



The Bayford Bugle



Courage Appreciation Peace Respect Responsibility Love

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Anti-Racism Competition Winner

Last month, the children took part in some class work around anti-racism which included designing some clothing and footwear for a Show Racism the Red Card competition. Thousands of children across England entered the competition and I am delighted to say that Poppy in Year 6 won the Year 5/6 category with the design below. Well done Poppy – what a fabulous design. You have made us all very proud of you!



E-Safety



We are beginning to notice that a larger number of children are talking about playing computer games at home that are rated well over their age range. In particular, adults are hearing children as young as 5 years old talking about playing Fortnite. This game has a PEGI-12 rating which means it is recommended for children of 12 years old upwards i.e. no children in primary school. The PEGI 12 rating is described as follows: *Video games that show violence of a slightly more graphic nature towards fantasy characters or non-realistic violence towards human-like characters would fall in this age category. Sexual innuendo or sexual posturing can be present, while any bad language in this category must be mild.*

For further advice about the suitability of younger children playing Fortnite, please follow the link below:
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parents-guide-fortnite-battle-royale>

General advice for parents on keeping their children safe with online gaming can be found at the NSPCC website using the following link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>



Coronavirus

Unfortunately, numbers of infections across Hertfordshire are rising and the Delta variant is reported to be 30%-60% more transmissible than the Kent variant.

There are an increasing number of local Hertfordshire schools that have reported positive cases and have closed bubbles.

Please remember to wear your mask in the playground and to stick to your allocated drop off and collection times and use the correct entrance/exit.



Attendance

Further to my letter of 25th May, there are still some concerns about the number of children being taken out of school during term time for them to attend a family holiday. In some cases, children are having to isolate for an additional 10 days before returning to school!

Children have missed a lot of learning this year and it is vitally important that their attendance is as high as possible to ensure the best chance of progressing well in their learning.

PLEASE re-consider if you are thinking of taking your child out of school in term time.



Sports Day

At the moment, we are still being advised to keep children in bubbles and to keep those bubbles apart from each other. Therefore, we will not be able to run a sports day in the same way as in previous years.

We have talked about the different options and we feel that the children have really missed the interaction with children in other classes. Therefore, we have designed our sports day (to take part on the morning of **Wednesday 7th July**) to allow the children in KS1 and KS2 to be able to see each other competing, while being socially distanced in their class bubbles. This does, however, mean we will need to use the whole field to keep the children safe, so we will **not** be inviting parents to come and watch. We understand this is disappointing, and hope you understand that this is being done for the good of the children and the safety of all. We can, of course, send some video clips home on Class Dojo.



Labelling Uniform

With the hot weather here (at least it was!), children are taking jumpers and cardigans off and it is very difficult to distinguish which ones belong to which children.

Please can you ensure **all** uniform is clearly labelled to ensure we can always find the correct owner.



Value

This half term our value is Respect

Our collective worships this half term have been focussing on this value

'Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the LORD.'

Leviticus 19 v 32



Music Lessons

If your child is interested in having music lessons at school e.g. piano, violin or guitar, please speak to Mrs Sims in the office.



Dinner Money

Could you please ensure you pay any outstanding dinner money owed to school by the end of term.



Message from FOBS



With 6 weeks to go before the end of term it is now unlikely that there will be any large-scale events; however, we are hoping to have a second-hand school uniform sale.

Please see if you have any good quality uniform that your child may have grown out of and hopefully you can replace it with the next size up - please look out for a separate note in the next few weeks.

FOBS need more volunteers for September when, hopefully, they will be able to organise more events!

THANK YOU!



School Uniform

To ensure you have new uniform in time for September, you should order now.

Please visit School Trends for details.

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/BayfordCEPrimarySchoolSG138PX>



Dogs

Due to insurance purposes dogs are not allowed onto the school premises unless by prior agreement.



Please can you ensure that dogs are not brought inside the main car park gate.

Reports

The teachers have been working hard to make accurate assessments of the children over the course of the year. Obviously, this year has been interrupted by school closures with most children working from home. Government guidance on reporting to parents has changed for this year only.

In the next few weeks we will be reporting to you on your child's progress and sending home their annual report.

Transition Day

On Thursday 8th July, children in Year 6 will be visiting their new secondary schools for the day (subject to agreements with the schools in question).

At Bayford, we will also be having our transition morning and class teachers will move to the class where their new pupils for September are currently being taught.

This will be a good chance for the children to get to know their new teacher.

Bayford St. Mary's Church

There will be a 30-minute family service on Sunday 27th June at 11am and all families are welcome.

In particular, children in EYFS and Class 1 are encouraged to attend as there will be singing and storytelling for the younger children from 10.40am

Values Day

On Wednesday 23rd June we will be holding a Values Day. Children will take part in a number of activities to engage with and learn about our 6 school values of Courage, Appreciation, Peace, Respect, Responsibility and Love.

Nothing More to Say

So here is a picture of a puppy to fill the space...

