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# Newsletter 9

27<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## School's Ofsted Inspection

On 28th February and 5th March, school was inspected by Ofsted. School was judged to be good. All leaders, staff and governors are delighted with this result and feel the report reflects accurately the great place New Bewerley School is. Highlights from the report include:

- Senior leaders form a strong team. They are highly ambitious for all pupils.
- Governors have a clear vision for what pupils can achieve and are very committed to the school. They provide strong support and challenge for the school's leaders.
- Pupils make strong progress by the time they reach the end of Year 6.
- Pupils are given a wide range of opportunities to use and apply their English and mathematical skills and knowledge effectively across the curriculum.
- The school provides a very broad curriculum. Pupils enjoy a wide range of exciting activities, which motivate them to learn. Consequently, their attitudes to learning are good.
- There are high-quality systems in place to keep all pupils safe from harm.
- Children in the early years make good progress from low starting points.
- School leaders actively promote good attendance through a range of strategies and rewards. As a result, most pupils attend school regularly

Thank you to the staff for their continued hard work and dedication. The pupils are very fortunate to be supported by an incredible team of committed adults. A full report is attached to this newsletter. I'm happy to answer questions about the report.

## School Holidays - Easter Consultation

Leeds City Council is seeking views on the timing of the Easter school holidays for the next few years. This is their third consultation on the fixed Easter school holiday arrangement – they originally consulted in 2009, and then again in 2013. On both occasions the public view was clearly in favour of having a fixed Easter break. Since 2011, Leeds has fixed its school break to the first two weeks of April, regardless of when the Easter bank holiday weekend falls. Usually the bank holidays fall somewhere within this break, but once every few years they fall outside. The Local Authority is now seeking public opinion in order to decide whether to continue with this arrangement or return to an Easter school holiday that moves according to the Easter bank holiday weekend.

The Local Authority is really keen to obtain as many responses as possible, and parents and carers are being encouraged to respond, to determine whether there is a collective wish to keep the fixed Easter school holiday. The consultation will run until Friday 8th June 2018. The link to the online survey on the council website is [www.leeds.gov.uk/easterholidayconsultation](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/easterholidayconsultation) a hard accompanies this newsletter.

## SATs

Children in year 2 will start taking national tests next week to support teacher assessments. The year 6 test timetable is included below. The children have been taught extremely well and will, I'm sure, make their teachers very proud.

Monday 14 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 15 May	English reading
Wednesday 16 May	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 17 May	Mathematics paper 3

We are aware it will soon be the holy month of Ramadan and that this is an extremely important time for many families. We would like to offer support to children that may be fasting over the period to ensure that they perform at their best during the SATs test whilst observing religious practices. We would encourage parents and carers to discuss arrangements for the well-being of fasting pupils with their class teacher so children can achieve the best results possible. We hope you will support us and wish all Muslim families a peaceful and blessed Ramadan.

### Dangerous Litter

Recently a parent informed me of some of the unsanitary and dangerous litter that has been left near school. This has included syringe needles. I have contacted the council and have been provided with a contact working within the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team. If parents notice any more dangerous waste please inform school and we will contact the team on your behalf.

### Class Photos Reminder

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May is Class Photo Day – children need to wear their school uniform.

### Royal Wedding

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May, after the SATs tests have finished, school will celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Children are allowed to come to school dressed in the colours red, white and blue or dress to impress (wedding attire). The school kitchen will also provide a picnic style lunch for children to enjoy outside (weather permitting). Children who bring a packed-lunch for their dinner will also eat outside with their friends. Congratulations to Harry and Best Wishes to Meghan.

### Sports Day

This year sports day(s) will be...

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018, starting at 1.30pm

Year 3 and Year 4 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018, starting at 9.30am

Year 5 and Year 6 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018, starting at 1.30pm

Children are allowed to wear their sports kit on their sports day. Looking forward to seeing you there.

### Sun Cream

Now that we have entered the summer term I would like to remind parents that on hot days you are advised to put long-lasting sun protection lotion on your children before they start school and provide them with a bottle of water and sunhat. Unfortunately, policy dictates, staff are not able to apply sun cream to children during the day.

### Remaining Training Days in 2018

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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