

Dear parents,

Staffing

Mr Edwards, one of our Teaching Assistants, will sadly be leaving us on Friday 24th June. He has been training to become a teacher this year and has obtained a teaching post at East Wickham Primary. We would like to thank him for his hard work and dedication whilst at Bishop Ridley and wish him every success and happiness in his new job. If you would like to make a contribution towards a leaving gift from the children please send in your donation in a sealed and labelled envelope by Friday 17th June.

Attendance

These are the attendance figures for April 2016:

Nursery	96%		2T	95.1%		4H	96.9%
Gruffalo	96.4%		2C	98%		5G	97.3%
Elmer	97.3%		3T	98.8%		5N	95.3%
1MC	97.1%		3H	97.9%		6M	96.8%
1DT	97.5%		4S	98.1%		6C	96.9%

This gives a whole school attendance rate for April of 97%, which is excellent.

School Closure

Just a reminder that the school will be closed next week for the half term break and on **Monday June 6th** for an Inset Day and Liz Sears's funeral. We will also be closed on **Thursday 23rd June** when the school will be used as a polling station for the EU referendum. Please also note that the summer term will finish on **Friday 22nd July at 1.15pm**.

Queen's Birthday Picnic

We will be celebrating the Queen's official 90th birthday by having a whole school birthday picnic on the afternoon of Friday 10th June. We are inviting the children to dress in red, white and blue for the day and to bring in a picnic plate, blanket and a sun hat for what should be a very enjoyable occasion (weather permitting).

Absence

If your child is absent please ring the school office on the first day of absence before 10am and then send in a note with your child explaining the reason for their absence on their first day back.

Year 1 Phonics Screening

Pupils in Year 1 will be given the national phonics screening check in the week beginning 13th June. Results will be sent out with the children's end-of-year reports in July.

On-line payments

From September we hope to introduce a system where parents will be able to make payments for school lunches, trips, and so forth, online. We will send out further details later this term.

And finally...

'Bugsy Malone'

We would like to invite you to this year's Summer Concert, when Year 6 will be performing 'Bugsy Malone', supported by the other junior classes.

Because of limited space in the hall Classes 3T, 4S and 5G will be performing on Wednesday 13th July and Classes 3H, 4H and 5N on Thursday 14th July. The afternoon performances are due to start at 1.45pm.

We will also be having an evening performance on Wednesday 13th July at 7pm for Year 6 and those children in years 3, 4 and 5 who are able to come along.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the shows (no babies or toddlers, please).

Yours sincerely,

**Mr S Hall
Head Teacher**

