



# Newsletter: March 2017

## **Launch Event**

The official Launch of Boney Hay Primary Academy took place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. We were 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 buried a time capsule with mementoes of everyday school life in 2017. This has been marked by a plaque and a request that it is not dug up until 2117! In the afternoon, our visitors met with the children, shared a snack of hot dogs and hot chocolate and then took part in the balloon launch. It was fabulous to see so many parents and carers waiting on the playground to share in the release of the balloons and the celebration of this momentous occasion in the history of Boney Hay. Here's to the next 100 years!

## **Parents' Evening**

Thank you to everyone who attended either Parents' Evening or made appointments to speak to the teachers at other times. 79% of our children were represented which really does help to build the partnership between home and school. We are always grateful for your support.

## **Parent Questionnaires**

Thank you to those parents who took the time to return their parent questionnaires. We received 46 responses representing 61 children. This equates to 31% of the children being represented. The winner of the draw was Miss Longmore, mother of Levi and Micah in Year 4. I have attached a summary of the responses and responded to comments made by parents. I hope you find this useful. We take all your comments on board and make adjustments where possible.

## **Attendance:**

### **Week ending 03.02.17(Overall:90.66%)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Y6	95.56%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y4	92.22%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y5	92.08%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	89.63%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	89.26%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	89.17%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Rec	87.50%

### **Week ending 10.02.17 (Overall:92.99 %)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Y3	97.78%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y4	94.81%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6	94.44%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	93.70%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	91.25%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	89.17%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Rec	88.50%

### **Week ending 17.02.17 (Overall: 94.52%)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Y5	96.52%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rec	96.32%
3 <sup>rd</sup> =	Y6	95.56%
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5 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	94.80%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	92.96%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	91.85%

### **School Attendance to date: 94.40%**

### **Our target is 96%**

The EWO was on school on 14<sup>th</sup> February and highlighted children causing concern. Letters have been sent to parents raising concerns and if there is not an improvement, then they 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.

## **School Office**

May we respectfully remind parents that the school office is open between 8.30am and 4.00pm. Telephone calls will not be answered outside of these times. If you wish to report your child absent this can be done by text at any time.