

Dates for your diary:

Monday 27th March & Tuesday 28th March: All of Year 6 to bring their bikes. Sessions for both classes will take place during the two days.

Wednesday 29th March-Friday 31st March: Y5 Residential

Thursday 30th March: Artis Performance for all EYFS & KS1 Parents @2.45pm

Friday 31st March: School closes for Easter

Well done to everyone who took part in the Knutsford Jog last weekend. Please return any sponsorship money by this Thursday. After that it will need to be returned directly to the Rotary Club.



Thank you for all the donations we received on Red Nose Day. The final total was £420.

Communication Survey

Thank you for the responses to our communication survey. There were 50 responses and some very useful comments. -92% of parents always read the newsletter. -The dates are the most useful piece of information, closely followed by information about events. -92% of parents use Facebook, 86% use School Spider, 80% use Scopay, 44% use the website, 18% use Twitter. There were lots of positive comments regarding the school's communication- thank you for those! Lots of parents felt the balance was just about right and like the fact we communicate in different ways. There were positive comments about how concise, but informative the newsletter is. Lots of parents also like the information in homework diaries and feel this is an improvement this year.



Some suggestions as to how we can further improve our communications are:

- More notice for events such as assemblies
- More articles written by children on the newsletter
- The links on School Spider don't always work

Many thanks for all the suggestions, we will continue to act on them. It is good to know what works for parents and how we can make communication at Bexton as effective as possible.

PE Survey

Miss Hossack (our PE coordinator) and Mr Roberts (our sports coach) are currently reviewing the PE provision at Bexton. They would love your feedback. You can access the survey [here](#).

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 18th April: School opens after Easter holidays

Monday 24th April: FOBs meeting @7.30pm – all welcome

Friday 28th April: Football Tournament in aid of Ethical Enterprise (further details to follow)

Monday 8th May: KS2 SATs Week A free breakfast club will be available to all Year 6 children Monday 8th May to Thursday 11th May

Friday 12th May: FOBs Disco £5 per child 3.30-4.15pm Preschool
4.30-5.30pm KS1
5.45-6.45pm KS2

Friday 26th May: Sports Day KS1 10am-11.30am
KS2: 1.30pm-3.00pm

Please note Sports Day is earlier in the year to allow us enough time to rearrange if the weather is bad. The reserve date is Friday 9th June.

Friday 26th May: School closes for half term

Monday 5th June: School opens



Mrs Howard's Big Adventure

During the Easter holidays Mrs Howard is travelling to Kenya to support a charity which aims to advance the education and health care of vulnerable children. The staff were keen to support Mrs Howard in her venture and have decided to bake cakes to raise some money to buy basic resources for the school she will be working in.

The cakes will be for sale to children after school on Tuesday outside the nursery building. Please bring your pennies!

If you wish to learn more about the charity you can find out about it [here](#). Mrs Howard will be sharing her adventures with the children and staff after Easter.



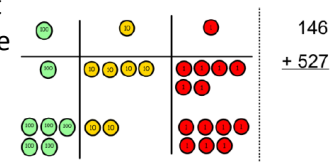
Friendship Bench

Congratulations to Eloise in Mr Evan's class for winning the Friendship Bench competition. The School Council voted for the overall winner during our meeting last week. Eloise will get to paint the bench with the School Council in the summer term.

Supporting your child at home with Mathematics

During parents evening some parents requested some ideas to support their children with maths. As a parent, it sometimes can be tricky to support your child if you don't recognise the methods they are using.

We would encourage parents to firstly look at our calculation policy [online](#) which explains the stages children go through in each area of calculation: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.



As children move through each stage they will begin working with concrete objects, e.g. counters, pennies, cubes and gradually work towards more abstract concepts (see examples).

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