



Bowburn Primary News

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First half term in the new school building !

It's hard to believe but we've completed our first half term in the new school building—time has flown by ! It doesn't seem like 5 weeks have passed since we welcomed all of the children through the doors on 19th April. It's been such an awful year with Covid causing so much disruption to normal school life , however we have been lucky that no children or staff have tested positive since before Christmas. We are still working under the school Covid restrictions and government guidance which makes school life slightly different. We still operate in year group 'bubbles' as far as possible to minimize mixing, staff are tested twice weekly and we continue to appreciate that parents are wearing masks when collecting their children.

This half term has seen everyone settle into their new surroundings and get used to being in the building . Everyone loves it ! We hope you are able to visit the school soon , once Covid restrictions ease. We hope parents /carers are getting a bit more used to the school site, and the longer walks !

Next term, swimming lessons will resume for Y6, and more visits and visitors are allowed to enhance the curriculum and learning. This term we have had coaches from the Sports Partnership including weekly yoga sessions for junior children and the author Adam Bushnell has visited school . Captain Chemistry visited Year 6 to complete a workshop on human body and digestion with the children . Year 1 also enjoyed a dance festival learning 4 types of dance : Bollywood , Street dance , line dancing and cheer leading. Today we have enjoyed Nepal Day – more details over the page !



Staffing News:

We bid a fond farewell to Mr Laverick when he retired recently . He was very touched by all the kind messages posted on our Face Book Page and by everyone who wished him well in person. He was also grateful for the presents and cards he received from the children and parents . We hope he will still visit us from time to time.

Mrs Leslie will be returning after half term , following her maternity leave . She will be supporting children across the school.

We currently have a vacancy for someone to join our cleaning team. Closing date for applications is noon on 7th June . The advert and forms can be found on Durham County Council jobs page.

WATER BOTTLES- a plea!



Please can children bring FULL water bottles from home each day, rather than requesting teachers to fill them up from the tap in the classroom.

Pupils are missing or delaying the start of lessons while they are filling up bottles which could easily be filled at home and brought into school each morning.

Covid restrictions mean that children shouldn't be using the water fountains at this time .

Breakfast Club places still available daily .8-8.45am
£3 per day, payable on Parent Pay.

NEPAL DAY- Namaste!



Children and staff had a fantastic time today enjoying Nepal Day in school as part of our Internationalism work. The school has a close link with the Gladstone school in Nepal and we last welcomed our Nepali visitors in 2019. Staff dressed up in Nepali costumes and children took part in many themed activities . Younger children listened to Nepal music throughout the day , and asked questions of a Nepalese visitor. Older children researched facts about the country online and learned about Mount Everest and the recent devastating earthquake. They also completed observational sketches of the Nepali statues and artefacts belonging to Mrs Fay as well as creating mandala patterns Food tasting also took place across school , which was fun ! We will share the activities with our friends at the Gladstone School



Half term holiday:

School closes **Friday 28th May** , and re-opens **Monday 7th June**.

Please remember gates close and school starts promptly at 9am. We have had a few late arrivals recently.

Please bring any late children to the main entrance so they can be signed in .

Calling all parents of pupils starting Nursery or Reception in September !

If your child is joining our school in September 2021, firstly thank you for choosing Bowburn Primary School ! You will soon be receiving a School Prospectus with lots of useful information to prepare you and your child for transition from nursery to main school, and answer any questions you may have.

As part of transition, all of our teachers will be meeting during next half term, sharing information about pupils, in order that we can be ready to meet their needs in September. All pupils moving up through the school will also have the chance to meet their new class teachers.

Unfortunately, Covid restrictions are still in place so this means we are unable to hold our usual parents meetings and visits this term. We plan once more for Reception staff to produce videos of classrooms which we can share with your child to help them feel more familiar with surroundings before they start.

The prospectus will be sent out after half term and also be available to view online on the website. Details of starting dates and times for Reception children will also be shared.

UNIFORM and PE KITS:

Uniform for September for all pupils should be ordered by June 11th to ensure delivery to school before the end of term. After this date, ordering by July 16th should guarantee home delivery before September.

The link is below and our uniform policy is on the website.

<https://studentuniform.co.uk/bowj044/>

Please can we ask that ALL children come dressed in school PE kit on the days they have PE so they can take part in all activities.

Thank you for supporting our school uniform !