



**BRIDGEWATER**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# BRIDGEWATER NEWS

## *Welcome Back*

Spring Term 2



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Wishing everyone a warm welcome back including our new staff who started last half term - Miss Simpson (KS1), Miss Boardman (KS2) and Mrs Kavanagh (School Administrator).

Please find some important dates for your calendar on the reverse. We also regularly update the school website [www.bridgewaterprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.bridgewaterprimaryschool.co.uk) and our twitter page [@BridgewaterPS](https://twitter.com/BridgewaterPS) with information and news.

### **School Improvements**

I am delighted to tell you about a number of school improvements to our school.

The path between KS1 and KS2 has been widened to improve access and resurfacing to other areas around school that had become uneven.

Our playgrounds will have a revamp – the school council met with our designer Simon Holly and confirmed designs to make the playgrounds more interesting. Improvements will be completed over the Easter break.

During the summer holidays we wish to install a MUGA (multi use games arena). This will be an all-weather pitch so children can take part and host sporting events all year round. We will also decorate the corridors to keep our school looking bright and clean.

### **Parents' Evening**

Parents' evening is scheduled for **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018**. We kindly ask that all parents make an appointment to discuss your child's progress and targets. If you cannot make this date, please see your child's class teacher who will arrange a more convenient time. A crèche will be available for children aged 3 and over who attend Bridgewater Primary. **Year 1 phonics check, Year 2 SATs and Year 6 SATs workshops for parents will also be provided this half term or next.**

### **World Book Day**

As part of our ongoing commitment for every child to develop love of reading, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. We will be hosting lots of activities to make our World Book Day celebrations really enjoyable including a Book Fair and a visiting Poet! More details have been circulated by Miss Duffy.

### **Scooters and Bikes**

We have a very busy playground in the morning with over 400 pupils and their parents arriving at school. Just a reminder that we request that all children dismount their scooter or bike once they reach the school gates. Scooters and bikes can be left in our 'bike parks' on the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. All bikes and scooters are left at your own risk and school will not accept any liability for the loss or damage to vehicles left unsecured on the premises.

### **Water Bottles and Snacks**

All children are encouraged to drink water during the day. The children are able to re-fill their water bottles from fountains around school. Children may also bring in healthy snacks to have during their break times (both am and pm). We try to encourage good eating habits and have a Healthy Eating Policy that supports this aim. Children in Key Stage 1 and EYFS are provided with fresh fruit daily; any extras are shared with KS2.

### **Homework**

Homework is important as it shows the children the value that you place on their learning and helps them to consolidate key skills. Thank you to all those parents who support their children in reading every night, learning their spellings and completing homework tasks and projects. Any junior child (Years 3-6) who does not complete their weekly homework to an acceptable standard will be required to do so during Friday afternoon Golden Time supervised by myself or Mr Doherty.

### **Contact Details**

Please can I remind all parents how vitally important it is that we have up-to-date contact details for you - in case of an emergency. Please inform the school office team – Mrs Hill, Mrs Lee, Mrs Kavanagh or Mrs Thomasson as soon as is practically possible if your telephone number changes. Many thanks.

## School Fund

School fund is generated by a variety of means. There are fund raising events during the course of each year and we are paid commission by the school photographer and the sale of school ties, reading folders and PE bags further adds to our income. Through the judicious spending of School Fund we are able to enhance the curriculum for all children by purchasing additional resources, booking visitors to the school and subsidising trips. All requests, from children and staff, for the use of school fund are approved by the Headteacher.

## Lost Property

The school has acquired a large amount of 'lost property'. All items with names in are returned to their owner and **not** stored in lost property. Therefore, we encourage all parents to ensure that EVERY item is clearly labelled with your child's name. If your child has lost an item please speak to the classteacher initially and if this is not within the classroom they will direct you to check with lost property at the school office. If your child brings home an item that is not theirs by mistake, please return this via the classteacher.

Should there be any other information that you feel you would like us to share with the school or if you have any questions please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me via the school office.

Mrs Henderson

## Calendar

February/March 2018				
26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Book Fair</b>				
School reopens	Dance Teacher working with Y1/Y2  Egyptian Workshop Y5 & parents	Poet in school	World Book Day (whole school)  Science morning at Harrop Fold - 5AH	ECO action team: Great British Spring Clean
5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>
Legally Blonde Show at Harrop Fold – Y5	Dance Teacher working with Y1/Y2		Science morning at Harrop Fold - 5AH	Y6 Lacrosse Finals Eccles (12:30 – 2:30pm)  Governors' Learning Walk
12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>
Quarry Bank Mill trip Y1  Y6 SATS meeting for parents - 2:30pm	Dance Teacher working with Y1/Y2  Growth Measurement (height & weight) - R1  Audiology testing - Y1  Parents' Evening	Viking workshop – Y4  Class Assembly – Y3	Knowsley Safari Park – Y2  Science morning at Harrop Fold – 5RD  Debate Mate competition round 2 (2:30pm – 6:30pm)	Spring Poetry Celebration Y1 – Y6  Non-uniform Day for Easter Egg contributions
19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>
	Dance Teacher working with Y1/Y2  Hockey Country games at Sports City	Class Assembly Y2  World Poetry Day	Easter Experience St John's Church - Y5	
26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>
Rev Hartigan assembly  Road Safety Visitor EYFS  Easter Bingo	Dance Teacher working with Y1/Y2  Manchester Museum - Y3	Growth Measurement (height & weight) – R2  Indoor Cricket power league - Y3/Y4  Whole school Easter service - St John's Church  Parent Forum at 3.15pm	Science morning at Harrop Fold – 5RD  Councillor Stone visit  School closes for Easter	

School Reopens: **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018**