



24th January 2020



The Buzz this week ...

I cannot believe that we are already well into the first half of the Spring term, it promises to be another packed one as we continue to plan to provide exciting and engaging learning opportunities of all our children both inside and outside the classroom.

A letter recently went home regarding Reception Children Height & Weight Checks. This has been booked for Wednesday 26th February. If you wish your child to 'opt-out' of this session, please speak to the school office.

It was lovely to see parents take the time to meet with the SLT & MLT on Thursday; we hope this gives you an insight into life at Bovington Academy, and the Trust as a whole. Please click on the following link if you missed the presentation.
<http://bit.ly/2GIJshq>

Lastly, our attendance officer will be monitoring our registers regularly. Please can we encourage you to be on time for school each morning as late starts can be very difficult for the children to deal with. In addition to this, can we remind you to keep your holiday plans within the 13 weeks of school holidays each year as any missed time away from school will affect your child's education.

Thank you and we wish you a wonderful weekend.



Donations:

Do you have any spare board games you could donate for us to use in our Afterschool club provision? Any donations would be grateful received.



Car parking & Road Safety:

We kindly request that you use the parking facilities on **King George V Road**. Please **do not** park illegally on Holt Road, use the Three Bears Nursery car park or stop outside the school to drop off or pick up your child/ren as this makes this area extremely dangerous when trying to cross the road. Please note we are monitoring this activity.

Can you also take extra care when moving around parked cars with your children.

Lastly, please can you refrain from using the school carpark, (unless an arrangement has been agreed with the school) this is for staff only.

Please take care and be aware! Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Key Dates:

4th February – Class Photo's

10th & 11th February – Year 5 & 6 – Bikeability

17th – 21st February – Spring Half Term

24th February – Children back in School

26th February – Nurse Drop-in session – 2.15pm – Parents invited into school.

26th February – Reception Height & Checks



Bikeability

(Year 5&6)

Did Santa Claus bring a bike this Christmas?

If you would like to raise your child's awareness of road safety, then sign up for Bikeability. The Bikeability Level 1 course aims to develop mastery in cycle handling in an off-road environment and prepare riders for cycling on the road. Bikeability is government-recognised, practical and professional training. Level 1 will take place in School on Monday 10th February, the cost is £16. On successful completion of Level 1, the children will complete Level 2 free of charge on Tuesday 11th February. All that is needed is a roadworthy bike and a helmet. Please sign up at the School office. This is a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness of road and cycling safety.



INCREDIBLE YEARS

Parenting Programme for Parents/Carers

Helping you to develop children's School Readiness, Emotional Regulation, Social and Friendship skills for life
This is a fantastic opportunity to join us for a ride on the rollercoaster that is parenting! It's about new ideas, warning of pitfalls and helping you find out what will work best for your family, in a fun and friendly way.

Tuesday Evenings

**6.30 – 9.00pm, term time only,
at Wareham Children's Centre,
21st January – 28th April 2020**

**For more information please contact
Purbeck Family Partnership Zone on
01305 225729**

Eligibility for Free School Meals – Children in Reception. Years 1 & 2

My child will get a free school meal because they are in infant classes, why do I still need to apply?

Although all children in infant classes (reception, year 1 or year 2) will receive a free lunch meal, it is still important that you apply if you might be eligible. This is because, if your child is eligible, the school will receive additional funding called Pupil Premium. The school will receive additional funding per pupil which is used to support the education of all pupils from low-income families as needed, to ensure that they get the same chances as other children.

It is up to the school how this money is spent, but Ofsted check with them that they have used it to help raise attainment of pupils from low-income families where performance tables show that their attainment tend not to be as good as their more affluent peers. This can add up a lot of additional funding to a school and can be used to really help children to achieve well as they grow older.

You might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999,
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit,
- Child Tax Credit. This is as long as you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income isn't more than £16,190, Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit

If you think you are eligible please apply on-line at: <https://www.dorsetforvou.gov.uk/free-school-meals>