



Newsletter: February 2017

Launch Event

The official Launch of Boney Hay Primary Academy will take place on Friday 10th February. We will be visited by several local dignitaries including Philip Atkins, Leader of Staffordshire County Council and Keith Hollins, Chief Executive Officer of Staffordshire University Academy Trust. The children will also be burying a time capsule with mementoes of everyday school life in 2017. This will be marked by a plaque and a request that it is not dug up until 2117!

In the afternoon, our visitors will meet with the children, share a snack of hot dogs (including a vegetarian option) and hot chocolate and then take part in the balloon launch. We would love parents and carers to join us at 2.15pm to share in the releasing of the balloons and to celebrate this momentous occasion in the history of Boney Hay. Please meet us on the junior playground. We will release the balloons regardless of weather! Children may go home following the release.

Attendance and Punctuality

May I respectfully remind parents that children should be on the playground at **8.50am** with school officially starting at **8.55am**. Once the bell has gone and the doors to the cloakroom or classroom have closed, then children **MUST** enter school via the school office where they will be given the relevant mark. Children arriving between 8.55am and 9.05am will receive a Late mark, children arriving after 9.05am will receive a U mark, meaning arriving after the register has closed. Children with persistent L or U marks will be referred to the Education Welfare Officer and appropriate action taken. Ten minutes daily adds up to nearly an hour a week or 32 hours annually of learning time lost.

I hope that we can improve our punctuality and that the children will be able to receive their full hours of education. Thank you for your support

Attendance:

Week ending 06.01.17(Overall:96.45%)

1 st	Y2	98.77%
2 nd	Y1	98.67%
3 rd	Y3	98.15%
4 th	Y4	97.43%
5 th	Rec	96.067%
6 th	Y6	96.30%
7 th	Y5	95.14%

Week ending 13.01.17 (Overall:91.66 %)

Snow on 13.1.17

1 st	Y5	95.83%
2 nd	Y6	95.56%
3 rd	Y4	95.55%
4 th	Y2	92.59%
5 th	Rec	90.50%
6 th	Y3	88.15%
7 th	Y1	88.00%

Week ending 20.01.17 (Overall:94.58%)

1 st	Y3	99.26%
2 nd	Y4	96.30%
3 rd	Rec	95.00%
4 th	Y2	94.44%
5 th	Y5	93.33%
6 th	Y6	92.22%
7 th	Y1	90.40%

Week ending 27.01.17 (Overall: 93.04%)

1 st	Y3	97.41%
2 nd	Y6	97.22%
3 rd	Y2	94.07%
4 th	Y4	92.59%
5 th	Rec	92.50%
6 th	Y1	92.40%
7 th	Y5	85.40%

School Attendance to date: 94.68%

Our target is 96%

Initial letters have been sent for those children whose attendance is causing concern. If there is not an improvement, then parents will be invited into school for a meeting with the EWO and children will have to provide a doctor's note for absence to be authorised. This is in line with DFE regulations.

Chasetown FC

They are currently looking for players for our new U7's teams (Yr2) & U10's teams (Yr5) to play football for Chasetown Youth FC. They are a community club offering the chance for players regardless of ability to play local football at cost.

Please contact Nick Dunn M: 07730 487 650 if you are interested.

Parents' Evening

Please remember Parents' Evening on Tuesday 14th February. We look forward to sharing your child's successes and goals with you.

Parent and Pupil Questionnaires

Thank you to all those parents who have already returned their Parent Questionnaires. Please can any outstanding ones be given to the School Office by Friday 3rd February. The draw for the £10 Tesco Voucher will take place in school assembly on Monday 6th February. Responses to the Questionnaire will be given in the March Newsletter.

This month we have carried out a Pupil Questionnaire in all year groups. We were pleased to see that the pupils overall felt more positive about school life than this time last year. The vast majority of pupils enjoy coming to school and feel that they learn a lot in lessons. Nearly all children felt that they were taught well and that teaching developed their skills in Maths, Reading and Writing. The vast majority of children said that the school deals well with behaviour and bullying and that they feel safe in school. We have used assembly time to talk about Article 12 of the UNICEF Rights of the Child which states that every child has a right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters. Where concerns have been raised by individual children, these have been addressed by their classteacher or Nurture Assistant.

Bags 2 School

Thank you so much for your support in bringing your unwanted clothing into school for our collection. I am worried that there will be some people wandering around Burntwood wearing very little!

We collected over 120 bags and, when the total per class was divided by the number of children in the class, Year 6 were the winners of the treat. They will have a pizza afternoon and extra free time as a thank you for their commitment to the event.

Bright Stars Playgroup

Bright Stars Playgroup meets in our Spark Centre every Monday and Friday from 9.30am until 11.30am. Why not take your pre-schoolers for a play, a snack and some chat!

School Meals

Thank you for your cooperation in all the changes that have been made to our finance and accounting systems. Parentpay is working very well for school and I hope it is making your life easier as well. May we remind you that should your circumstances change, either due to a move in house, change in telephone number or work circumstance, please let us know.

Whilst all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Free School Meals, we still need to claim for those children who fall within the qualification category. Each claim is worth £1300 to the school to support the curriculum. If you would like us to check your eligibility, please give us your National Insurance number and we can keep you up to date. As a well known supermarket says ...every little helps!

