



# Newsletter: January 2019

## Happy New Year!

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

2019 promises to be an exciting year for us all. 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!

The Christmas Fair was very well attended and a fabulous £?? 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 we were delighted to donate £?? to Jeans for Genes.

Thank you to everyone for your continued generosity.

## Raffle Ticket Winners:

w/e 7.12.18 : Y6 Pupil

w/e 14.12.18: £10: Y5 Pupil

Big Bounce: Y6 Pupil

w/e 20.12.18: Y1 Pupil

So far we have made a profit of £168 which has helped buy furniture for the Music Hub.

We are really grateful for your support.

## Attendance:

### Week ending 30.11.18 (Overall:93.51%)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Y3	97.33%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y6	95.83%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y4	95.83%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	92.86%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rec	92.67%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	91.72%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	87.83%

### Week ending 07.12.18 (Overall 94.47 %)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Y2	98.26%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rec	97.33%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y5	95.17%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	94.17%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	93.21%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	93.00%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	90.00%

### Week ending 14.12.18(Overall:95.48 %)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Y2	99.13%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rec	97.67%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y1	97.14%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	95.42%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	94.33%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	92.92%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	92.07%

### Autumn Term 2018

1 <sup>st</sup>	Y6	96.38%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5	96.35%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y4	95.99%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	95.81%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rec	95.34%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	94.62%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	94.51%

Congratulations to Year 6! They will receive a treat afternoon to celebrate.

### School Attendance to date: 95.57%

### Our target is 96%

Our independent Education Welfare Officer, Steph Travers, visits half termly 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**

So far this winter we have been fortunate in not having to close due to snow. However there is still time! Along with other local schools, we will make the decision to close should the need arise. 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](http://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 14<sup>th</sup> January to take group photographs of classes and houses.

## **E-Safety Workshop**

We are very concerned about keeping children safe online and are eager to support parents in this. On **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February** we will be holding an assembly children and parents/carers run by Concero to remind everyone as to how to protect children and young people of all ages. The workshop will run from 9.00 -9.45 so that you can drop your children off and come in to the warm! 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. It is also important that you can receive the same messages that we are giving your children.

## **Coats**

We are very surprised to see that some children are coming to school without coats. Please can you ensure that your child has a suitable coat and shoes to be outside in the cold weather. Children without coats may not be able to take part in all outdoor activities.

## **Advance Notice:**

As an academy we can be directed to take an additional INSET Day for Trust training. This year we will be closed on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** so that staff can attend the SUAT Conference where we will be able to learn from leading national educationalists. I apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause and hope that the advance notice will enable you to make the necessary arrangements.

Children in Year 6 will be attending either Chase Terrace Technology College or Erasmus Darwin Academy on this day.

## **Bag2School**

Please remember to return your bag to school by **MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> 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.