

## **BOUSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**SPRING HALF-TERM NEWSLETTER**

**February Issue No. 257**

*Dear Parents,*

*This is the last newsletter before half-term,  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.*

*I wish you all a happy half-term holiday, and  
look forward to seeing you all back at school  
on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00 am.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Helen Swain  
Headteacher*

## **CURRICULUM WEEK - MAKING BOOKS**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Year Groups will be linking their book-making to the following topics:

Nursery	Three Billy Goats Gruff
Reception	Animals
Year 1	Victorian Houses
Year 2	Famous People
Year 3	Climate
Year 4	Farming in the UK
Year 5	Rivers
Year 6	Children in the Blitz

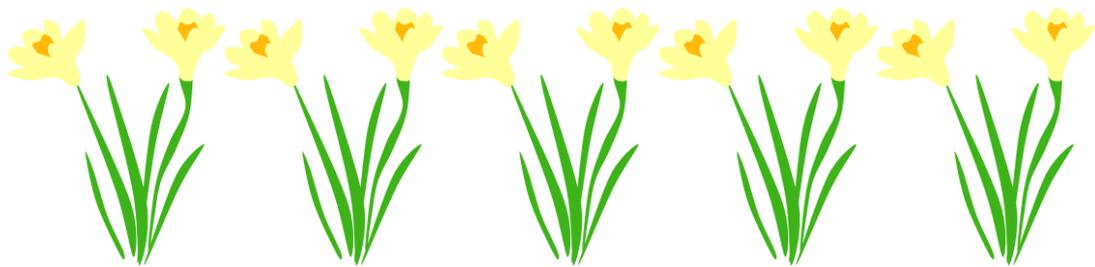
## **BREAKFAST CLUB & EARLY MORNING CLUBS**

Please note the front gate will be open from **8.00 – 8.30 am** for entry to Breakfast Club and other early morning clubs.

Please do not enter via the back gate.

**The gate will then be closed from 8.30 – 8.50 am** after which it will re-open for the start of the school day.

Anyone arriving after 8.30 am will **not gain entry** until 8.50 am.



### **DATES TO NOTE**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**Comic Relief Red Nose Day**



**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

**NSPCC Dance-athon**

### **SATs MEETING for Years 2 & 6**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 3.45 pm

This is an opportunity for you to find out about the assessment process and ways in which you can support your child.

## **DRAMA CLUB**

There are spaces available in Drama Club starting after half-term as follows:

Thursday - Years 2 & 3

The Club runs from 3.45 – 4.45 pm.  
If your child is interested in joining the Drama Club,  
please contact Sarah-Jane Holm on 07957 655 748

## **ATTENDANCE**

The overall figure for the school last week (28<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> February) was  
**90.2%.**

The best attendance in KS1 was in **Class 2S** with **96.7%**.  
The best attendance in KS2 was in **Class 3S** with **98.7%**.

## **SCHOOL START TIME**

May we remind you that the school start time is **9.00 am**. However, some children are regularly arriving 5 to 10 minutes late. Please ensure your child is here on time.



## **PARENT VOLUNTEER READERS**

Thank you to the parents in Years 1 & 2 who have volunteered to hear children read.

**We now need some volunteers in the JUNIORS please.**

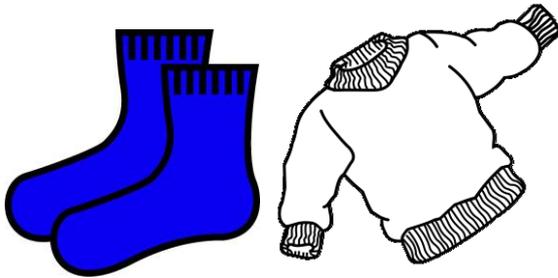
If you can help, please speak to Lauren O'Reilly or Heather Smith.

## WRAP UP WARM

In this cold weather, please ensure your child comes to school in a warm jumper.

### PE KIT

As children have outdoor games sessions in PE, please make sure they wear a tracksuit and socks as these are sometimes forgotten.



Please remember to label your children's belongings so they come home again.

## BOUSFIELD T-SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS

If you wish to order a Bousfield T-shirt or Sweatshirt, please ask Pam at the Reception Desk, for a form.

The prices from 19<sup>th</sup> February are as follows:

<b>T-shirts</b>	<b>£6</b>
<b>Sweatshirts</b>	<b>£9</b>

## STAFFING NEWS

Evonne Gould went on maternity leave last week and is due to have her baby any time soon. Hannah Robinson is also expecting a baby and will be taking maternity leave at the beginning of March. We wish them both all the very best. I am delighted to say that we will welcome Victoria Croker to cover the role of PPA teacher and Jordan Barrett to teach 1R.

## **PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS**

Please make sure you have registered online for an appointment to meet your child's classteacher. The deadline for booking an appointment is the end of the school day Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

The meetings are taking place next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 3.45 – 6.00 pm.

Please do not swap your appointment time with another parent, as teachers will have prepared your child's books ready for the appointment time you have registered.

Parents who have already received a letter inviting them to a SEN review meeting need not attend a second Parent-Teacher Meeting, unless that would be the only time they were available.

There will be a Governors' Stand in the Reception area on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> if you wish to ask any questions about the school or the role of governors.

## **PREMISES**

During the half-term holiday, all the lighting in the school will be replaced with LED lights to improve energy efficiency.

## **FoB QUIZ NIGHT**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Please come and join us for an evening of puzzling questions and fun.

Further information to follow from the FoB.



## LUNCH MONEY

**The cost for the second half of the Spring Term is as follows:**

Weekly cost: £10.00

Half-term: £60.00 (25<sup>th</sup> Feb – 5<sup>th</sup> April)

If your child is in the Nursery or in Years 3 – 6, please pay for lunch via the School Gateway App wherever possible. Otherwise, cheques should be made payable to Bousfield School, with your child's name, class and 'Lunch' written on the reverse. If you are paying in cash, please make sure that you place the exact amount of money owed in an envelope, with your child's name and class on it.

*May I draw your attention to the fact that, if your child's lunch money is outstanding for more than two weeks, the school, under the direction of the*

*Local Authority, will not be able to serve your child a lunch.*

## CHANGING from School to Packed – or vice versa?

**There is a book available in Reception for you to notify us of any change, before the beginning of next half-term.**

Please remember that your child can only switch at the beginning of each half-term.

## UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

- 6<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 competes in the Primary School Games Festival Sportshall Athletics.
- 27<sup>th</sup> February – The girls' football team takes part in a football festival at Westway.
- 8<sup>th</sup> March – The Years 3 – 6 Swimming Gala, part of the CSSA Swimming Tournament.

For more information, check the Sports Noticeboard.

## **WEBSITE NEWS**

You will find information about parental separation in the Parents section of the website: ▪ Top Tips ▪ Children First

## **SAFER INTERNET DAY**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Throughout the year, we have been doing various activities in school about empowering children to take control of their digital lives. We continually update our website with information for you -- please check it regularly.



### **Have you tried taking a 'tech break'?**

No phones, no iPads, no computers for the whole family for a period of time.

## **PARENTS & CARERS**

For safe-guarding reasons, please do not use the children's lavatories in school. The adult ones are at the front entrance to the school. Please do not bring children into these lavatories.

## **PHILOSOPHY for CHILDREN**

Here is the latest question for you to discuss with your child.

16<sup>th</sup> question: 'If you could make one rule for everyone to follow, what rule would you make and why?'

## **COFFEE MORNING -- WORKSHOP**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
in the Extension at 9.00 - 9.45 am



More information to follow.

## **HALF-TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
Holland Park Ecology Centre

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/ecology](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/ecology)

Booking in advance is required. Additional information is on the Parents' Noticeboard

## **MINDFULNESS**

It is children's Mental Health Week this week. In addition to lots of information on the internet, our website has a Mindfulness section (in Parents) detailing Daily Intentions and Daily Thankfulness. I would encourage you to take a look and have a go.



## **SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

Please note that the Admin Team are in the Office and able to take calls and answer queries from 8.30 am. The following members of the team are in the office daily:

Tamsin Roberts  
Pam Coppins  
Margaret Egunjobi

Dominique Jackson is in the office from 1.15 pm to 3.15 pm.



## **MEDICINES IN SCHOOL**

A gentle reminder -- we are only allowed to give your child medicine prescribed by a doctor. These medicines must be handed in to the School Office by an adult carer, not the child and you will be asked to complete a form that authorises staff to administer the medicine. Thank you.

## **NICK CARTER -- 'DEEP FEAR'**

Nick, a regular visitor to Bousfield, will be journeying to the bottom of one of the world's deepest and most dangerous cave systems. As the adventure unfolds, the children will watch films of his progress and find out what the team has learned. On his return, Nick will lead a whole school assembly and class workshops on how to overcome fears, fear of failure, thinking with a growth mindset and dealing with our own limiting beliefs.

## **TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES**

***Half-term:*** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**Spring Term ends on Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 pm**

### **Summer Term 2018**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

School closed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May -- May Day Bank Holiday

***Half-term:*** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May -- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

All dates are inclusive.

## **NEWS FROM THE GOVERNORS**

Five governors, Ms Swain and I met with Graham Marriner, the School Improvement Advisor, on 9<sup>th</sup> January to review our 2018 data. We were delighted to see another excellent year of strong results in KS1, the Year 1 Phonics check and KS2 SATs and progress achieved by pupils from KS1 to KS2. We were also pleased to see the excellent results achieved by our disadvantaged children. In addition to the strength in core subjects such as English and Maths, we also heard about the breadth and depth of our curriculum. We would like to congratulate Ms Swain, the teaching staff and pupils on an impressive year of education and results.

Felicity Buchan  
Chair of Governors

**BOUSFIELD STAFF WISH YOU A HAPPY HALF-TERM**