



Ball Green Primary School

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HEADlines

Dear Children, Parents, Carers & Families,

Welcome back to school everyone. I hope that you have all had a well deserved rest and enjoyed lots of fun-time with your friends and family.

The last half-term was extremely busy in school and there were lots of fantastic learning opportunities taking place for all children. Everyone has been working extremely hard to make our curriculum as fun, exciting and engaging as we can for each and every one of our superstar children.



The children in our Nursery were visited by the Fire Engine and the Dentist as they learned more about the people who help us and they had lots of fun with our visitor from 'Boogie Beats.' Meanwhile, in Reception class the children were busy. Every time I walked in to their classrooms they seemed to be baking or cooking. I think that they were getting ready for their visit to 'Frankie & Benny's.'



The children in Year 1 were keen to use higher order thinking skills as they explored the similarities and differences between Christianity and Islam following a visit to both the church and the mosque. The children were able to explore and handle lots of religious artefacts, imagery and architecture. While the children in Year 2 have been getting their hands extremely dirty exploring habitats and den building with Becky from 'Forest Schools,' creating a bug hotel and handling enormous beasts during an 'Animal Magic' visit.

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In Year 3, our children have been learning all they can about 'The Tudors' and in particular Henry VIII and his six wives, learning inside and outside school with some fantastic home learning and a visit to Ford Green Hall to consider what life was like in Tudor times. Simultaneously, Year 4 have been finding out all that they can in relation to the Anglo-Saxons building on their English Text 'Anglo-Saxon Boy' and ending in a visit to the 'Staffordshire Hord' at 'The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery.'



Year 5 and Year 6 haven't been out quite so much this half term but I know that they have lots planned for the new half term and beyond. Year 5 have been taking a leaf out the Early Years and Key Stage 1 children's books and getting their hands dirty during Forest Schools visits to Burnwood Primary and a visit from 'Great Grounds' who brought lots of heavy machinery on to the grounds for the children to explore and investigate.



Towards the end of the half term, the whole school were treated to a musical extravaganza from Key Strings. All the children thoroughly enjoyed their learning with specialist musicians and unusual instruments 😊

The next half term is set to be equally as busy and exciting and we hope to share these experiences with you as often as possible. If you haven't already, please make sure that you follow your child's class story on Class Dojo.

Kind Regards,
Mr. Hankey

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School Matters!



Congratulations to classes **4B** for your **OUTSTANDING** attendance throughout Spring Term 1.

They will receive a special 'Golden Time' treat this Friday.

The National target is 96.5%
Our school target is 98%

Nursery	93.6%
FS2B	96.3%
FS2J	94.2%
1B	97.3%
1S	96.1%
2C	96.1%
2H	96.5%
3B	96.8%
3C	95.6%
4B	99.0%
4N	96.1%
5D	97.0%
5L	96.1%
6M	93.9%
6T	95.2%
School	95.8%

Lunch Money



Lunch money [currently **£2.20**] should be paid daily and sent to school in an envelope or container clearly marked with your child's name.

Please bring the correct money when buying breakfast items from the kitchen as they do not keep a float and so don't have change.

Class Dojo Behaviour Awards



Nursery	1 579	100%
FS2B	3 908	100%
FS2J	4 406	100%
1B	2 835	99%
1S	3 828	99%
2C	1 963	100%
2H	3 256	100%
3B	1 343	100%
3C	666	99%
4B	4 537	100%
4N	1 514	99%
5D	1 798	100%
5L	1 369	100%
6M	165	100%
6T	171	100%

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Ordering School Uniform . . . Just Got Easier

Mr Motif's, our uniform supplier, now provides parents and carers with the opportunity to order uniform online, - <https://www.motifmarketing.co.uk>.

Orders can be collected from the shop or a postal service is offered.

CONTACT US

Store Location



Motif Marketing

11 Millrise Road
Milton
Stoke-on-Trent
ST2 7BN

Telephone

01782 534849

Opening Times

MONDAY - FRIDAY
9.00am - 5.30pm
SATURDAY 9.30am -
12.00pm



BALL GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL JUMPER
£13.00



BALL GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
CARDIGAN
£33.75



BALL GREEN BEANIE HAT
£5.50



BALL GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL BOOK
BAG
£4.99



BALL GREEN TIE
£4.95



BALL GREEN BLAZER
£27.00

Are you interested in joining Smallthorne Scout Group?

Beaver Scout Colony – 6-8 year olds

Cub Scout Pack – 8-10 year olds

If you are, please contact Donna Foster

on

01782 213 865

for more information

Homework

I'm sure you have all noticed that your child is given homework on a weekly basis.

I have attached a copy of the policy outlining the school's expectations and reasons for homework.

Your co-operation is very much appreciated as always.

Could I please ask all parents/carers to check with their child's class teachers to ensure that you know what day PE/Games is on.

All children must have **correct PE kit** in school at all times, including jogging bottoms & tops if needed for the colder weather.

Thank you 😊

Pick Up

In the aim of maintaining the highest standards of safety for all of our children could I please ask that **if there are to be any changes to the collection arrangements for your child then you let the school know before 1pm** so that a message can be placed in registers.

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Red Nose Day . . . Do you have any new ideas for our children this year?

Red Nose Day comes around every year and I don't feel we commit as fully as we can to this fantastic charity.

Lots of schools do the same thing each year and this year I'd like to try something a little different.

The website currently includes ideas such as:



Dress Up or Dress Down

Bake a Difference

Splat the Teacher

Danceathon

Put on a Show

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Trips and Educational Visits

Thank you to all of those families who have been able to send in their donations for our fabulous school trips.

Your donations go a long way in allowing us to continue to offer a fantastic menu of heavily subsidized trips and visits throughout your child's time at Ball Green Primary School, including an Upper Key Stage 2 trip to Europe.

Acceptable Behaviour Policy [Adults]

Please be aware that unacceptable behaviour on the school premises will always be challenged.

This includes inappropriate language, volumes and physical behaviours.

Children should not fear for their safety when they come to school and any threatening behaviours will be acted upon using the policy above.

The implementation of this policy can result in a full and permanent premises ban under Section 547 of the Education Act 1996.

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MONDAY 18TH FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 22ND FEBRUARY = HALF TERM

- 25/02 Back to school for the start of the Spring Term 2
- 25/02 Year 4 Bikeability
- 25/02 Living Eggs delivered to the Reception classes
- 26/02 Cathy Lamb from Music Share working with the school choir
- 04/03 The Unconventional Menagerie [Animal Handling] in Reception Class
- 04/03 Forest Schools from Hillside Primary & Burnwood Primary at Ball Green
- 06/03 Year 5 educational visit to Jodrell Bank
- 06/03 Scholastic Book Fayre starts
- 07/03 **WORLD BOOK DAY**
- 08/03 Change 4 Life Festival at Excel Academy Sports Hall
- 11/03 **BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK**
- 11/03 Archery Competition at Sneyd Green Primary School
- 12/03 Collection of Scholastic Book Fayre
- 14/03 STEM Science event for 5 x Year 5 children at Kings Hall
- 15/03 Class 4B trip to Tatton Park
- 19/03 Athlete visit – Laura Samuel [Triple Jumper]
- 19/03 Janet Eardley [Library] to see parents in FS2B classrooms [2pm]
- 20/03 Year 6 visit to Royal Stafford Pottery Company re 'The Willow Pattern'
- 20/03 Janet Eardley [Library] to see parents in FS2j classrooms [2pm]
- 21/03 **WORLD POETRY DAY**
- 22/03 Class 4B trip to Tatton Park
- 26/03 Miss Burton's Class visit to Chester Zoo
- 27/03 Miss Johnson's Class visit to Chester Zoo
- 28/03 Year 3 Planting Day
- 01/04 Year 2 Animal Magic School [9:30-11:30]
- 02/04 **INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK DAY**
- 03/04 **PARENT'S CONSULTATION EVENING**

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 08/04 Early Years & Key Stage 1 Easter/Family Bingo [1pm-3pm]
- 09/04 Key Stage 2 Easter/Family Bingo
- 10/04 School Choir - MusicShare Concert at Excel Academy
- 11/04 Forest Schools at Hillside Primary School:10 children from Y3 [1:30-3:00]
- 11/04 Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Service/Assembly
- 12/04 **Staff INSET Day – School Closed**

FRIDAY 12TH APRIL – FRIDAY 26TH APRIL = EASTER HOLIDAYS

- 29/04 Back to school for the start of the Summer Term 1**

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