50
Working weeks: 38 weeks (term time only)
Starting Salary: £9.55 per hour (Scale C)
Status: Temporary for 1 year
Closing date: noon Wednesday 1st July 2020
Interviews: the following week

WITHERIDGE ACADEMY

TEACHING ASSISTANT POST- SEND

Required: as from 1st September 2020
Hours per week: 17.50
Working weeks: 38 weeks (term time only)
Starting Salary: £9.55 per hour (Scale C)
Status: Fixed term contract linked to particular SEND pupil
Closing date: noon Friday 10th July 2020
Interviews: the following week

TEACHING ASSISTANT POST- SEND

Required: as from 1st September 2020

Hours per week: 16.25

Working weeks: 38 weeks (term time only)

Starting Salary: £9.55 per hour (Scale C)

Status: Temporary Maternity Cover linked to particular SEND pupil

Closing date: noon Friday 10th July 2020

Interviews: the following week

We are looking to recruit members of staff to join our workforce team to take up these roles. These positions are being advertised separately; however, applicants are welcome to apply for any or all of the posts. Please indicate preferences on the application form.

If you are interested in applying for all or any of the above posts, please go to our website www.teamacademytrust.com and visit the vacancies page for further details and the application form.

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