



BILTON GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Monday 15th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

A warm welcome back to all. It's great to see all the children back in school after the Easter break and we are really pleased with the way the children have settled back in; they are setting a fantastic example for the younger children.

We have an exciting term ahead with lots going on. In the classroom, as well as our daily Maths and English lessons, we will be covering:

Science – Living things and their habitats

PSHE – Mental health; Drugs; and changes in puberty

DT – Mechanical toys

French – Food and healthy eating

Music – Song composition

Art – Maps and Perspective drawing

PE – Rounders and Athletics

Computing – Game design

Geography – Reading and using maps

RE – Places of worship

Kingswood Residential

Current Year 5 pupils will go on their residential trip to Kingswood on Wednesday 6th November until Friday 8th November 2024.

Payments can be made via SchoolMoney. The balance of £180 can be paid in full or in instalments of £20 per month. Below is a reminder of the suggested payment schedule:

Thursday 1st February: £20 - deposit and confirmation slip returned (if slips are not returned or deposit is not paid, we will assume your child will not be attending unless you have contacted us)

Friday 1st March: £20

Monday 1st April: £20

Wednesday 1st May: £20

Monday 3rd June: £20

Monday 1st July: £20

Thursday 1st August: £20

Monday 2nd September: £20

Friday 1st November: £20 – final payment

Thank you for all payments received so far.



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Production

This year's end-of-year production will be "I'm an eleven-year-old, GET ME OUT OF HERE!". Casting and rehearsals will begin towards the end of this half-term.

Dates and times for performances to parents are Monday 1st July at 2pm, Tuesday 2nd July at 6pm and Thursday 4th July at 6pm. These dates may change but we will inform you if they do. More information and details on how to purchase tickets will be sent out closer to the time.

SATs

SATs tests for Y6s will begin on the week commencing Monday the 13th of May.

Tomorrow, a more detailed letter with information about the tests and arrangements for the day (including an earlier start for 'breakfast' in school!) will be sent home.

Gallery visit and Valley Gardens

On Friday 17th May, we would like to take all Year 5 and 6 children to visit an art gallery in town and then to Valley Gardens to enjoy lunch and some Ripley Ice-Cream (hopefully in the sun!). The trip will take part during normal school hours. More details will follow nearer the time.

School arrival and departure

If your child walks to school on their own, please ensure they do not set off too early. They should not be on the school site until 8.35am. We are not insured to have unaccompanied children in the playground before this time. Similarly, if your child walks home alone, please remind them that they should leave the school site promptly. Thank you for your understanding.

Leaver's hoodies

Leavers hoodies for Year 6s were dispatched on Thursday 11th April but are yet to arrive at school. Once they do, the order will be checked and we will write each child's name on the label inside the hoodies. All being well, it is anticipated that these will be given out on Friday 19th April. From then on, if pupils wish to wear their hoodies instead of their school jumper or cardigan, then they may.



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Homework

Homework remains the same this half term:

Each week, all children will be expected to: read to an adult at home at least three times and get their reading logs signed; complete at least 10 sessions on Times Table Rockstars; and learn their spellings. Spellings will be written into their spelling books.

Year 5 will also complete **either** a maths task **or** an English task (it will be maths one week, English the next) which is to be stuck into their blue books and brought into school every Friday.

Year 6 will complete a number of pages (set out by their revision group teacher) in their SATs revision books each week or complete other worksheets as requested by their teachers. Year 6 do not need to do any homework in their blue books.

Once SATs are over, Year 6s will go back to completing a maths or English task once a week.

Reading

We ask that you continue to hear your child read at home to support their enjoyment of reading. Even if they are a fluent and expressive reader, hearing your child read - even just for 5 minutes - is still important. Asking your child questions as they are reading will continue to enhance their understanding of the text and develop ideas for their writing. Our top five questions are:

1. What does this... word/phrase/sentence... tell you about... character/setting/mood etc?
2. The writer uses words like ... to describe What does this tell you about a character or setting?
3. What's the main point in this paragraph?
4. Can you explain why...?
5. Why did the author choose these words? Will that influence how the story develops?

PE

Your child should **come into school in their PE kit on the days they have PE.**

For Year 5s this is on Tuesdays and Fridays up until the week commencing Monday 20th May (the week before half term) when they will drop to Fridays only.

For Year 6s, this is Friday only up until the week commencing Monday 20th May (the week before half term) when they will swap to do Tuesdays and Fridays up until the end of the year.

Wherever possible, PE lessons will take place outside unless the weather conditions make it dangerous to do so. PE is a statutory requirement for all children so it is important that all children take part every week. If there are any medical issues which mean your child cannot take part in PE or problems with your child's PE kit, then please contact the school.



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PE kits should consist of:

- A plain red or white t-shirt, or a t-shirt with a Bilton Grange emblem on
- A plain black or plain navy pair of shorts / leggings / tracksuit bottoms
- A pair of trainers / pumps (no bright colours if possible)
- A plain red, black or navy sweatshirt or jacket appropriate for physical activity outside

Attendance and late arrivals

A pupil's attendance is vitally important. Data shows that primary school children in Key Stage 2 who didn't achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths missed, on average, four more days per school year than those whose performance exceeded the expected standard. We appreciate that sometimes children are ill and sometimes there are exceptional circumstances where absence cannot be helped, but we do urge you to ensure their attendance is as high as possible, to make sure they reach their potential.

Arriving at school on time is also very important for children. Coming in with the rest of their friends and having a calm, non-rushed start to the day means that pupils are less likely to feel stressed or anxious and they are better prepared for learning. It also means that work is not missed and opportunities for learning are maximised. Pupils that are late due to no exceptional circumstance may have to complete any work missed in their own time to minimise the negative impact on their progress.

Once again, thank you for your continued support

Yours faithfully

The Year 5/6 Team