



NEWSLETTER

24.11.24

Head of school's comment:

Last week, at Batley Parish we had a variety of visitors from photographers to Governors. We started the week with our Open Day and finished it with announcing our performance poetry winners (Year 4). This week, we welcome a videographer, more governors and we have 'No Pens Day' on Wednesday. As we start to head towards a holiday there will be tests for some year groups and practising of Christmas songs.

IMPORTANT DATES

NO PENS DAY 27.11.24

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING 2.12.24

SCHOOL DISCO 10.12.24

CHRISTMAS DINNER 11.12.24

MATHS PARENT DROP IN 12.12.24

KS1 NATIVITY 18.12.24

EARLY YEARS NATIVITY 19.12.24

TRAINING DAY 6.1.25

YEAR 6 SWIMMING STARTS 11.2.25

TRAINING DAY 31.3.25

PARENTS EVENING 2.4.25 AND 3.4.25

YEAR MULTIPLICATION TIMESTABLE
CHECK 21.4.25

YEAR 6 SATS 12.5.25

Maths Parent Drop In:

On Thursday December 12th parents and carers are invited to come into school to take part and support their child in a maths session. You can enter via your child's classroom door, signing in, from 8:55-9:45am. There will be a variety of challenges to attempt and it will be a chance to familiarise yourself in your child's expected calculations.

Attendance

Reception 73.55%

Year 1 97.33%

Year 2 90.00%

Year 3 90.67%

Year 4 95.42%

Year 5 94.77%

Year 6 89.17%

Well done to this week's winners:
Year 1 highest attendance. Year 4
have most improved attendance.



Friends of Batley Parish (FOBs): School Disco
 If you wish to support the school during whole school events then you may want to join our PTA team. One such event coming soon is our school disco on **Tuesday 10th December 3:45-4:30pm for KS1 and 4:45-5:45pm for KS2**. You can purchase tickets, for £2 each, from our school office from this Monday. During the event, there will also be a tuck shop available.

Class News

Year 2, as part of their science lessons, have been exploring different materials around the school grounds. They managed to find brick, rock, plastic and glass - I wonder if you could find any more? As snow briefly visited our school, children across different year groups had fun exploring the different textures. This was particularly evident with our Nursery children (below) who found snowflakes, and made snowmen and snowballs. In Year 2, they have been exploring warmer climates by investigating countries on the Equator. They have used an Atlas to label and locate these countries - could you name some countries on the Equator?



Each Year group is focusing on their curriculum intent. By analysing data, practitioners can identify areas of development and therefore design their curriculum to match these requirements. This week, that has been particularly evident in our Nursery setting who are continuing to provide opportunities for the children to develop their fine motor skills by



completing tasks that require hand and eye coordination. In Year 1 children have used their phonics knowledge to write factual sentences about a giraffe. In Year 6 Non-Chronological reports have allowed children to improve their understanding



of a range of punctuation. Finally, Year 3 have used their scientist of the week task to explore investigation skills.

Staff leaving:

This Friday, marks the end of Mrs Lockwood's time at Batley Parish. For the last 25 years she has supported the school, and as school business manager helped to navigate a variety of challenges over the years. For many parents, she has been the first 'face' at the office and will be sorely missed. Chantelle, our head chef, will also be leaving to new ventures, again she will be missed as she has served hundreds of children freshly cooked dinners over the years.

Friday 29th November 4pm-7pm is the Batley Christmas Lights switch on with a festive stalls, fairground rides and Santa's Grotto.

Our school council members will get the opportunity to decorate a Christmas Tree at our local All Saints Church on Wednesday December 4th.

Mrs Rajah has very kindly knitted some woolly jumpers for our 'Fred' phonics characters which serve as a reminder to wrap up, ensuring your child, has a suitable coat and accessories as the weather starts to get colder. If the weather should force a school closure then parents and carers will be communicated via Parent Hub messaging.



We have one week left of the Asda rewards scheme. That means every time you shop at Asda, Asda will donate some of your shopping to our school. Sign up and support the school as you shop!

Recently, communication was provided to parents and carers about how to support your child's My Happy Mind learning by accessing some parental resources; we hope you enjoy learning about some of the techniques! Teachers, are also starting to choose two Happy Mind Heroes from each class who will carry out and promote the values of My Happy Mind across the year - they will receive a badge if nominated.

Remember, if your child has a particular talent outside of school that has resulted in a sporting or academic achievement they would like to share then please inform your child's class teacher as this can be shared during our celebration assembly each Friday.