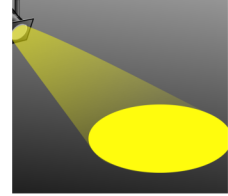




# BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER

I have decided to reduce the content in the newsletter to make it easier to read for parents and carers. From next week, the newsletters will be sent out each Monday therefore there won't be a newsletter on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. I hope you find the newsletters a good communication tool between home and school.

## Spotlight this week on English.



**Reception:** We have been writing facts about minibeasts.

**Year 1:** We have been writing descriptive sentences about landmarks in London.

**Year 2:** We have been working hard to design our own wetland centre and have started writing our own persuasive leaflets.

**Year 3:** We have been researching all things Egyptian - gathering facts for our information leaflets.

**Year 4:** We have been writing our own poems based on the poem "The River" by Valerie Bloom. We used metaphors to describe a river and rhyming words.

**Year 5:** We have been writing a series of verse poems on a range of subjects based on The Final Year and The First Year by Matt Goodfellow.

**Year 6:** We have been writing a character description based on the character Con from The Explorer.

## This half term's School Value and Aspire Skill

**Value:** Inclusivity

**Aspire Skill:** Team work and Communication

## Spotlight on SEND

In assembly this week we have been learning about **neuro-diversity as part of our school value Inclusivity** - we celebrated strengths and explored aspects which can be a challenge.

Mrs Wildig is having a change. From September she will be class based and Mrs Hamilton will be our new **SENDCo**. Mrs Wildig has been a wonderful, passionate leader of SEND at Balshaw Lane and we are proud of her commitment and enthusiasm for all things SEND. Our children and staff have benefitted from her guidance, support and knowledge. Mrs Wildig is excited about being able to devote all her time to a full time class. Mrs Hamilton is thrilled to take on her new role.

We are delighted to host our first **SEND Coffee Morning on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June from 9am until 10am**. It will be an informal, relaxed, welcoming event where we can connect, talk things through and share ways to support our children as they move forward. Please see attached poster.

## Messages

### Suncream

When the weather is sunny we would be really grateful if you could apply the once a day cream before the children come to school. Thank you.

### Crossing Patrol

We have heard that Ros is going to be absent for a longer period so we have asked LCC road safety team again to see if they can provide a replacement.

### Wrap Around Care

Mrs Marsden is absent from work at the moment due to a family bereavement. She will be back soon.

### Magnets

Some children are bringing small magnets into school - please note these are banned as they are highly dangerous.

### Hayfever

Please can we ask that medication for hayfever is taken before school and if possible to use the once a day version. Thank you.



## Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the all the children who received a Headteacher Award in assembly.

RA Casey  
RH Hollie W  
1A Katie  
1T Liliana  
2HP Alice  
2M Ashton  
3B Norah  
3J Pippa  
4G Zac  
4W Kalo  
5B Freya  
5H Noah  
6B Darcy  
6C Elliott

## Team Points



This week our team point winners were:  
**WIZARDS.**

*Congratulations!*

## Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance for this academic year is: 95.7%. The figures below are for this week.

Well done to 1T, 2HP, 4G, 4W and 6C for all being on time this week. AMAZING!

Please ensure all children are in school on time so that valuable learning time has not been lost. We will be sending reminders to children's parents / carers who are repeatedly late.

	<b>R A</b>	<b>R H</b>	<b>1T</b>	<b>1A</b>	<b>2 H P</b>	<b>2 M</b>	<b>3 B</b>	<b>3J</b>	<b>4 G</b>	<b>4 W</b>	<b>5 B</b>	<b>5 H</b>	<b>6 C</b>	<b>6 B</b>
Attendance for last week	98 %	94 %	95 %	95 %	99 %	97 %	98 %	96 %	98 %	98 %	96 %	99 %	97 %	98 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	4	1	0	1	0	3	1	2	0	0	6	1	0	5

### Year 6 Message

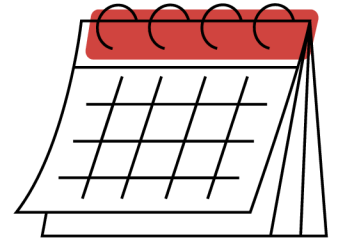
Year 6 have been working so hard towards their end of KS2 SATS which start on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. We recognise how much effort they have put in already so there will be no boosters next week. We are all so proud of them and how keen they have been to learn in class and have been so conscientious.

Please can we ask that all the year 6 children get a good night's sleep before each test; they need to bring in their water bottle daily and we are hoping that all children can come into school early that week - 8:30am so that we can have a nice chilled time together with free toast before the actual tests start.

### PTFA Message

Please can the whole school come in their PE kits next Thursday for the Sponsored Bounce. If the weather isn't kind, we will send a message if we have to rearrange to a new date.

## Dates for this term



### MAY

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> / Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Residential
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Matt Goodfellow visit
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Sponsored Bounce
Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 SATS
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Big School Workout with Joe Wicks
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 trip to Fleetwood
	Y5/6 Orienteering Comp CSP
	Induction meeting for new reception parents at 6pm
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Trip to Ebb and Flo for winners in Starbooks reading activity NEW DATE
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Playgroup in the hall 9:30-10:30am
	Children break up

### JUNE

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Children return to school
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Euxton Gala Football Tournament
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Tag Rugby Festival CSP
	Y3 Class Assembly at 9:15am
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 assembly at 9:15am
	PTFA Colour Run
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day - AM
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Multiplication Check
	Y1 Phonics Check this week
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Patterdale meeitng for parents 3:30pm
	Y1/2 and Y3/4 Quad Kids Competition
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day - Reserve Day
	Y3/4 Striking and Fielding Festival
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Stay and Play 9:15am
Week beg 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Week
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Coffee Morning 9-10am in the hall
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	LKS2 Sports Day AM
	UKS2 Sports Day PM
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Sports Day - Reserve
	Father's Day PTFA
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Mixed Cricket Competition
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Reception trip
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Girls Cricket Competition
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 MAT Sports Day at Parklands
	Playgroup in the hall 9:30-10:30am
Wk beg 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Bikeability

### JULY

6 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Residential to Patterdale
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Summer Festival
Wk beginning 13 <sup>th</sup>	Aspirations Week
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Production 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Leavers' Assembly 9:15am
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for summer holidays

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'Early language is the single most important factor in influencing literacy levels at age 11'. (The Lost Boys report, Childrens Society, 2016).

Children with poor vocabulary at age 5 are more than twice as likely to be unemployed at age 34 and 1.5 times more likely to have mental health difficulties than those with typical development (Talking About a Generation, Gascoigne, M & Gross, March 2017, The Communication Trust)

**When will it take place?**

The course will run for 6 weeks starting on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June and finishing on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Sessions will be held from 9.30am-11.30am every Friday.

**Where will it take place?**

The course will be held at Homestart, 112A Market Street, Chorley, PR7 2SL

**How much will it cost?**

**This course is free for parents to attend!**

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