



Newsletter 13th October 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week! This half term seems to have raced by, with only next week until half term break.

Just a few updates for you from me: I'm pleased to let you know we will be redecorating four classrooms in Key Stage 2 and the lower corridor during half term break. There will be no disruption to children's learning as staff will be managing furniture movements outside of lesson times. We will also be replacing some carpets in classrooms, but this cannot be booked for the half term break and therefore will happen a little later in the term.

As you will appreciate in a school of our size this is extremely costly and will be carried out in phases over a longer time. Our hard working and very supportive BPSCA are going to support us as much as possible which is wonderful and much appreciated, thank you. Connected to these improvements we are trying to make, if any parents have any skills or knowledge to help us replace curtains around the school that would be fantastic!... The curtains we have are very old and do not enhance our school at all. Please get in touch if you have any ideas on improving this.

Ground force day: A small team of staff will be meeting at the end of today to discuss and plan for this day. A letter will be sent to all parents either at the end of today or on Monday once we have agreed the best date.

As you will be aware Monday the 30th of October is a school INSET day. The entire staff will be looking at and discussing the school's behaviour management policy. We will be considering what could be changed and improved both in policy and practise. We will of course keep you up to speed with changes that may be occurring as a result.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you at our Parents Consultation meetings next week. I will be available throughout the meeting time informally across the school.

Please note a letter will be sent to you providing guidance on where you meet and how you move around the school during parents' evenings. This is due to the closure of a corridor after the recent leak. Apologies for the disruption and we hope to have new carpets in place very soon.

Finally, due to the very positive responses to our "Coffee and Choir" mornings/afternoons I will be notifying you of two more in the next half term when I hope to meet many more of you!

Have a good weekend.

Brian Ball – Interim Headteacher

Monday 16th October
Harvest donations

17th & 18th October
Parent consultation
meetings

Harvest Donations: For Harvest, we are collecting tinned, dried and long-life goods to donate to **Horsham Matters**, who will donate these items to food banks and those in need across our local area. If you can spare anything they would be greatly appreciated. We know there are significant pressures on finances at the moment, so please only donate if you feel you can. We can receive these through the school office or your children can bring them in to their class teachers on Monday. Thank you for your support.

October is **Black History Month** and this year's theme is all about prominent black women throughout history. Each year group have been given an important, historical figure to learn about. We have been exploring them through stories, art, music, videos and much more!



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Year 1 Sculpture based on Chakaia Booker

Did you know that October is Black History Month? To celebrate this, Year 1 have been exploring the sculptor Chakaia Booker. The children enjoyed learning about the sculptures she made using scrap tyre rubber. The children then used a variety of media to make tyre track marks on paper, which they then used to create their own sculpture.



Year 5 Mumification

On Thursday, Year 5 took on the role of Ancient Egyptian embalmers and priests, as they prepared and wrapped oranges for the afterlife! They prepared 'Book of the Dead' scrolls and read out spells (translated from the original hieroglyphics) as they dried out and mummified their oranges. They also dried and wrapped individual segments to store in 'canopic jars'. Although they hope their oranges will shrivel up, this activity really brought the Ancient Egyptians to life.



Year 2 used their Design and Technology skills of designing, chopping, stirring and melting to make flapjack for Little Red Riding Hood's basket. The children then tasted and evaluated their flapjack based on their design criteria. It was delicious!

As writers, the children have also retold the story of Little Red Riding Hood. They will be sharing their stories with Year 1 next week.

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Year 3 & 4 Multi-skills Festival

On Wednesday, 18 children from Year 3 and 4 attended the KS2 Multi-skills Festival at the Weald. They were joined by a range of different primary schools and represented BPS extremely well! Throughout the event, the children tried a selection of activities to develop their skills and agility. These fun activities consisted of putting with golf clubs, shooting at football goals, balancing balls on tennis rackets and so much more! It was a great afternoon full of energy, enthusiasm and teamwork! Well done Year 3 and 4 athletes!

Message from the Chair of Governors:

This week, governors have been monitoring school improvement priorities linked to Early Years and Maths. The purpose of these visits is to monitor progress against the Post Ofsted Action Plan and included talking to both staff and pupils. This will be discussed further at next week's meeting of the full governing body where a full update on all improvement priorities will be provided by Mr Ball.

Nicola Walters

BPSCA: If you are planning a birthday party soon, do consider hiring our eco party pack, it contains 36 plates, bowls and cups, 36 knives, forks and spoons, 2 large jugs, 6 large bowls, 4 large plates, 2 trays. When hiring the Eco Party Pack, you make a donation to the BPSCA equal to the money you would have spent on disposable tableware – we suggest £10. Collect from school (or local address), use it for your party, then wash it up and return it for the next person. Please contact bpsca@billingshurstprimary.org.uk to book the Eco Party Pack for your event.

Goodwood winning house !

Cowdray
442

Goodwood
638

Parham
502

Petworth
499



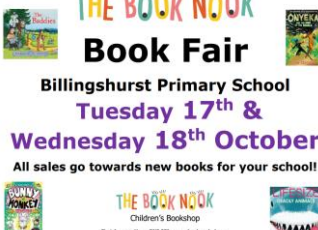
Upcoming dates:

17th and 18th October Parents' Evenings
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October Half Term
30th October School INSET day
31st October Back to school
6th November Year 5 Planetarian visit (in school)
22nd November 7-8pm Parent E-Safety webinar

Letters home this week:

Parents' evening arrangements
Year 5 & 6 Cross country event

THE BOOK NOOK
Book Fair
Billingshurst Primary School
Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th October
All sales go towards new books for your school!



Year groups regularly post photos of children and learning so please follow your child's Year Group on X



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