



# ***Busill Jones Primary School***

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## **Parents Newsletter Thursday 29th March 2018**

### **Growth Mindset Thought Of The Week**

*Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life.*

#### **Thank you**

A massive thank you to the PTA for organising a wonderful coffee morning and Easter activities for all pupils.

#### **Parent Training**

Thank you to all the parents who have suggested courses and workshops they would be interested attending in the future. I will look in to organising these events.

#### **Staffing Update**

After interviews and trials we have secured Mrs Howes to teach nursery class after Easter. Mrs Morris-Bateman who has been teaching 3/4DW this half term will be covering 1/2T alongside Mrs V Whitehouse. Both have experience of working in local Outstanding schools.

Mrs D Whitehouse is still off sick and we will continue to provide consistency for the children.

Thank you for your patience with this matter.

#### **100% Attendance Cards**

This week every child in full time school was issued with a 100% attendance card. If a child attends every day in a week they will receive 5 minutes additional break time on Friday. When they achieve 4 weeks of 100% they will receive a special prize from Mrs Black.

Termly and whole year 100% certificates and prizes will continue also.

#### **Absence from school**

The majority of the pupils at Busill Jones attend regularly, however if your child's attendance becomes a concern then you may be referred to the Attendance Officer, which may include receiving a phone call, home visit or invite to a parent meeting. If your child's attendance is below 90% they are classed as being persistently absent and absences will only be authorised with evidence from a GP, walk in centre or pharmacy first. Continued unauthorised absences may result in warning letters being issued and Court proceedings being instigated.

#### **Attendance Champions**

Mrs Roycroft	95.5%	<b>Week beginning 19.03.18- Miss Tolley's Class with</b>
Miss Beddow	91.4%	
Miss Tolley	<b>97.5%</b>	
Miss Watson	97.0%	
Mrs Lue-Quee	96.3%	
Miss Woodward	95.2%	

Miss Chesterton	90.0%	<b>97.5%. Well done everyone!</b>
Mrs Whitehouse	94.8%	
Mrs Ashman	94.8%	
Mrs Pincher	97.2%	
Mrs Mavi	95.2%	
Total	<b>95.1%</b>	

### **Attendance Raffle**

At Busill Jones we set ourselves the very challenging target of achieving **96%** as a whole school. We will continue to hold a **raffle** at the end of each term and all children in the school who have attendance of **95%** or above will be entered in to the draw to win fabulous prizes. This will run in addition to the current certificates and prizes for the 100% attendance. This term 3 children won a voucher and a book.

**Whole School Target: 96%**

**Current whole school attendance from Sept 2017: 93.6%-** Together we **MUST** strive to improve this!

### **Year 6 Tests- Week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

It is now the time of year that we need to start Test interventions with many of our Y6 pupils. This is to give them some extra support with certain aspects of their English or Maths in preparation for sitting the tests in May, so that they feel fully prepared. In many primary schools Y6 now have a very narrow curriculum only focussing on Maths and English at this time. However, at Busill Jones we try very hard to keep a broad and balanced curriculum. During this term however, we will be taking some students out of other lessons to boost them.

### **How can you help your child at home?**

Parents can support their children in many ways at home. It makes a huge difference if you read regularly with your child, talk about the story/text and ask them questions about it. Practise times tables with your child will also help if they are not secure with these. Any work that you can do, as well as ensuring your child completes their homework will also help your child to feel confident about their learning.

### **Behaviour for Learning in all year groups.**

Good behaviour for learning is absolutely paramount in terms of ensuring that your child is doing their very best and also to ensure that their behaviour is not affecting the learning of others, as this is unacceptable. If any student's behaviour is affecting their learning or the learning of others we will take action which may mean missing breaks/lunchtimes, isolation or in extreme cases exclusions. This will be non-negotiable because as a school we pride ourselves on our very high expectations of all pupils. Please support us in ensuring that all of your children are trying their absolute hardest to achieve in school.

**Inset Day: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Happy Easter! Have a great break! School opens on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018**