

Bilton News

Friday 9th June 2017



It has been great to see the students return refreshed and enthusiastic following their half term break. We received many positive comments from staff and students about the refurbishment to the reception area and many classrooms. Thank you to all the site staff who have worked so hard over the last few weeks. I was also very pleased to see so many students attending revision classes over the holiday and would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers involved and the parents for their support in encouraging our students to attend.

Highlight of the week

Everyone visiting Bilton has been impressed by the fantastic exhibition of work in the school reception area where students from Bilton and Southam have showcased their winning entries from the Stowe Valley MAT photography competition. Well done to all of our students, you are very talented.

Also this week we had a very successful parents evening. It was wonderful to see so many parents and thank you to our students who helped during the evening in serving refreshments to everyone. See below for positive feedback from parents.

"I just want to contact you and to say what a difference there was in the school yesterday when I came for parents evening. The school seemed to have a much more positive atmosphere and staff were very encouraging. I was really pleased with the encouragement and positive comments given to my son Adam and support offered if it was needed. Long may it continue and I look forward to seeing the school go from strength to strength."

"I just wanted to take a quick moment to pass on how impressed I was with yesterday's parents' evening."

"This really boosts our confidence that the teaching staff have taken the time to get to know their pupils."

"Whilst not wanting to take anything away from her personal efforts I know that the changing ethos within the school is having an impact upon her."

This last half-term is always extremely busy as we also prepare for September. I have enjoyed visiting our feeder primary schools of Dunchurch, Bilton Junior, Binley Woods, Cawston, Revel School and Long Lawford. We look forward to working with them to ensure a smooth transition and welcoming our new year 7 students in September.

Quote of the week

"Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it " - Dennis P Kimbro

Mr Ranjit Samra

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Year 11 Leaving Date

Year 11 revised final day

It has been decided that the final day for year 11 students is to be brought forward to Tuesday 13th June (after their 9am maths exam). Any student that still has a subject with exams is to attend those lessons, students are also able to use the library for private study. All students after the 13th are to sign in and out of the attendance office.

Stem Trip

On Tuesday 6th of June a selected group of STEM pupils had the once in lifetime opportunity to visit the ProDrive factory in Banbury. The STEM group pupils all share the same interest in engineering and they had the chance to see first-hand the amazing work and projects that are undertaken at the factory. The pupils had a two hour guided tour and had the opportunity to speak to employees of the company. The focus of the trip was to highlight future career paths for pupils after they finish school and highlight the importance to Maths and Physics if pupils want to pursue a career in engineering. The highlight of the day was the pupils standing next to a 3 million pound Aston Martin racing car being only one of twenty five cars world-wide.



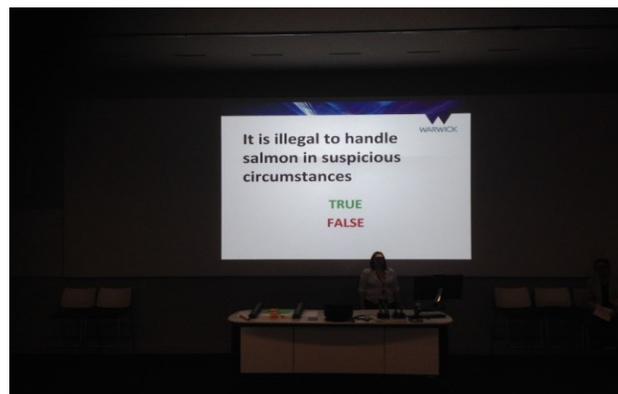
Trip to Warwick University

Encouraging Future Lawyers

Before half term, students in year 9 were given the opportunity to spend a day at University of Warwick as part of Warwick's Pathways to Law programme. Students attended workshops with legal professionals where they received guidance on how to pursue a career in law, including the routes to qualification and CV writing. They also met with current law students and lecturers at the University who guided them in a mock negotiation, and gave them a tour of the campus – providing valuable insight into life as a law student. Our students were all great ambassadors for our school, taking part in the discussions and debates like true future lawyers.

Knowing that one of our own Post-16 students completed a Pathways to Law Programme at Warwick while a student with us, and is now studying law at the University of Warwick, helped our year 9 students return from their trip inspired by their experiences and by what they could achieve.

Mrs Essery



#iwill

A great big thank you to Abiraam Karunakara, Abigail Mair, Lucy Varney, Jake Oxley, Sam Coles, Lauren Fowler, Courtney Bower and Jasmine Greaves for their #iwill visit to Dewars Close Care home. #iwill students, with Mr Morris and Ms Stevenson, visited the care home on Thursday afternoon and spent time chatting and enjoying the company of the residents.

Thank you to the #iwill students for giving their time – the residents really enjoyed it!



Science

Congratulations to Lucy Kelly, Michael Gardner, Abigail Mair, Limoni Andrews, Shannon John and Lucy Carle for producing fantastic project work on Endangered Species.



Congratulations to Alex Atkinson, Eloise Bakewell, Emma Crossin, Tia Collinson, Daniel Newbon and Emily Lover for producing creative homework on Food chains for Mrs Vaghela and Ms Dhillon.



Readathon

We are running a **Readathon Sponsored Read** for Years 7 and 8!

Readathon is the UK's national sponsored reading event for schools. It encourages children to read for pleasure, an activity proven to increase children's chances of success. As well as encouraging pupils to read for fun, our school will get free books worth 20% of our sponsorship total.

Readathon motivates reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely. It works because children choose what they want to read – they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun. The money raised helps the charity Readathon to regularly give brand new books and storyteller visits to children's hospitals across the UK.

If your child is in Year 7 or 8 they will receive their sponsorship card on **Monday 12th June** during form time. They will need to fill this out ready for their English lesson on **Friday 16th June** when their English teacher will check that it has been completed correctly. The sponsored read will take place from **Monday 19th June - Friday 30th June**, during this time students will have the opportunity to read during school hours. All sponsorship cards and money will need to be handed in to the Library before **Friday 14th July**.

This is a fantastic opportunity to encourage reading for pleasure whilst raising money for a great cause. We would ask that you support your child in their sponsored read by reading with them, as well as helping them to find sponsors among family and friends.

Scholastic Book Fair

From Monday 19th June to Thursday 22nd June the Library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. This will be open during break and lunch, as well as before and after school. All books are HALF PRICE and there are £25 worth of book tokens to be won!

There are over 200 titles for your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone. What's more, every book that is bought can help to get free books for the school Library!



We are pleased to be able to offer The Duke of Edinburgh Award to Years 9, 10 (Bronze) and Year 12 (Silver) next year.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a big commitment, but incredibly rewarding for all students who take part. Achieving an Award will give them skills, confidence and a view on life that everyone is looking for, from employers to colleges and universities. They are also getting a unique opportunity to make a difference to other people's lives and their community, be fitter and healthier, make new friends and have memories to last a lifetime.

Students achieve an Award by completing a personal programme of activities in four sections:

Volunteering: undertaking service to individuals or the community. Students are expected to organise their own placements.

Physical: improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities.

Skills: developing practical and social skills and personal interests.

Expedition: planning, training for and completion of an adventurous journey in the UK. The expedition consists of 3 days, 2 nights walking and camping.

We run two expeditions in the summer term, a practice and a formal assessment. Previous expeditions have taken place in Cannock Chase, The Cotswolds, Shropshire and the peak District. If you would like more information about the award, you can find it at the following address: www.dofe.org More details about D of E at Bilton will follow.



Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to year 13 students Ben Carew and Ashley Cutts on achieving their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award



Sport

Lunchtime PE Activities

Day	Activity	Year Group	Venue	Kit Requirements
Monday	Short Tennis (Mixed) <u>Rounders</u> (Girls)	7/8 7/8	Sports Hall Field	You can wear your school uniform for all activities if you do not feel you have time to get changed into PE kit.
Tuesday	Badminton (Mixed)	All Years	Sports Hall	
Wednesday	<u>Rounders</u> (Girls) Short Tennis (Mixed)	9/10 9/10	Field Sports Hall	Ties and blazers must not be worn when taking part.
Thursday	Basketball (Boys)	All Years	Sports Hall	Trainers must be worn at all times .
Friday	Basketball (Mixed)	All Years	Sports Hall	

Parent Pay

PARENT PAY

We are delighted to announce we are now able to offer parents/carers the facility to pay online for School Meals, Trips etc

Parents/carers will be sent a letter next week (via their son/daughter) with information and a username & password. Please follow the instructions for registration.

Thank you

Art

All year 11, 12 and 13 students must make an appointment to collect their art, photography and fashion work between September 2017 and February ½ term 2018 or the work will be disposed of due to storage needs. Please contact Miss Curtis at Karen.Curtis@biltonmail.com or 01788 223153 to make an appointment.

Year 10/Year 11 English Literature

Please ensure you have returned copies of texts that were needed for the English Literature exam by Friday, 16th June as these will be needed for future study.

Title	Author
Macbeth	Shakespeare, William
Pride and Prejudice	Austen, Jane
A Christmas Carol	Dickens, Charles
An Inspector Calls	J B Priestley

Regrettably, if texts are not returned, you will be charged for a replacement copy.

Kind regards,

Ms Weatherall

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 14th June: PTA meeting
Wednesday 21st June: Merry Parents Evening
Thursday 29th June: Year 11 Prom
Friday 30th June: Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 4th July: Prospective Parents evening
Wednesday 5th July: Sixth Form Induction Day
Friday 7th July: The Big Bilton Quiz night
Monday 10th & Tuesday 11th July: Primary Transition Day
Tuesday 11th July: Primary Transition Parents Evening
Thursday 13th July: Mop up day for missed Immunisations
Friday 14th July: Sports Day
Friday 21st July: Last day of Term - school closes 12.30pm

PTA News

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th June at 7pm at The Bear Pub, Bilton. Everyone is welcome to come along!

We will be organising The Big Bilton Quiz Night, to be held on July 7th (...save the date and start getting your teams together!) and organising other events and stalls for upcoming School Open Evenings and local Summer Fayres.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to offer help at any of our events or would like to make suggestions for future events and fund raising/ community activities then please email us at: PTA@biltonmail.com

Parent's Evening

Merry Parents Evening Wednesday 21st June 4pm – 7pm in the Kay Hall

The booking system is now live. To book an appointment please go to:

<http://www.parents-booking.co.uk/biltonschool>

PLEASE NOTE: You need to type this address into your website browser's 'address bar'. Do not try to 'Google' this website address, or use a 'Search Engine', as that will not work. This is a common mistake on phones and tablets especially.

Please check your emails and phones for a text from the school.
If you do not receive anything please call us

Please note that only Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 need to attend their House Parents Evening.

Attendance

Year	Week commencing 22/05	Cumulative this year
Year 7	93%	95.4%
Year 8	93%	94.2%
Year 9	94%	94.1%
Year 10	95.2%	92.8%
Year 11	96%	95.8%

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

11J1 for having the highest attendance last week with 99.6%!

Medical

Keeping hydrated:

As we are now in the summer months, please ensure you have plenty of drinks with you in school to keep you hydrated and to avoid unnecessary headaches or dizziness.

Hayfever:

If you suffer with Hayfever, please don't forget to take your medication in the morning before coming to school. If you wish to keep Hayfever medication in school, please clearly label the box with your child's name. This medication will then be stored securely in the medical room.

Employment opportunities



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EXAM INVIGILATORS

Lead: £8.20 per hour/Invigilator: £7.90 per hour

We are urgently seeking to recruit new Exam Invigilators to work with the existing team in the running of all internal and public examinations at the school.

The post would be ideally suited to applicants who feel a sense of responsibility for today's young people and who are able to work flexible daytime hours. Full training will be provided and working hours will be negotiated for each exam period.

The role may include scribing or reading for students who have qualified for access arrangements because of special educational needs and disabilities. Training will be provided.

Interested? We would love to hear from you. Please contact Claire Walters, Personnel Assistant, for further information on 01788 840600.



LUNCH MENU

Summer Menu - 1.30 pm to 2.00 pm

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LIGHT BITE MEAL £1.25 - £1.70 TO TAKE UNDER THE CANOPY	MACARONI CHEESE OR PLAIN PASTA WITH CHOICE OF SAUCE & VEGETABLES: TOMATO, CHEESE MILANAISE, SPICY MEATBALL, CARBONARA VEGETABLE MEDLEY BREADED CHICKEN WRAP	BEEFBURGER OR CHICKEN IN A BUN help yourself to salad & sauce SOUTHERN "BAKED" CHICKEN STRIPS & CHIPS SALAD OR SWEET CORN	HOI SIN CHICKEN STIR FRY CHILLI CON CARNE SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN CHICKEN KORMA BOLOGNAISE GREEN BEANS SAVOURY OR PLAIN RICE SAVOURY HOT BAGUETTES	JACKET POTATOES WITH A CHOICE OF FILLINGS: BAKED BEANS, CHEESE, TUNA CHICKEN CURRY MIXED SALAD ASSORTED PIZZA SLICES: MARGHERITA PEPPERONI ROASTED VEGETABLES	FISH & CHIPS BREADED COD FISH FINGERS SCAMPI SAUSAGE BREADED CHICKEN WRAP BAKED BEANS PEAS
VEGETARIAN LITE BITE £1.25 - £1.70	MACARONI CHEESE WITH ROASTED VEGETABLES	VEGE CHEESE BURGER WITH SALAD	CHICK PEA CURRY & RICE	PIZZA OR JACKET	SPANISH FRITATA
EXTRA BREAD 40p	Garlic Breaan, Naan Bread or French Stick available daily				
WRAPS £1.60	Choose from: Ham, Cheese, Chicken, Tuna, HELP YOURSELF TO SALAD				
SALAD BAR Help Yourself	HELP YOURSELF SALAD BAR - CHOICE OF 8 SALADS WITH CHICKEN, HAM, TUNA & SWEET CORN or CHEESE & PICKLE £1.70 JUST SALAD BOWLS INCLUDING DRESSING - £1.20				
COLD GRAB & GO	Selection of freshly made sandwiches, rolls and wraps available daily from £1.30				
DESSERTS From 50p	Fresh Fruit Pots, Yoghurts, jelly from the Homemade Cakes & Biscuits Shop at 1.45pm			Ice lollies- served daily Dining Room & Bilton	
CHILLED DRINKS From 30p	Milk Water Assorted Bottled Drinks	Milk Water Assorted Bottled Drinks	Milk Water Assorted Bottled Drinks	Milk Water Assorted Bottled Drinks	Milk Water Assorted Bottled Drinks

Fresh ingredients are used daily throughout our menu

School Clubs and Revision		
	Revision/Coursework 3.15-4.15pm	School Clubs and Activities 3.15-4.15pm (unless stated)
Monday	6th Form Maths Revision in K7 6th Form Geography in W35 6th Form Economics Revision in K15 Yr 11 Science Intervention Yr 11 Chinese Intervention Yr 11 Computer Science Intervention Yr 11 History Intervention	Book Club in the Library in Form Time Drama Club with Mr Cuff in C57 Science Club 15.15-16.15 in W37 EFA homework club - all welcome finishes 4pm
Tuesday	A Level Art, Fashion and Photography GCSE French in K1- (3:05-4:00) GCSE PE Year 10/11 in PE Obs room GCSE Art, Fashion and Photography Yr 11 French Intervention Yr 11 English Intervention Yr 11 Spanish Intervention with Mr Bolatti Yr 11 ICT Core Intervention Yr 11 Art Intervention Yr 11 Child Development Intervention Yr 11 Graphics Intervention	Lunch time Maths Homework Club in K8 EFA homework club in the Library - all welcome History Club in W33 Maths support in K6
Wednesday		Lunch time Maths Homework Club K11 Film Club in the Library 3:05 until 5pm. EFA homework club in the Library - all welcome finishes 4pm
Thursday	Sixth Form BTEC Business Intervention in K12 Sixth Form Applied Business Intervention in K15 A Level Art, Fashion and Photography GCSE Geography in W35 GCSE Art, Fashion and Photography Yr 11 Spanish Intervention with Miss Gomez-Garcia Yr 11 Fashion Intervention Yr 11 Art Intervention Yr 11 Electronics Intervention Yr 11 Maths Intervention Yr 11 Food Intervention Yr 11 Resistant Materials Intervention	Homework Club in the Library EFA homework club - all welcome finish 4pm Psychology Club in W41 Bilton Singers in C56 with Mr Tarry History Club in W33 – all welcome
Friday		Y10 D of E in W33

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who are absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration)

(England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

**Your child's progress academically as well as
socially is our shared priority**

