



Newsletter
Spring term 2019

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

If I haven't yet seen you personally, I would like to start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed spending special times with friends and family.

It was fantastic to see so many of you at the various Christmas events and productions. I think you will agree the children and staff did an amazing job. The shows provided us with many magical moments that I know will be treasured.

A big well-done goes to those children who were nominated for the Eric Ashworth Reading award. The overall winner, for making excellent progress with her reading was Heidi Huntington. Well done and congratulations to all of them from everyone at school.

Another important well-done is deserved by the children in our fantastic choir who performed at various events throughout December, including a wonderful carol evening at St Helen's Church. We have received many compliments on how well the children sang and behaved – they were real ambassadors for the school and we are very proud of their efforts. Thank you to all those who helped organise and support these events.

We are now only a week into the new term but as always life at BJPS has been as busy and productive as ever with trips, visitors and tournaments! You should have already received a class newsletter outlining the curriculum focus for your child/ren and initial information regarding key dates relevant to that class. These are also available on the website. Hopefully you have also already booked

in for a Parent's Evening appointment this week.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back from maternity leave Miss Houghton (Assistant head teacher). It is great to have her back on the team.

The start of a New Year and new term is always a good time to reaffirm expectations in school. As you will know our school motto is 'Ready For Anything' and this is at the heart of our ethos and all we do. We aim to instill in our children the skills and attributes needed now and as they progress through their education and life. The high expectations we have in school for behaviour, attendance and attitudes towards learning forms an important basis of this. An important element of these high expectations is wearing correct school uniform at all times including for PE. Guidance on correct uniform can be found on the website and within the prospectus. Could I also remind everyone that jewellery should not be worn to school at any time – including earrings.

Good news- the roofing works were successfully completed last term! I would now like to give you advance notice of works to the gates into school (Padleys Lane entrance) which will commence during the February half term. We will, as always, endeavor to keep disruption to a minimum and thank you in advance for your patience during this period.

Please could I remind parents to ensure that scooters are not ridden anywhere on site. It can be very busy around school during the morning drop and afternoon pick up times and therefore it is not safe for bikes or scooters to be used. Thank you for helping us in this matter.

On a similar note, as I'm sure you will be aware, parking on Padleys Lane and Willow Wong continues to be an issue. If you have to use a car please, please park considerately avoiding the zig zag lines, double parking and neighbours driveways. Please also take extra care with our children when crossing either roads.

Attached to this letter are forthcoming school activities and dates over the Spring term. More details of extra events will follow in further newsletters as information becomes available. As ever, if you have any questions, suggestions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Best wishes,

Mrs Jenny Cook
(Head Teacher)

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.