



Booth Wood Newsletter September 2022

Queen Elizabeth 11

We were all saddened by the news that our wonderful Queen had passed away so suddenly. As a school, we will enter into a period of mourning along with the rest of the country, but this will be age appropriate. Our flag is at half mast and today the children had a 2 minute silence together to mark her passing. All classes have received a presentation and they have been given the opportunity to express their feelings. We are still awaiting confirmation as to whether the funeral will take place as an additional Bank Holiday and, if so, schools may be closed. Should schools remain open, we will of course give the children the opportunity to watch the funeral whilst in school.



Welcome back

It has been wonderful to welcome all our children back into school this week. They have returned to school with such a positive attitude and are really happy to be back with us.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families in Cherry Class. Your children have made an amazing start to their time at Booth Wood; they have come in smiling and positive and have been a real credit to you. Thank you for the part that you have played in preparing them to start school. We look forward to working with you all and getting to know you better.

Thank you too, to parents/guardians of our existing pupils for sending them back to school looking smart and in correct uniform. The children have been fabulous, quickly settling into their new classrooms and routines.

Our end of year results were incredible and testimony to the tremendous effort of the children, staff and families supporting their learning journey (details further below).

We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned. Please do visit our website www.boothwood.leics.sch.uk as you will find a lot of information about your child's class and what they are doing this term. We also post key dates and information there too so it's well worth a look.

Mrs Harvey
Headteacher

End of Year Highlights!

KS2 (Y6 children)

Reading

87% of Y6 children achieved the expected standard or higher (12% above national). In addition, a staggering **43% of the children achieved the highest standard (this is 15% above national)**

Writing

90% of Y6 children achieved the expected standard or higher (20% above national). This is a 4% rise since 2019. In addition, 20% of the children achieved the highest standard (this is 7% above national)

GPS

87% of Y6 children achieved the expected standard or higher (14% above national). In addition, a staggering **57% of the children achieved the highest standard (this is 29% above national)**. This is also a 22% rise since 2019!

Maths

90% of Y6 children achieved the expected standard or higher (29% above national) In addition, a staggering **57% of the children achieved the highest standard (this is 34% above national)**. This is 22% rise since 2019!

Combined reading, writing & maths

80% of Y6 children achieved the expected standard or higher (21% above national) In addition, **20% of the children achieved the highest standard (this is 13% above national)**. This is 10% rise since 2019!

Year 4 times tables checking

77% of children scored 25 out of 25 and 83% scored at least 23 out of 25

KS1 (Y2 children)

Reading

80% of Y2 children achieved the expected standard or higher (13% above national) and 3% rise since 2019. In addition, 27% of the children achieved the highest standard (this is 9% above national) and an 8% rise since 2019

Maths

77% of Y2 children achieved the expected standard or higher (9% above national)

Combined reading, writing & maths

60% of Y2 children achieved the expected standard or higher (7% above national)

Phonics (Y1 children)

83% achieved the expected standard (8% higher than national) and 3% higher than in 2019 (the last tested date)

N.B. By the end of KS1 our school, when compared to all schools nationally, we are currently ranked no.1

Attendance

Research has proven that there is a high correlation between school attendance and academic performance and success. Absence from school is often the greatest single cause of poor performance and achievement.

The government is taking a much tougher stance towards school attendance and local authorities are monitoring schools closely. Requests for leave can only be granted if there are “exceptional circumstances” and holidays are not considered exceptional. Requests for leave must be made to the head teacher in advance. Schools cannot authorise any absences after they have been taken.

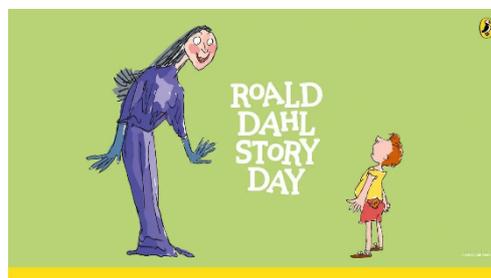
A penalty notice is a fine to parents or carers if they fail to ensure that their child/ren attend school regularly. Holidays in term time fall into this category. Penalty fines are £60.00 per child per parent if paid within 21 days, and £120 if paid between 22 and 28 days. The penalty is issued from the county council and needs to be paid to them directly, not via the school.

We will be starting our ‘Class Attendance of the Week’ next week. The class with the highest attendance each week will receive a certificate and have an additional 15-minute playtime on the Friday afternoon.

We will also be reintroducing the 100% attendance award. All children with 100% attendance at the end of this academic year will receive a £20 Amazon voucher and entry into a prize draw to win a bike.

Roald Dahl Day – Change of date

Due to the period of mourning, this will now take place on Tuesday 20th September 2022.



Great North Run

Mrs Hall will be completing the Great North Run this Sunday 11th September 2022. A huge thank you for raising a fantastic £271 towards her charity (**Breast Cancer Now**).



Keep a look out on our Facebook page as Mrs Hall is hoping to upload pictures of the day.

Good Luck 21 kilometres is a very long way!