



Newsletter: January 2018

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to Boney Hay after what I hope has been a very happy and restful (?) holiday for you all!

2018 promises to be an exciting year for us all. We have appointed a new catering company who will start at the beginning of April. Parents will be able to preorder meals at home and then the children will use a screen to obtain their meal at the hatch. It is very modern and the food is of an amazing quality. We will be let you know more nearer the time and will also organise a taster session. Watch this space!

The children continue to embrace the Behaviour for Learning Contract and this will be revisited during the first week of term so that the children are reminded of what we expect from them and what they can expect from us. Your continued support in never accepting anything other than their very best is appreciated and has had a positive impact on the attainment and progress of the children.

Thank you also for your enthusiasm in tackling the Family Homework Projects. The results are fantastic and the children who receive such support at home are making even better progress than their peers.

Thank you!

Our Poppy Appeal collection raised a final total of over £100 and I have been asked to pass on the sincere thanks of the Royal British Legion for your support.

Our harvest donations totalled **203.3kg** for the foodbank!

The Christmas Fair was very well attended and a fabulous £1300 was raised! This will help to fund school visits and other items in school.

Sincere thanks to the H S A for their hard work and enthusiasm.

Staff also decided to make donations to charity instead of sending Christmas Cards and were delighted to make a donation to Jeans for Genes.

Thank you!

Attendance:

Week ending 01.12.17(Overall:93.88%)

1 st	Y5	96.67%
2 nd	Y6	96.43%
3 rd	Y3	96.40%
4 th	Rec	96.21%
5 th	Y1	93.64%
6 th	Y2	89.31%
7 th	Y4	88.85%

Week ending 08.12.17(Overall 88.52 %)*

1 st	Y3	93.20%
2 nd	Y1	90.91%
3 rd	Rec	90.69%
4 th	Y6	88.57%
5 th	Y4	87.69%
6 th	Y5	84.58%
7 th	Y2	84.48%

Week ending 15.12.17 (Overall:89.07 %)*

1 st	Y3	97.00%
2 nd	Y1	93.75%
3 rd	Y4	91.35%
4 th	Rec	89.22%
5 th	Y6	88.39%
6 th	Y2	85.78%
7 th	Y5	78.65%

Autumn Term 2017

1 st	Y3	95.91%
2 nd	Y1	95.67%
3 rd	Y6	94.32%
4 th	Y4	93.72%
5 th	Rec	93.64%
6 th	Y5	93.59%
7 th	Y2	93.19%

School Attendance to date: 94.23%

Our target is 96%

- Snow on 8th/11th/12th December 2017

Our independent Education Welfare Officer, Steph Travers, visits weekly and contacts parents where attendance is a concern. This is to meet with DFE regulations. Any attendance under 95% is monitored and persistent absence will be challenged.

Emergency Closures

Thank you for your patience and understanding with the snow closures in December. It had been the worst snowfall for four years and. Along with other local schools, we made the decision to close. Should this situation arise again may I remind you of the following arrangements:

- The decision to close is never taken lightly but our prime concern is for the Health and Safety of Pupils, Staff and all other site users.
- A risk assessment will be made of the access to school and the surrounding roads and pavements. The ability to provide adequate staffing will be taken into account - many of our staff come from out of the area - as will the heating and catering arrangements. We also ask parents to make their own risk assessment as to whether they can get their child to school safely.
- The decision will be made as early as possible in the morning, but parents must be aware that sometimes conditions can change dramatically throughout the day.
- In the event of closure, a text message will be sent to all parents, so please ensure we have your correct mobile phone details. An announcement will also go on the school website www.boneyhayschool.co.uk. If we have to close the school in the middle of the day, we will again contact parents by text message.
- If school is open on a snowy day, please send your child with wellies, warm outdoor clothing over their uniform and a change of clothes. We (Staff and children) do go out to play and have lots of fun!

May I also remind parents that NO attempt should be made to access the main school car park in icy or snowy conditions. As at all times, it is accessed at your own risk and we cannot be held liable for any accidents that may occur. Thank you for your understanding.

Parent Questionnaire

This month we will be sending out our annual Parents' Questionnaire. This gives you the opportunity to let us know what we are doing well and what improvements could be made. All children returning their questionnaire will be entered into a draw for a £10 Supermarket Voucher. I hope you will be able to support us in this important exercise.

Photographer

The photographer will be in school on Monday 15th January to take group photographs of classes and house groups.

E-Safety Workshop

We are very concerned about keeping children safe online and are eager to support parents in this. On **Wednesday 7th February** we will be holding a coffee morning for ALL parents and carers run by Concerro to remind everyone as to how to protect children and young people of all ages. The workshop will run from 9.00 - 10.00 so that you can drop your children off and come in to the warm! afterwards. Please do your very best to attend - it's a scary world on the internet and the more we all know, the safer our children will be.

Bag2School

Please remember to return you bag to school by **THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY**. The recycling company will accept good quality:

Men's ladies and children's clothing, Paired shoes (tied together); Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties, Jewellery, Lingerie, Socks, Belts, Soft toys, Household linen, Curtains, towels and bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers.)

They will NOT accept:

Duvets and blankets, Pillows and cushions, Carpets, rugs and mats (Including bath, shower and toilet mats), Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing,; School uniforms with or without logos; Corporate clothing or workwear; Textile offcuts, yarns or threaded materials.

Thank you for your support. Last year we raised over £250 - perhaps we can beat it this year!

Parent Governor

We received one nomination for the post of Parent Governor by the deadline of 11th December. As we were closed until 12th December, we waited until 12 noon to see if there were any further nominations. As none were received, Mr Paul Cotton, father of Amelie, Ella and Imogen, has been duly appointed to the Local Academy Council with effect from 1st January 2018.