



# Newsletter

November 2015



Welcome to the November edition of Bexton News.

We are excited to announce that our new website is up and running and our new school council and pupil senior leadership team are planning their actions for the current academic year.

As the weather gets colder and damper, please can you ensure you have downloaded the School Spider app to your phone and are registered for SCOPay Texts. In the event that the school is unable to open, these are the systems we will use to advise you.



Now is also possibly the time to stop sending in hats and sun-cream and, instead, to ensure that your children have suitable outdoor wear for lunch and break times, including a warm, waterproof coat.

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# SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

This year we have changed the format of the School Council. We now have an SCLT (School Council Senior Leadership) that manage the full council, together with small teams and school council reps. The SCLT has already met with the school leadership team and school governors this term to present our action plans for 2015—16.

The smaller teams specifically deal with:

- Safety
- E-safety
- Curriculum
- Behaviour

Our SCLT consists of:

Chair	Nick
Vice-Chair	Anabel
Secretary	Molly
Treasurer	Emma
Safety Officer	Alex
Behaviour Of-	Maddie
E-safety Officer	Emilio
Curriculum	Evie and Sam



## E-safety

**tip of the week** from school council - Monitor your child's device use with activity reports - <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-8/monitor-child-pc-activity>



Children radiate Bexton values at the centre of every interaction in school and beyond

## PUPIL PREMIUM

Did you know that if you qualify for Free School Meals, the school gets additional income for your child which pays for support to help your child achieve their potential, and can also help with the cost of certain school trips or after school activities.

We will shortly be requesting all Reception Class parents complete forms to ascertain whether any children are eligible but have included the form with the newsletter if you would like to apply before then.

If you currently qualify for Free School Meals and would like assistance for particular clubs after school, please speak to Mrs Griffiths in confidence.



## SCHOOL WEBSITE

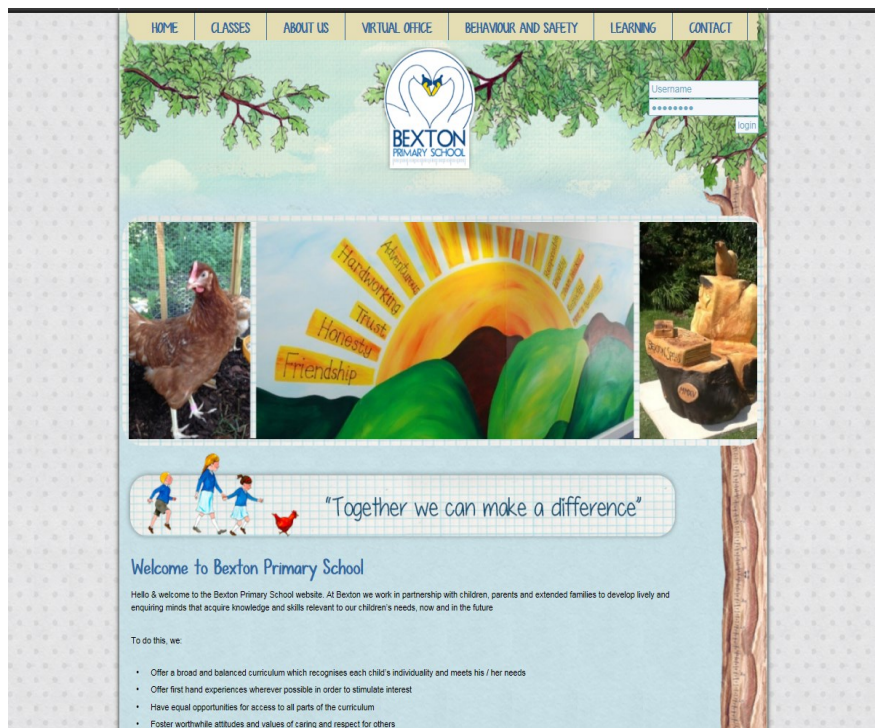
The public face of the new school website is now available. We hope that it retain some of the “feel” of the old website but is more user-friendly.

On the new website you will find lots of information relating to your children’s learning as well as news items, a calendar and useful links and forms.

The website is available at <http://bexton.schoolspider.co.uk/> and should shortly be available at [www.bexton.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.bexton.cheshire.sch.uk)

A condensed version of the website is also available for your tablet / smart phone. Go to your App Store and search for “School Spider” which can be downloaded and gives you quick access to news and calendar items. It also enables the school to send push notifications to you for important updates or in the event of an emergency.

We hope, in time to also provide individual log ins for pupils and parents although this may be a few months further down the line.





## PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT....

### Parking

Please can we remind you that only parents with disabled pupils who have had specific permission can park in the school car park. We will be monitoring this closely over the next few weeks.

### Norkem

We have recently received a letter from Norkem alerting us to the fact that a number of children and parents are cutting through their car park. Please remember that this is private property and constitutes a danger as their staff are not on the lookout for children. Also, we love it when people tell us how wonderful our pupils are and we would like you to support this happening.

Please can you also remember to park carefully, with due regard for other road users and not on the corners.



### SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Well done to Oliver in Class 7 (Year 3) for winning the Knutsford Heritage Centre competition for the Year3/4 category from 250 stories.

Congratulations to everyone else at Bexton who wrote a story using the words: watch, train and candle.



## STAFF NEWS

We are sad to be saying goodbye at the end of this term to Mrs Banner, one of our Teaching Assistants who works one day a week with our Year 6 pupils. We would like to take the opportunity to thank her for her hard work over the last couple of years and wish her the very best for the future.

## TAKE A CHALLENGE

Thank you to everyone who took part in "Take a Challenge" last half-term, we had a great response—well done.

All pupils who took part will receive a certificate and be featured on the screen in the school reception area.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR BAD WEATHER

Please can you ensure that you have downloaded the School Spider app to your phone (it's free) and are registered to receive emails and texts with SCO-Pay.

If there are issues with bad weather, these are the main methods of communication we will use to advise about school opening arrangements.

## SPORTS NEWS

Year 2 children from across Knutsford competed in a mini Olympics event organised by the Knutsford Schools Sports Partnership this week, whilst Year 3&4 children and Year 5 and 6 girls' teams took part in football tournaments over at Egerton Football Club.

Many outdoor fixtures are taking a break during the early evenings but should be starting again after February half-term. Our netball team won the final match this term against Manor Park in a very evenly-matched game after some tough ones they have played recently against St Vincents and Yorston Lodge.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Rehearsal at St Johns Church 1.30
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Church Service at St Johns Church 1.30
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Nativity 10am Pre-school children only
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Service 6.30
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Nativity 2pm Year 5 cake sale FOBS Panto
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Nativity 10am
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Christmas Lunch
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Christmas Parties Dress up day £1 donation for Ethical Enterprise project Children break up for Christmas
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	INSET day for teachers



Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	After school clubs begin
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	FOBS Meeting at school
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	FOBS Quiz Night 7:30pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's School Disco
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Last Day before half-term
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day

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