



BOURNES GREEN SCHOOLS

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Weekly Newsletter – Important Information

Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reminders for next two weeks (please also check the [school calendar](#))

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| • Tuesday 30 th April | Sunshine class to Barleylands |
| • Wednesday 1 st May | Sandcastle class to Barleylands |
| • Tuesday 2 nd May | Pine Class being used as a Polling Station.
Pine Class will relocate to the IT Room for the day. |
| • Friday 3 rd May | Y3&4 Girls football competition (letter sent to selected team) |
| • Tuesday 7 th May | Class Photographs |
| • Wednesday 8 th May | Quad Kids Competition (letter to be sent to selected team) |
| • Thursday 9 th May | Dance Festival (further details to follow) |
| • Friday 10 th May | Tennis competition (letter to be sent to selected team) |

Artist of the Half Term

As you may know, this half term, our Artist of the Half Term is Status Quo. We are very excited to share that we have secured the services of Jeff Rich on Monday 20th May for a drumming masterclass with both schools! For those less keen Quo fans, Jeff was the drummer for the band between 1985 and 2000. This day has been fully funded by the school and is part of our ongoing work to broaden our curriculum offer and inspire our children.

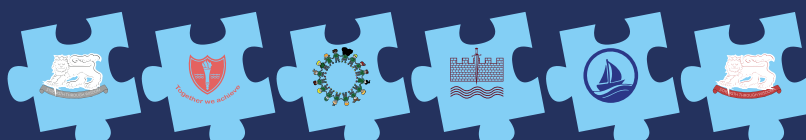
Don't forget your coats!

Whilst we wait for the warmer weather to arrive, please ensure your child brings a coat to school. This week, we have seen early morning temperatures at around 4 degrees and some children have come to school only in a polo shirt and jumper and have been rather cold at break/lunchtime. Thank you.

Junior Early Mornings

Please ensure your child does not come to school much before 8-40am in the Junior School, as the school gates are not open. Since we returned from the Easter break, we have seen a growing number of children waiting by the front of the school well before 8-30am. Thank you for your support with this.

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Key Y6 Leavers Dates

We wanted to share these dates as I know many of you will want to add them to your diary and may need to make work arrangements where we are offering performances. The Y6 team will write to parents nearer the time with more information regarding these events.

Tuesday 2nd July - Y6 performance @9:30 (9:15 doors open)

Wednesday 3rd July - Y6 performance @3:30 (3:15 doors open)

Thursday 4th July - Y6 Beach Day

Monday 15th July - Stay and Play @3:15 - 4:30

Friday 19th July - Leaver's Assembly @9:15 (9:00 doors open)

Mobile Phones

Can we remind you of our expectations regarding mobile phones which some Y5/6 children are choosing not to follow despite being aware of them. In particular, please note the areas in bold which are currently our main areas of challenge. Thank you for your support with this.

- Where mobile phones are not deemed essential to bring to school, please leave them at home.
- Children will act responsibly at all times with their phones when travelling to and from school.
- **Where children bring their mobile phones into school, they must be switched off on the school grounds.**
- **Mobile phones must be given to the Class Teacher at the start of the day. They will be returned at the end of the school day to the child.**
- **Mobile phones are not permitted on any school trips, sports events or residential trips.**
- The school accepts no responsibility for the security of children's mobile phones at any time.
- The school reserves the right to confiscate a mobile phone where a child does not follow the guidance above. This may result in a meeting with the child and parents which could potentially result in them not being permitted to bring a phone onto school grounds.

These guidelines are on our school website and a link is included within the Key School Website links in the newsletter.

Social Media – Twitter/X: @Bournesgreensch - Instagram: @bournesgreenschool

If you would like your child to be included in social media posts, please remember to ensure you have updated photo consents on the MCAS app.

Attendance

Thank you for your support in maintaining high attendance for your child/children.

Infant Classes	This week's attendance	Junior Classes	This week's attendance	Attendance Ladder	
This year's attendance target: 96.5%				Equates to:	
Sunshine	91.67%	Oak	96.67%	4 SCHOOL DAYS (of each year)	100% >>> PERFECTION
Sandcastle	95.48%	Spruce	99.09%	7 SCHOOL DAYS (of each year)	98% >>> IMPRESSIVE
Pebble	97.67%	Elm	93.64%	9 SCHOOL DAYS (of each year)	96% >>> GOOD
Shell	92.00%	Pine	99.09%	11 SCHOOL DAYS (of each year)	95% >>> NEARLY THERE
Starfish	95.67%	Beech	96.67%	20 SCHOOL DAYS (of each year)	94% >>> NEEDS TO IMPROVE
Jellyfish	98.67%	Hazel	98.44%	30 SCHOOL DAYS (of each year)	90% >>> CONCERNS (referred to Educational Welfare / Persistent Absences)
		Birch	97.27%		85% >>> SERIOUS CONCERNS
		Willow	96.97%		

Assembly Information	
Artist of the Half Term	Status Quo
Language of the Month	Portuguese
Our Fortnightly Focus	To wear your summer uniform
Mr Denchfield's Fact of the Week	In the UK, May Day was originally seen as a celebration marking the first day of summer.

Key [School Website](#) Links

My Child At School	School Contact Info	School Calendar
Term dates	School Lunches	School Uniform
Gaming & Social Media	Children using mobile phones	Children's Online Worry Box
Walking home from school	Children's birthdays!	Sport at Bournes Green
11+ Selective Testing	Supporting Learning at Home	Safeguarding
Parents Association	Parents SEND Forum	Parent Partnership
Volunteer reading	Attendance Information	Inclement Weather Update
School Streets		

Weekly Newsletter – Time to celebrate!

Personal Achievements	
	<p>Josh won the green ball tennis tournament at Thorpe Bay Tennis Club at the weekend. He won all of his round robin matches and then won in the final! Well done Josh!</p>

This section is for parents to share any achievements their child/children have achieved outside of school. If you would like us to share your news, please email juniors@bournesgreen.secat.co.uk

Learning Power Awards		
Enthusiasm	Nyla, Ava	Anum, Ivy
Effort	Ezra, Astrid	Yasemin, Phoebe
Improvement	Archie, Leo, Dulcie	FumFum
Co-operation		Phinny
Concentration	Hugo, Lexie, Lucy, Louie	
Curiosity	Hattie	Noah
Perseverance		Genie
Imagination		Oliver, Teddy, Harvey

Local News & Events

SOUTHEND SCHOOL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

SOUTHEND UNDER 11'S ATHLETICS CLUB

£3 or Thursdays
£2.50 for siblings each week 5.45 - 6.45pm

Cross Country, Sports Hall Athletics and Athletics

Venue: Southend High School for Girls (SS2 4UZ), enter via the back of the sports hall (on the field)

Groups for year 1 & 2, 3 & 4 and 5 & 6

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1000 BOOK CHALLENGE!!!

Southend East Community Academy Trust (SECAT) is running a book challenge to collect 1000 books for children in their school community and would very much appreciate donations of preloved reading books that would be suitable for children and young people aged 2-18.

SECAT believes that every child, whatever their circumstances, should be given the opportunity to access books and develop a love for reading.

The below collection points will be open from Monday 22nd April – Friday 3rd May 2024.

- Tesco Southend Extra, Prince Ave, Southend-On-Sea, SS0 0JP
- Goldings Estate Agents, 137 The Broadway, Thorpe Bay, Essex, SS1 3EX
- Kesseler, 146 The Broadway, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 3ES (from 22nd - 25th April only)

Please contact the Trust Governance Manager by email at katylove@secat.co.uk for more information on how to further support the campaign.

Thank you for your support. For more information about SECAT, please visit: www.secat.co.uk

SECAT is Southend East Community Academy Trust, a charitable company. Company Registration Number: 07825856

DOUGHNUT SALE

Isabella has been selected to represent her country in the Dance World Cup Finals in Prague this June.

Isabella has been set the challenge to raise the money for her England tracksuit. Therefore, she is holding a doughnut sale!

FRIDAY 3RD MAY 3.15PM

BOURNES GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

£1 per doughnut

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Yours sincerely,



Mr D Denchfield
Headteacher