

# Bishop Martin Bulletin



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## ... Accelerated Reader Update

We are continuing to embed 'accelerated reader'. In principle Y2-Y6 should all have a reading book with a 'blue' sticker on the spine with a code on it. That code is zpd (Zone of Proximal Development) and it has a range. Children then select books from their class library or the new whole school library in that range. Children should be reading books that are accessible to them (e.g. not too difficult). Children have been tested twice to ensure they are on the right zpd for them. This is reviewed termly. Children then do a quiz after they have read each book in school. This quiz focusses on supporting children's understanding. The software behind this resource also collates the number of words a child has read. Teachers and leaders are looking at these word counts in pupil progress meetings. Research consistently shows that the more children read the better the reader. Thanks to all those parents who have helped 'book band' the books!

If you have any specific questions regarding this please speak to your class teacher. For further information click on: [http://www.renlearn.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Parents-Guide-to-Accelerated-Reader\\_2016-17.pdf](http://www.renlearn.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Parents-Guide-to-Accelerated-Reader_2016-17.pdf)



We are delighted with our new table tennis equipment. Y3 and Y6 are already enjoying weekly lessons, learning new skills and having fun!



## ... Sporting Matters



Well Done to the Y3 and Y4 children who took part in the indoor athletics competition last week.

## ... Anti-Bullying



All good schools are proactive about anti-bullying. We are currently working towards gaining the Anti-Bullying Quality Mark. The Anti-Bullying Quality Mark is a national award given to schools who demonstrate that they take children's safety seriously and that bullying won't be tolerated. We will be working with pupils to develop peer support and working with a range of adults in school to create a clear working group on Anti-Bullying.

## ... Attendance

Whole school attendance so far this year (5th Sept to 7th Feb) is 97.21%. Our target is 97.5%. Please note if a child is absent for 1 day they miss 5 lessons. Please also remember the school will not authorise holidays during term time.

## Our Christian Value this term is **COURAGE** ...

*"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."* Deuteronomy 31.6



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### ... Keeping Safe Online

E-safety – The following link is a good guide for enabling parental controls on iPhone/iPod/iPad, meaning that you can limit the age range for any apps installed as well as disabling the ability for your child to install/delete apps, giving them more control. Parents set a 'restriction passcode' (which is different from the regular passcode to unlock the phone).

<https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201304>



### ... A polite request from one of our parents

Could you please ask parents picking their children up not to leave their engines running as they sit in cars? It's a waste of fuel, bad for the environment and incredibly bad for health. A recent paper suggests leaving an engine running for 10mins is the equivalent of a cigarette's worth of second-hand smoke. It is also an offence under the Road Traffic Act, which can incur a penalty notice.

### Twitter

Follow us on Twitter !  
 We've received a retweet from an astronaut! Read all about it here :  
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### Suggestion Box

Please remember to post any suggestions you may have in our Suggestion Box in our school foyer. Thank You !

### ...Goodbye

We have said goodbye to Karl Heckle from Friends n Fun, Karl is going to work full time in a Nursery. We have also said goodbye to Maureen Davies, Lunchtime Supervisor, who has retired. A BIG THANK YOU! to both Karl and Maureen for all their hard work, they will both be missed ! We wish Karl all the very best in his new job and we wish Maureen a happy and healthy retirement.

## On the Horizon ...

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| 12th - 16th February    | HALF TERM WEEK   |
| Monday 19th February    | INSET Training Day for Staff—School closed for children                            |
| Tuesday 20th February   | Back to School   |
| Wednesday 21st February | 'Optional' Parents Meeting for Colomendy—6:00pm                                    |
| Wednesday 21st February | Year 2 Crosby Hall Residential   |
| Wednesday 21st February | EYFS Reading@Home Workshop—9:00am-10:00am  |
| Thursday 22nd February  | Cross Country League Race 5 - 4:00pm-6:00pm  |
| Tuesday 27th February   | Cross Country League Race 6—4:00pm-6:00pm  |
| Friday 2nd March        | INSET Training Day for Staff (Philosophy for Children) —School closed for children |
| Wednesday 7th March     | Y3 & Y4 Colomendy Residential  |
| Wednesday 7th March     | Year 1 and Year 2 Liverpool World Museum Trip—separate letter to follow            |
| Tuesday 13th March      | Year 3 and Year 4 Liverpool World Museum Trip—separate letter to follow            |
| Tuesday 13th March      | Parents Evening Reception Class to Year 6—3:30pm onwards—separate letter to follow |
| Wednesday 14th March    | Parents Evening Reception Class to Year 6—3:30pm onwards—separate letter to follow |
| Thursday 29th March     | School Council Glow Party—3:30pm more info to follow!                              |
| Friday 30th March       | Good Friday—School Closed  |
| Tuesday 10th April      | Reception Class Liverpool World Museum Trip—separate letter to follow              |

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### Parent/Carer Questionnaire Results

Our Bishop Martin Governors conducted an online parent/carers questionnaire at the last Parent/Carer evening. The intention of conducting such a survey was to allow parent/carers to have direct communication with the school Governors and to establish parent/carers perspectives and opinions. 87 families out of 145 completed the questionnaire which represents 60%. The overall results from the survey were positive. The feedback was received, considered and when appropriate actions have been taken.

To ensure transparency the following anonymous analysis has been prepared and shared:

- 97% of families that completed the questionnaire strongly agreed or agreed that their child or children were happy at Bishop Martin albeit one participant replied that they “don’t know”.
- 100% strongly agreed or agreed that their child/children makes good progress at Bishop Martin.
- 97% strongly agreed or agreed that their child/children is/are well looked after at this school. One participant replied “don’t know”.
- 97% strongly agreed or agreed that their child receives appropriate homework. One participant replied “don’t know”.
- 13% disagree that the school deals effectively with bullying (bullying includes persistent name calling, cyber-bullying, racist and homophobic bullying). The school is currently working towards gaining the Anti-Bullying Quality Mark – UK (ABQM). Everyone in the school community knows that bullying is not accepted or tolerated. The ABQM will support us in continuing to ensure all children are safe and that our positive and progressive, inclusive ethos is further embedded. Parents can feel confident that, should bullying happen they know they can approach Jill Broom (Deputy Head) or another member of school staff and can be reassured that it is dealt with efficiently and effectively.
- 95% of participants would recommend Bishop Martin to another parent/carers.

#### Things That Parent/Carers Think Our School Could Do Better

| Common Themes  | Action/Response   |
|--|---|
| More extra curriculum activities                         | We are committed to providing as broad a range of extra-curricular provision as possible to include as many children across the year groups. We have added a drama club and gym club this year to our timetable. We currently have the following activities: Football for Y1 – Y6; Futsal for EYFS; Art Club for Year 3; KS2 Choir; EYFS and KS1 Drama; KS2 Gym; KS1 Mad Science and musical tuition from Schools Music service for Year 2 to 6 – your continued support is greatly appreciated. We review clubs half termly. |
| Greater parent/carers involvement                        | We encourage all parents with an interest or passion that they would like to share with the children to contact us to discuss. Sports coaches, would be coaches etc. Secret Readers.  |
| Continue with improvement of facilities (inside and out) | <b>Projects completed include:</b> KS2 toilets; Phase 1 EYFS outdoor area; Library – remodel; Entire school interior decoration; Perimeter security fencing;<br><b>Future Projects include:</b> KS1 toilets, reflective garden, running track to support daily mile, KS1 and KS2 play areas.  |

#### Things That Parent/Carers Think Our School Now Does Well

| Common Themes                     | Action/Response   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Teaching excellence               | We have an ambitious dedicated team that is supported through a structured development and monitoring plan.                                 |
| Improved communication/management | We continue to explore effective ways of communicating to all school community stakeholders.  |
| Pupils well-being                 | Our strong sense of faith, community and belonging is the key to our recent successes and we put them at the centre of all decision making. |