



### NEXT WEEK - 20TH - 24TH JANUARY

Next week is "Kindness Week" in our school. We have special "missions" for our pupils throughout the week. **BLUE DAY** is on Friday 24th January. All pupils and staff come dressed in Blue on this day (no uniform required and no money sent please). This is an awareness day - Be Loving and Understanding to Everyone.

### PARENT INTERVIEWS

Our continuous assessments have been ongoing this week and the pupils have been involved in check-up tests, in the last term, with their class teachers. These check-ups are to ensure progress has been made in accordance with your child's ability and that areas of weakness are identified quickly. Teachers will be able to discuss the outcomes of these, and class work, with you during the Parent/Teacher Interview week.

The partnership which exists between school and parents is vitally important to the success and progress of any child's education, so use the information given by the teachers to praise, encourage and work with your child at home.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will begin on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 2:15pm and run until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. You will receive a message to book your appointment date and time.

- P7 parents have separate arrangements due to Transfer.

★ **ALL PUPILS WILL FINISH SCHOOL AT 1:55PM DURING INTERVIEW WEEK**



### EXTENDED SCHOOLS

Next week we begin our after schools timetable for P4-7 pupils. A huge thank you is extended to all staff who continue to provide these opportunities for our children voluntarily each term free of charge. Remember these activities are on in the following weeks pre half term:

Week Beginning:

20<sup>th</sup> January  
27<sup>th</sup> January  
(3<sup>rd</sup> February not on due to Parent Interview Week)

A new timetable will then take place after this.

### WELL DONE!

To our medal winners: at the Road Safety Quiz on Wednesday at Mossley Mill. Our P7 Team: Ethan Holland, Emily May O'Neill, Luke Jamison and Conor Hunter. A fantastic representation of our school.

### FRIENDS OF BPS!

Our team is planning events for this term for pupils to enjoy. Get your name on the list of FOBPS helpers if you haven't already.

### BRINGING THE CURRICULUM ALIVE

Much of our education is 'work' related and there is no getting away from the fact that certain facts must be learned, practised and taught. Alongside this, we endeavour to interest our pupils in their learning by teaching skills through Topics. Books, pictures, artefacts, posters, internet research, video clips, visits and visitors help bring these topics alive. We have many workshops in P4-7 also to encourage this learning.

I commend these topics to you and ask that you encourage your child's learning of them by taking an active interest in them at home. We are so pleased to see this happening already by the information and artefacts pupils are bringing into school as the topics are being covered. Some of our project work each year is also outstanding.

Thank you for your parental support in this.

TOPICS FOLLOWED THROUGHOUT THREE TERMS FOR YOUR INFORMATION.	P1 Amazing Me Rhyme Time Cracker for Christmas Brr... It's Cold Home Sweet Home Barking Mad Commotion in the Ocean
P2 Castles Autumn Christmas Post Emergency Services Go Wild! Space Down on the Farm	P3 Mighty Me Let's Celebrate Interesting Inventions Water World Mini-beasts
P4 "Treemendous" Trees Life as a child in World War 2 Sound Houses & Homes Ancient Rome	P5 It's a Small World (NI Focus) Early Man Eco Energy Ancient Egypt Feathered Friends
P6 Inside your Outside Exciting Extremes Vicious Vikings Feast or Famine Into The Wild	P7 Victorians Titanic Europe Sowing & Growing

### SCHOOL CONTACT

All parents please ensure your mobile telephone number is up to date with our office for contact to be made. All texts from school go to the first contact. It is essential we can contact parents, should this be necessary, on any school day.

Thank you.

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