

Dear parents,

### Staffing

This week we are welcoming back two members of staff from their maternity leave. Mrs Charity has returned yesterday and Mrs Mincher-Casizzi will be coming back this Friday. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Scotter and Mrs Perkins, who have covered their classes during their absence. Mrs Scotter will be coming back in September to take one of the new reception classes and Mrs Perkins's last day will be this Friday.

### Attendance for June

These were the attendance figures for the academic year 2015-16, from last September through to the end of June 2016:

Nursery	91.7%		2T	96.1%		4H	97.4%
Gruffalo	96.4%		2C	96.5%		5G	96.9%
Elmer	96.4%		3T	96.3%		5N	95.8%
1MC	97%		3H	97.7%		6M	96.6%
1DT	95.6%		4S	97.6%		6C	95.7%

This gives us a whole school of 96.4%, which is excellent. Well done!

### Report slips

Please remember to sign and return the slip at the bottom of your child's annual report before the end of term. Parental and pupil feedback is always useful and helps us with our self-evaluation.

### KS2 SATs Results

Some of you may be aware that this year's SATs were totally different to previous years'. For our Year 6 pupils it was a case of pass or fail in terms of meeting the 'expected standard' for their age. The tests were very difficult and were testing a much more challenging curriculum. Having said that, our Year 6 pupils did well:

<i>Reading</i>	75% reached the new expected level (compared to 66% nationally)
<i>SPaG*</i>	78% reached the new expected level (compared to 72% nationally)
<i>Maths</i>	89% reached the new expected level (compared to 70% nationally)
	(* Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

These results reflect the incredible hard work put in by pupils and staff, to whom I would like to say a very big well done.

### Fundraising for the Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice

As you may know, our main focus for fund-raising is the local hospice where Liz Sears passed away. There will be a collection after this week's performances of 'Bugsy Malone'. The School Council are also organising a '**Superheroes Day**' next Tuesday (19<sup>th</sup> July), when children can dress up as their chosen hero. It doesn't have to be a 'superhero' but can be someone they admire (eg. Disraeli, Michael Gove, Attila the Hun or Vera Lynn) or who helps people. Please try to improvise rather than buying a costume – we would rather the money was donated to the hospice. Children are asked to bring a minimum donation of £1 each.

### Sports Day

Infant Sports Day will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 9.30am, and will take place on Harris's all-weather pitch. Spectators should come in via our gate and make their way round to the right through the gate near the office. If the weather looks dodgy then a decision will be made at 9am whether to go ahead with it or not, a message put on voicemail and a parentmail sent out. At the end of the infant sports day the children will be taken back to their classes.

Junior Sports Day will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 2pm, and will take place on the Junior playground. Spectators should come into the playground using the same route as first thing in the morning. If the weather looks dodgy then a decision will be made at 1pm whether to go ahead with it or not, a message put on voicemail and a parentmail sent out.

The children need to bring their water bottles out with them. Please make sure that your child has their PE kit and suitable footwear, and a hat if it's going to be sunny.

## Leavers' Assembly

Parents, carers and relatives of our year 6 pupils are invited to a special assembly next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 10am when we will say 'farewell' to our pupils moving on to secondary school. Parents will be able to take their children home afterwards if they so wish.

## End of term finishing time

Please note that the children will break up for the summer holidays on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, with school finishing at 1.15pm. There will be no afternoon nursery that day.

## Next term

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September will be a staff training day. All the children, except for the new Nursery and Reception classes, will return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. In the mornings the children in Year 2 will come in via the Junior playground where I will be on duty. For safeguarding reasons parents are not allowed into the playground. At the end of the day all classes will come out at the front of the school.

## Dinner Money

From September a school lunch for Junior children (Years 3 to 6) will cost £2.18 per day (£10.90 per week). Please note that children moving from Year 2 into Year 3 will only be entitled to a free lunch if parents claim and are eligible. Cheques should be made payable to 'Bishop Ridley Primary School'. Infant children (Reception and Years 1 and 2) will still be entitled to free school meals.

## On-line payments

We are planning to introduce the facility for parents to pay for things like school lunches, trips and clubs online next term. We are aiming for the end of September as a start date, but will let you know at the start of next term for definite.

## Classes for September 2016

Here are the classes for the next academic year (2016/17):

<i>2015/16</i>	<i>Teacher in September 2016</i>	<i>New class name (2016/17)</i>
	Mrs C Greenhead	Nursery
N	Mrs M Kenway	Sapphire (RK)
N	Mrs N Scotter	Emerald (RC)
Gruffalo	Mrs D Mincher-Casizzi & Mrs S Charity*	1MC
Elmer	Mrs K Davies & Mrs M Thompson**	1DT
1DT	Mrs E Taylor	2T
1MC	Miss M Carr	2C
2C	Miss E Haslam	3H
2T	Mrs M Torrance	3T
3H	Miss B Smalley	4S
3T	Mrs K Horlock	4H
4H	Mr A Nicholls	5N
4S	Mrs Gorin*	5G
5G	Mr S Martindale	6M
5N	Mrs C Coles	6C

\* Mrs Mincher-Casizzi will teach 1MC from Tuesday to Friday and Mrs Charity will take them on Mondays

\*\* Mrs Davies will teach the class on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Thompson from Wednesday to Friday

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work, support and dedication during what has been another very successful year. On behalf of everyone at Bishop Ridley Primary School I would like to wish you all a very happy summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Hall  
Head Teacher