



# Weekly News

10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that our current Year 6 cohort will, next week, be completing their time here at Pilton Bluecoat Academy . We are currently busy planning their end of year BBQ which will be taking place next Friday. Miss Edwards and Mr Turner will be sending out more details regarding this on Monday.

## End of term transition day for the new Year 4, 5 and 6

By now you would have received notification through ParentPay about your child's class for next year and whether they need to come into school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July or Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July. On these days please follow the school start and finish times as listed below:

Year Group	Start	Finish
New Year 6	8.20am	3.30pm
New Year 5	8.30am	<b>3.20pm</b>
New Year 4	8.40am	3.10pm

**NB: Please note that we have changed the finish time for Year 5 from last week's newsletter. We have done this to try to reduce congestion on Abbey Road.**

- If your child needs to be accompanied to school please ensure only one parent attends.
- When arriving in school the children will need to use the path by the new bike shelter. Staff members will be there to direct them onto the playground.
- Parents will not be permitted access to the school site at this time.
- School lunches will be on offer (limited menu)
- We would like the children to wear school uniform
- Please limit the number of things your child brings to school (no books from home or things to show).
- Sun hat, sun cream and plenty to drink if hot.
- When collecting your child from school please do not make your way onto the school playground or onto the path near the bike shed. A member of staff will walk the children down the path and release them when you have been identified. Please be aware of social distancing measures.

## September 2020

As mentioned in last week's newsletter the Government announced that from September 'pupils of compulsory school age must be in school unless a statutory reason applies (for example, the pupil has been granted a leave of absence, is unable to attend because of sickness, is absent for a necessary religious observance etc).' We are therefore working towards welcoming all of our pupil's back in September following the guidelines and will inform you of the arrangements towards the end of next week. Thank you for your patience with this.



Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Mr Thomas

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## Gentle reminder

Please remember to not drop off your child outside the front of the school in Abbey road, there should be no parking on the 'keep clear' zone. Parking permits for Fairview carpark are available from the school office.

In addition – unless by special agreement no Keyworker children are to be dropped off before 8.30am.

Thank You

### Pre-Loved Uniform

It is that time of year when you may be sorting out un-used uniform and looking for bigger sizes. If you have any unwanted uniform in good condition please consider donating it to the school for our younger pupils to purchase from our pre-loved uniform rail. All monies raised go into the Parentgroup fundraising pot!



In the interest of social distancing measures, uniform donations can be left outside the school office entrance with no contact, just clearly labelled.

Thank you.



### In-School medicines

If your child has medicines that are kept in the school office please can you ensure that an adult calls in to collect these. They cannot be sent home with pupils and neither can we throw them away. This includes empty packets.

If your child has an inhaler in school, this will be transferred up to their new class in September.

Thank You

# PARKING PERMITS

## For September are now available



Please call or email the school with your child's name and registration number and we can have one ready to be sent home with your child or collected at a convenient time.

THANK YOU

## Dinner Menu for week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Meal price is £2.30 per day, payable on Parentpay please.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN OPTION</b>	Cheese & tomato pizza with wedges	Chicken mayo burger with potato wedges	Roast gammon bap & roast potatoes	Beef meatballs in tomato sauce with pasta	Fish fingers & chips
<b>JACKET POTATOES</b>	<b>Available every day with a topping of choice of cheese, baked beans or tuna</b>				
<b>DESSERT</b>	Raspberry yoghurt cake	Shortbread biscuit with peach slices	Flapjack with fruit slices	Chocolate apricot brownie	Vanilla ice cream

All meals are served with fresh vegetables and fresh fruit daily.

## School Term Dates 2020 / 2021

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
First Day 7th September 2020	First Day 5th January 2021	First Day 20th April 2021
Half-term 26th - 30th October 2020	Half-term 15th - 19th February 2021	Bank Holiday 3rd May 2021
Last Day 18th December 2020	Last Day 1st April 2021	Half-term 31st May - 4th June 2021
		Last Day 22nd July 2021

Non pupil days:

- 3rd & 4th September 2020
- 4th January 2021
- 19th April 2021
- 23rd July 2021

## Parentpay Refunds

All refunds for residentials and swimming have now been processed and refunded to your Parentpay Account. This can either be left to sit on the account and the next time you need to pay for anything you “checkout” with this amount or you can draw the money back to your bank account or card in the following way; login in to your parentpay account, select the “Parent Account” tab and select the “withdraw” button that sits under all the text. You can then select the amount that you want to withdraw and choose where you want it to go – this will be the method in which you initially paid; eg; card or bank.

**Any Year 6 Leavers with money left on their account will be refunded at the end of term and an email sent to advice you.**

If you have any queries, then please email [hsmith@piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk](mailto:hsmith@piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk) or call the school office.

# Music



- At Pilton Bluecoat Academy we have four peripatetic music teachers who offer private instrument lessons; either one to one or in small groups
- The teachers come into school once a week during term time and lessons are during the school day
- Please contact the teacher directly for the cost of lessons and availability
- If your child is interested in learning but doesn't have an instrument, the teacher may have an instrument that they can borrow or hire – please ask
- If your child receives pupil premium funding, you are entitled to a 50% reduction in the cost of instrument lessons. Please let the instrument teacher know this when you are arranging lessons so that you are charged the correct amount

Instrument:		Teacher:
<b>Keyboard/Piano</b>		<b>Rebecca Barrow</b> 07828 601778
<b>Violin</b>		<b>Rebecca Barrow</b> 07828 601778
<b>Flute</b> <i>Beginners can learn to play on a "Toot" to begin with which can be purchased for £20</i>		<b>Simon Gilby</b> 07906 611536
<b>Clarinet</b>		<b>Simon Gilby</b> 07906 611536
<b>Saxophone</b>		<b>Simon Gilby</b> 07906 611536
<b>Guitar</b> <i>Acoustic guitar, reading chords and TABs.</i>		<b>Sam Dowden</b> 07929 861391
<b>Drums</b> <i>Lessons will be taught on an electric drum kit in school.</i>		<b>Martin Bradshaw</b> 07525 936889



The 2020 Summer Reading Challenge is here!

This year, Silly Squad, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020, celebrates funny books, happiness and laughter and features bespoke artwork from award-winning children's author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson (Amelia Fang; Evil Emperor Penguin; I Don't Want Curly Hair). Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books!

The digital Challenge is free to access, featuring games, quizzes and digital and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and their families to take part in reading-related activities at home. Although our library buildings are closed we have boosted the number of children's books available to borrow via our e-lending platforms which can be accessed from our [Devon Libraries](#) and [Torbay Libraries](#) websites.

From July we will also be hosting lots of Silly Squad events and activities on our Facebook pages, so look out for those!

You can sign your child up [here](#) or the following pages; pages (<https://www.facebook.com/BarnstapleLibrary/> and <https://www.facebook.com/Devon.Libraries/>

There will be lots of Silly Squad digital events throughout the summer.

Happy Reading!



# TEAM VACANCIES

## Required from September 2020

### WITHERIDGE ACADEMY

#### MEALTIME ASSISTANT

Required: from 1st September 2020

Hours per week: 3 minimum (3 x lunchtime shifts) This may be extended to 5 in future

Working weeks: 38 weeks (term time only)

Starting Salary: £9.00 per hour (Scale A)

Status: Permanent

Closing date: ASAP

Interviews: to be arranged

If you are interested in applying for this above post, please go to our website [www.teamacademytrust.com](http://www.teamacademytrust.com) and visit the vacancies page for further details and the application form.

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Trust HR Manager