

Newsletter 1: September 2017

Dear parents and carers,

This is the first edition of a regular newsletter which will provide you with information and news about life at Boston West.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few weeks as headteacher here. The staff team are excellent and totally committed to the children in our school. I have met a number of parents and carers at the recent “meet and greet” sessions and hope to meet more of you at the forthcoming open evenings. The children have been so welcoming, friendly and polite. I am excited to be here and look forward to working with everyone in our school community to provide the very best in primary education.



Simon Morley
Headteacher

Planning ahead

A list of upcoming key dates has been included in this newsletter for your information so that you are able to plan ahead. We will add to the list in future editions so that you are kept as up-to-date as possible. Please refer to the “upcoming events” section of the school website for more information. **You can also download all previously sent letters** detailing all of the information about activities, clubs and school visits that are taking place by visiting the “letters” section of the school website.

Please pay particular attention to the term dates and be aware that **holidays during term time will not be authorised**. I would also like to draw your attention to the staff training day which is taking place on **Monday 5 March**. School will be closed to children on this day. Boston West Kids’ Club will be open to provide childcare if needed, please contact Julie Rogers on 01205 312864 / 07933902275.

A chance to meet

You will soon receive a letter giving details of the open evenings which are taking place on **16th and 17th October**. I will be available to meet parents and carers in the main school hall on both evenings so please pop in, if you can, for a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit to say “hello”.

Follow us on Twitter

Don’t forget to follow us on Twitter for useful information and pictures of exciting activities and events. If you don’t have a Twitter account you can still view our tweets by going to www.twitter.com/BostonWestAcad or www.twitter.com/BWHive. Please also keep checking the class pages of our website for news of the exciting learning that has taken place in each class.

Forthcoming key dates

September 2017

29th Year 6 weekend visit to PGL

October 2017

6th Year 2 visit to Lincoln Castle
School uniform orders by today
8th Eco Sunday – all welcome
10th 6pm PGL celebration evening
16th Open evening
17th Harvest festival in school
Open evening
20th Term 1 ends
31st Term 2 begins

November 2017

3rd Individual photos taken
17th Children in Need: non- uniform

December 2017

1st Last day of school clubs
13th Key stage 2 visit to pantomime
14th Christmas meal in school
19th Term 2 ends

January 2018

3rd Term 3 begins
17th Year 5 Young Voices

February 2018

9th Term 3 ends
19th Term 4 begins

March 2018

5th Training day – school closed
28th Term 4 ends

April 2018

16th Term 5 begins

May 2018

7th Bank holiday – school closed
25th Term 5 ends

June 2018

4th Term 6 begins

July 2018

20th Term 6 ends

Foundation stage news

The children are settling in well and enjoying their learning on "Animals from Around the World". Last week they worked together to measure out and mix ingredients for rainbow fish shaped biscuits. Children talked about what they could see happening as the ingredients were mixed and the biscuits were baked. They were decorated in a rainbow of colours before the exciting part came- the tasting!

Key stage 1 news

Year 1 are learning about where food comes from as part of their harvest topic. They have visited Abbey Farm to learn about harvesting crops and enjoyed a tractor ride. The children also went to the woods in Woodhall Spa where they took part in a range of autumnal activities.

Year 2 are really excited about their 'Castles and Dragons' topic and produced some great posters, leaflets and models at home to demonstrate what they have discovered so far. In school, the children have designed their own model castles with moving parts, which they will be making later this week.

Key stage 2 news

Year 3 have started their block of 6 dance sessions with Emma, a professional dance teacher from Arts NK and are exploring the theme; transformed by magic. We are looking forward to performing to parents at the end of term.

Year 4 have been exploring ancient Egypt and were thrilled to crack codes and become immersed in an Egyptian tomb themed escape room.

Year 5 have enjoyed learning about volcanos and the ring of fire and have visited PGL for the day to enjoy a variety of outdoor adventures.

Year 6 have been taking part in weekly swimming lessons and have had the chance to explore what it was like to be a child during World War II during an evacuation theme day. They are also very excited to spend the weekend away at PGL and take part in many new experiences.

Gathering views

I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting with children, staff and parents to find out what they love about our school. It has also been interesting to hear their ideas, comments and suggestions. If you have not had an opportunity to share your views with me, and would like to, please come along to the open evenings in October or email the school (info@bwacademy.co.uk). It is important to me to know what really matters to people in our school community.

Children in year 1 enjoying the woods in Woodhall Spa!



We love our school uniform!

We are proud of our school uniform. It is practical, looks smart and contributes to a feeling of belonging to the school. We have high standards in every aspect of school life and, as such, the school will contact parents and carers if any issues arise linked to a child's uniform or appearance. Please visit the "school uniform" section of the school website for specific details of boys' and girls' uniform.

Children's hairstyles should be neat and tidy; hair slides, bobbles and clips should be discrete. Children may wear a single, simple stud in one or both ears whilst at school but no other jewellery is allowed. Studs must be removed before taking part in any PE activities. If your child finds this difficult then they should not be worn on PE days. Nail polish, wristbands, or any other "fashion accessories" should not be worn. Thank you for your support.

Don't let your child miss out

This is a wonderful school. However, your child will only benefit from everything we have to offer if they are here every day. **Good attendance directly links to children's learning and progress** so please work with us to maximise their potential by ensuring they attend school every day. We appreciate that there might be times when children are unwell and cannot attend school. Additionally, there may be, from time to time, exceptional circumstances which prevent children from attending. However, whenever children are not at school, they miss out on important learning opportunities and this is detrimental to their progress and development.