

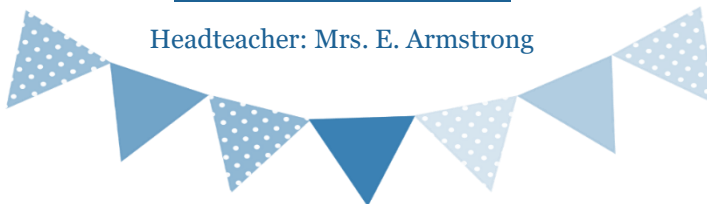


School Newsletter

Bexton Primary School and Nursery

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Friday 13th September 2024

Upcoming dates for your diary...

- **Monday 16th September:** Year 6 Bikeability
- **Tuesday 17th September:** Year 6 Bikeability
- **Friday 20th September:** Reception Stay and Play (am)
- **Monday 23rd September** FOBs (PTA) Meeting – 7:30pm
- **Tuesday 24th September:** Year 2 Trunk Theatre Production*
- **Friday 27th September:** Grandparents' (& extended family) Day
- **Wednesday 16th October** Parents' evening
- **Friday 18th October:** Reception Stay and Play (am)
- **Friday 25th October:** Break up for half term

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

- **Monday 4th November:** INSET DAY
- **Tuesday 5th November:** Children return to school
- **Friday 15th November:** FOBs Children's Disco
- **Thursday 28th November:** FOBs Christmas Wreath Making 7pm
- **Friday 15th November:** FOBs Children's Disco
- **Wednesday 4th December:** Children's Christmas Lunch
- **Thursday 28th November:** FOBs Christmas Wreath Making Evening (save the date!)*
- **Wednesday 4th December:** Christmas Lights Extravaganza
- **Tuesday 10th December:** Infant Nativity (10am)
- **Wednesday 11th December:** Nursery Christmas Singalong (9:30am)
- **Wednesday 11th December:** Infant Nativity (2pm)
- **Wednesday 18th December:** KS2 Christmas Concert- 1:30pm/6:00pm @ St. Johns
- **Friday 20th December:** Break up for Christmas

This week's important information!

Harvest Festival Donations

As we will be celebrating Harvest Festival from the beginning of October, it is an opportunity to think of those in need. We will be collecting donations in various forms and would kindly ask you, if you are able to provide some items, to please support us with the collection. This year, all donations will be given to Hope Central. Please bring any contributions to school between now and Friday 27th September. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping make a difference in our community!

Items Hope Central are currently short of are listed below, but all dry and tinned produce is greatly appreciated:

Instant mashed potato / tinned pulses / tinned spam / tinned meat / biscuits / sauces (eg pasta sauces/ curry sauce) / instant noodles / jam / UHT milk / rice / shampoo

For more information about Hope Central please visit www.hopecentral.org.uk

Attendance and Holidays in Term Time - new guidance

There are new government expectations for attendance and holidays in term time that have been launched this September. This was discussed in more detail at the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on Wednesday but here is a brief summary of what was covered. For further details, please visit gov.uk/school-attendance-absence.

Starting from September 2024, schools must **strictly limit** holiday requests during term time, with exceptions only for serious emergencies/circumstances. Parents should be aware that fines of £80, rising to £160 if unpaid within 21 days, may be issued for unauthorised absences, with a maximum of two fines per child, per parent, over a three-year period. A second fine within three years will be £160, with any further absences leading to court action. Requests for leave must be supported by detailed documentation; otherwise, absences will be deemed unauthorised, increasing the risk of fines and legal consequences. The new rules underscore the importance of continuous learning, and parents are encouraged to plan holidays during school breaks to avoid impacting their child's academic progress.

A reminder of the School Uniform Policy

Following our "Meet the Teacher" event on Wednesday, I wanted to briefly revisit our Behaviour for Learning focus for this year, which includes our school uniform policy. We're paying special attention to making sure everyone adheres to our uniform expectations, as even small deviations can lead to a more relaxed attitude towards the policy.

Over the past few years, we've noticed some children starting to wear inappropriate footwear, unsuitable PE clothing, and a significant increase in smart watches and jewellery. Our uniform policy is in place to ensure safety, minimise fashion trends, and maintain clear expectations for learning. When the policy isn't followed, it can make a negative impact on the overall learning environment of the school.

Please therefore take a moment to review our uniform policy with your child and ensure they are dressed appropriately for school each day. By working together, we can create a positive and focused learning environment for everyone. Thank you for in advance for your support with this!

Primary and Secondary Admission Applications Open

Applications are now open for children starting primary school and transitioning to secondary school. Parents are strongly advised to apply for three preferences.

Applications must be submitted to the child's home local authority by:

- **31 October 2024** for pupils moving up to High School in September 2025.
- **15 January 2025** for pupils starting primary in September 2025.

Parents still need to apply even if the child has a brother or sister already at the school or the child is attending a nursery/preschool attached to the school.

To apply online and for further information please go to [Apply for September 2025 school place \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk) call 0300 123 5012.

For up-to-date information please follow @CE_Admissions and The Family Information Service – @FISCheshireEast or [Family Information Service \(Cheshire East Council\) - Home | Facebook](#)

Link: [Application process for starting school in September \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk)

Please also find attached information regarding the Knutsford Academy Year 6 Open Evening.

Plea for wheelbarrows:

Visitors to the playground may have noticed the large bags of sand that have been delivered. On Friday next week (20th September) Barclays volunteers from Barclays will (amongst other things) be helping us to move this sand to its final location and for this we need your help: If you have a wheelbarrow that you are willing to lend to us, we would be most grateful! Please bring it into school - clearly marked with the name of your child and their year group - and leave it next to the sheds behind the reading bus. We will return them to you at the end of the day of Friday 20th. Thanks in advance for your support.

Playground Safety:

To ensure the safety of everyone who comes onto our playground, just a reminder of the following:

- dogs are **not** allowed on the school site
- Please do **not ride** scooters and bicycles on the playground. By all means bring them onto the playground, but your children must dismount them once they are through the playground gates
- The trim-trails are not suitable for children who are pre-school aged without supervision- please do not allow your very young children to use them

Musician of the Month

This year we are introducing 'Musician of the Month' and on Monday, in assembly, the children found out about September's musician - David Bowie. Throughout the year, the children will learn about a range of musicians from all around the world and throughout history. Attached to the newsletter is a home information sheet where you can find out about David Bowie and scan a QR code to listen to some of his music with your child at home.



Reminder for Year 6 Parents: Bikeability Sessions

Just a reminder that our Year 6 Bikeability sessions are coming up next week on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th September. Please ensure your child brings their bike and helmet to school on both days. They should wear their own clothes, suitable for cycling and the weather, and don't forget to pack a raincoat in case of wet weather. We look forward to seeing all our cyclists ready to go!

Local Sport

Knutsford Football Club have home games on 14th and 21st September, and have asked us to let you know they will be letting kids in for free to watch the games.

Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to Gemma and Sophia!

Thank you for your lovely books.



