



Billing Brook Newsletter July 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write the final letter of the school year, I am delighted to see the sunshine - however, I am also a little wary as well - as its our Sports Day.

This year has been brilliant! I was watching the "inspiration DVD" which we shared at our new parents open evening, and it is really incredible to see how many activities the children access across the year - so many things we forget about - thank goodness for DVD's and Photographs.

Thank you for your continued support this year - we have had so many visits, from so many of you. I would particularly like to thank the parents of our Daventry Satellite, who travel down to the main site, share transport with other parents and are always keen to support us. I know all parents, regardless of where you live find time in your busy schedules to join us for events, I can assure you its greatly appreciated by myself, the staff and most importantly by your children.



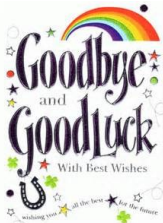
There have been many special moments this term. Our celebration of the Queens 90th Birthday was great fun, despite the rain – that has never stopped us before and it didn't then! The assembly was followed by an opportunity to have a photo "with the Queen" outside of Buckingham Palace (thanks to our green screen) and a class based picnic – with over 60 parents attending.

The transition week (or should I say fortnight) has been very successful and the evening open session with new parents, was well attended (42 parents in total) – with staff staying to meet new parents.

The Residentials this year have created many "magical moments" - Grendon for Year 6 and Year 9; The Thomas Centre for our ASD group and The Duke of Edinburgh residential for Year 12/13.

The second Summer Fayre - raised £1500 and is being put towards next year's Residentials. Our recent (and exhausting) fundraiser around Pitsford, last Saturday was also well supported with a mixture of staff, pupils, families and friends turning up to walk, run or cycle (we were collecting miles towards our "Racing to Rio") we walked nearly 500 miles between us and raised money for computer equipment ~ see picture below. Thank you to Taylor; Shane; Khiel; Liam; Lloyd; Charlie; Cameron; Freddie and Jake for joining us with their families.





We end the school year, saying an emotional good bye to 16 of our pupils, all of whom have had significant achievements both personally and academically. A number of pupils achieved their BTEC PE award; took GCSE's in maths and English and a wide range of vocational accreditation. We are also saying good bye to staff - Miss Boileau; Miss Robertson and Mr Murts - we wish them well in their next chapter of their lives.

Next Year

Developments over the summer holidays

During the summer holiday we start work on the refurbishment of the front of the school. This means that there will be a temporary reception in the Primary 1 building until October half term. We know this is going to be difficult, and will need your assistance in keeping everyone safe. If you are picking children up from school please park safely and walk into school carefully, as we will still have building contractors on site. We will let you know at the start of term if we have to change our practice.



We will be sending out a full list of events and dates at the start of the Autumn Term, but have included the key ones for you, in particular school re opens on **MONDAY 5th of September 2016** and school lunches are £2.30p Please remember if you are providing food for your child you **MUST NOT** use any peanut based foods, due to one of our children having a very severe allergy to this product. Thank You.

After School Clubs on a Monday or Tuesday for years 1 - 9 commence on Monday 12th September 2016.

That leaves me just to say a **HUGE** thanks to our brilliant staff team, for another year of hard work, creative activities and commitment to the children - it wouldn't happen without them!

I hope you all have a lovely holiday.

C M Grant
Headteacher





Dates for the Autumn Term 2016

Other events will be added but we hope that this is a useful start.

Friday 2nd September 2016	Parents can collect uniform between 1100 -1.00pm from Primary 1 reception.
Monday 5th September 2016	School Term Starts
Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th 2016	After School Clubs 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Tuesday 13th September 2016	Roald Dahl Day - dress up as your favourite character
Wednesday 28th September 2016	Parent Drop In Day - detailed letters to follow
24th October— 31st October 2016	Half term & INSET Day
Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th October 2016	Play scheme Days 0900 -1700
Tuesday 1st November 2016	School Re opens, After School club commences
Thursday 24th November 2016	Parent drop In Day
Wednesday 7th December 2016	School Christmas Fayre (evening)
Week Beginning 12th December 2016	School Performance week
Monday 19th December 2016	Christmas Lunch + Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 20th December 2016	Christingle and last day of term

Term	Open to pupils on the morning of:	Closed at end of afternoon on:
Term 1	Monday 5 September 2016	Friday 21 October 2016
Term 2	Tuesday 1 November 2016	Tuesday 20 December 2016
Term 3	Thursday 5 January 2017	Friday 10 February 2017
Term 4	Monday 20 February 2017	Friday 31 March 2017
Term 5	Wednesday 19 April 2017	Friday 26 May 2017
Term 6	Monday 5 June 2017	Friday 21 July 2017
Bank Holidays 26 and 27 December 2016 2 January 2017 14 and 17 April 2017 1 May 2017 29 May 2017 28 August 2017		Teacher Training Days 1 and 2 September 2016 31 October 2016 4 January 2017 18 April 2017