



BRIDGEWATER NEWSLETTER

May 2014



Building work

Building work started on site this week. Currently a temporary staff car park is being made in some of our 'secret garden' area, this is because over the half term holiday the car parks will be closed and only accessible by the builders and for deliveries. Hoarding boards will also start to go up around the site to keep everyone safe. Following a meeting on Friday this week, I will be able to write to parents to explain how to access the site while the building work is going on. The builders will be working on the extension and refurbishment for between 9 and 12 months. During this time we will ensure everyone is safe and that there is no disruption to the children's education.



SATs tests

A huge well done to our children who have worked their socks off this week doing important tests. We are so proud of them. I am sure we will all be so pleased when we get to know their results.

Pearson teaching award

A huge well done to our staff who have received a certificate from the Pearson's teaching Award for all their hard work. They thoroughly deserve it!! This Friday is 'Thank a teacher day' and children can send a thank you card to their teacher free of charge by going to www.thankateacher.co.uk



Attendance and Punctuality

Please ensure your child arrives on time every day and if they are poorly you **must** telephone the office on the first day of absence on 2745290 thank you. Children with good attendance this half term had the chance to go to the pantomime.



Clubs galore

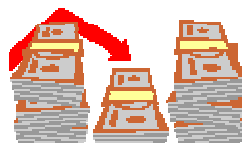
We are very fortunate to have a range of clubs happening every night after school. If you would like to know what is on offer please speak to a member of the office staff and they will let you know if there are any spaces. Two new clubs will be starting after half term - a 'blog' club and a family reading club. Watch out for letters coming soon so you can sign up.



Whickham Thorns

Over this term all of our KS1 & 2 classes will have the chance to visit Whickham Thorns to do outdoor adventurous activities as part of their PE curriculum.

This is being funded by a PE grant from the Government which will be given to schools until 2020.



Enterprise Week

Next week is Enterprise Week and on Monday children are asked to come to school dressed for the job they want to do when they

are older. We also ask that they make a small donation for dressing up which will go to Save the Children too. Next Friday we will be having an Enterprise fair just for the children so they will need to bring in some money to buy things. Some of the money will also go to Save the Children. During the week lots of visitors will come in to school to talk to the children about their jobs.

Trust status

Governors recently decided to formally look at forming a 'trust' with some of our local primary schools. It would allow us to access additional funding and resources and work with other partners which would benefit our children. Further information will follow and there will be a chance for parents to attend a meeting to find out more about it. Watch this space!!

Bridgewater's Got Talent

Live show took place on Tuesday and despite



a power cut just before it was about to start it was still amazing – even Simon Cowell would have been impressed. A big well done to all the children who took part some singing and dancing on their own!!



World Cup

The world cup starts in a month and we will be taking part in activities run by Newcastle United. We have been given the country Chile and will be having a World Cup Chile Day on Wednesday 11th June and a Brazilian football day on Tuesday 24th June.

REMINDER

Y1&2 phonics tests



Y1

may also take the test. It is essential all children are in during that week.

Y1 children will be doing their phonics test during the week beginning June 16th. Y2 children who did not do the test in



Y1 Trip to the Farm

Y1 recently visited Whitehouse Farm and had great fun seeing all the

animals. Nursery also visited Saltwell Park and as a treat 'tails and scales' visited school and all the children got to see lots of different animals including Meerkats!!

Y6 Play in a Day

Next Thursday Y6 will be having a drama day where they will learn a play to perform at the end of the day. Y6 parents are invited to attend from 2.30pm



Can all KS1 & 2 parents remember to wait at the class signs on the fence at home time except when it is raining. Only Y1 and 2 parents should come through the new gate this is to try and stop some of the congestion at this time. Thank you.



A big thank you to our new roving reporters who helped put this newsletter together.



After school club

Our after school childcare is proving very popular with our older children. The children have the opportunity to do fun activities, have a snack and there is time to get their homework done too. We are offering free taster sessions and there will be themed nights for children to come to. Children will also be taken on trips out. If you are interested in applying for a place for your child please see Gillian Gibson our Extended Services Manager.

Updated policies

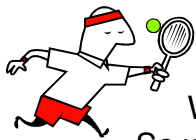
This term we have updated a number of policies please ask for a copy from the office or view them on our website.

Year 5 trip to Excelsior



On Thursday 8th of May 2014 Y 5 went on a FUN! trip to Excelsior. We left school at half ten. Then we went outside to go on the school mini bus so we drove to Excelsior. We got off the bus and we went inside. Then we went into the gym to sort out our groups.

Some of us were outside some were inside. Some went outside to play tennis and kick ball. Some were inside doing wall climbing and trampolining it was really FUN!. So after we did these activities we got back in our groups and the teacher chose the smartest group to go for lunch.



Then we sat down at our tables and had a lovely lunch. We saw lots of our family there. So we went back to school on the mini bus. We had a GREAT! Time.
BY Shelly & Callum

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who help around school we really do appreciate your time.



We now have a suggestion box for parents in the main reception area. Please put your comments in the box and Mrs Robson will be in touch.



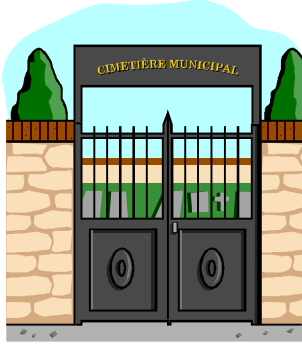
School Nurse Drop in

The school nurse has a fortnightly drop in session at school every other Wednesday 2.45 to 3.15pm. If you have any concerns please drop in for a chat. She gives advice about **headlice** and is happy to do this at anytime. If we see a child has headlice we will speak to the child's parent immediately to ask them to treat the child. The rest of the class will receive a letter so parents are aware that there is a problem and check their child's hair. **We can treat children's hair if parents give consent but it is parents' responsibility to ensure their child's hair is treated.**



Medical needs

If your child has a medical need or condition can you let the school office know so it can be recorded on our SIMs system, that way all staff who need to know will. A care plan may need to be made with the school nurse and staff may need specialised training. We also need to know any changes that may occur



Can **parents** visiting the site during the day **please remember to close the gates behind them**. There are notices up but some

people still forget to do it. It is important to keep all of our children safe. Thank you



All **money** paid into school should either be paid directly to the school office or through the class teacher in a labelled envelope. This prevents any loss or confusion over money paid.



Remember here at Bridgewater we offer excellent provision from birth. If you would like to find out more please ask Gillian Gibson or ask at the

office, we also have space in some older classes so please come and have a look

If you know of any appropriate local business who would like to advertise in our half termly newsletter, for a donation, please contact the school office on

2745290



Remember to make sure we have up to date contact numbers for you in case we have to get in touch in an

emergency. We also sent text messages to keep parents informed so it is vital our contact details are up to date.

Diary Dates	
Monday 19 th May	Enterprise Week Come to school dressed for the job you want to do.
Thursday 22 nd May	Y6 Play in a Day
Friday 23 rd May	Enterprise Fair – for children only
Friday 23 rd May	3.10pm Break up for half term
Monday 2 nd June	Children return to school
Tuesday 10 th June	Y4 Seeds for life visit-am
Wednesday 11 th June	World Cup Chile Day
Thursday 12 th June	Y6 Lightwater Valley Y4 class assembly
Wb June 16th	Y1 phonics test
Thursday 19 th June	9.30am Nursery class assembly
Tuesday 24 th June	Brazilian football day
Wednesday 25 th June – Friday 27 th June	Y6 Stay Away
Thursday 26 th June	Y2 class assembly
Friday 27 th June	Nursery Open Day for new Nursery children
Monday 30 th June	Health & Fitness Week
Mon & Tues 30 th & 1 st July	Cycle Smart Y4
Wednesday 2 nd July	Sports Day
Thursday 3 rd July	am choir at Big Sing Pm 0-3 toddle
Friday 4 th July	Y6 Sandcastle challenge, 6 x Y5 to Maths Challenge Day
Wb 7 th July	Transition week for Y6 children going to Excelsior
Tuesday 8 th & Wed 9th	London trip
Thursday July 10th	Y1 beach trip
Friday 11 th July	Meet new teacher & parents' afternoon
Tuesday 15 th July	Attendance & achievement assembly
Wednesday 16 th July	Leavers assembly Last day of term for children.

