



**Pilton Bluecoat
Academy**

Weekly News

8th January 2020

Dear Parents,

Firstly, let me start by wishing you all a Happy New Year! It has been lovely talking to the children about their experiences during the Christmas holidays. Many of them received electrical devices such as laptops and gaming consoles. In many ways this provides a great opportunity to ensure that parental settings have been set within the home and to discuss with the children the positive aspects of using technology, as well as the dangers. The NSPCC/Net Aware website is excellent for providing information around this. If you would like to talk to somebody from the NSPCC about online safety, then please follow the link below.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

If you have any spare time you may also wish to take a look at the guide to using social networking sites. If you want to find out what research is saying about Roblox, You Tube, FIFA and other apps then this is the place to look.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/?order=title#>

At Pilton Bluecoat Academy keeping our children safe and happy is our top priority. If you have any concerns, then please always feel free to come in for a chat. Alternatively, you can phone the school office or write a note in your child's planner to arrange an appointment with their class teacher.

As we start the New Year we are continuing to have a focus on school uniform and ensuring our children are ready to learn. With this in mind, please can I remind you that school shoes need to be plain black and not branded trainers like Nike or Adidas. Also with the weather being variable please can you ensure your child brings in tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt for PE & Friday sports.

Friday sports will start again this week and we are pleased to announce the introduction of two new activities for the Spring Term which will run alongside UDC dance and swimming at the Leisure Centre. Some of our children will get the opportunity to visit the Barum Boxing and Sports Centre to take part in some circuit training and another group of children will take part in some football sessions with Goal Getters. We are really looking forward to seeing how things progress with these activities.

Next week we will be holding a ride/scoot to school event to celebrate the acquisition of our new bike/scooter storage and to promote healthy lifestyles. Morris Elphick from Sustrans came into school today to inform the children that if they ride their bike or scooter to school for the entire week they will automatically be entered into a prize draw where they could win a scooter, cuddly toy or other accessories.

As we enter 2020, I have decided to embrace social media in order to be able to provide you with more information about all the amazing things we are doing as a school. Therefore, I have now set up a 'Pilton Bluecoat Academy Head of School' Twitter account. Hopefully, this will prove to be informative and useful for everyone connected with the school as we progress through the year.

Have a lovely week

Best wishes



Mr Thomas

Key information for week commencing:

Mon 13th January 2020

Monday

Open Prayer Meeting @ 12.30pm
The Beacon - Parents meeting at 3.30pm

Tuesday

Pathfield Buddies 5PK

Wednesday

Year 2 Mop up session

Thursday

Pathfield Buddies – 5JH

Census day

Friday

Parent & Friends Café
Lower School Friday Sports

Letters issued this week:

Year Group	Topic
All	Proms Concert



SOCIAL MEDIA

Find us on social media:

Facebook: @Pilton Bluecoat Academy <https://www.facebook.com/Pilton-Bluecoat-Academy-948058705312527/>

Twitter: @Pilton Bluecoat Academy Head of School (Mr Thomas) <https://twitter.com/BluecoatHead?lang=en>

@Pilton Bluecoat Academy <https://twitter.com/PiltonBluecoat?lang=en>



AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

All clubs are currently on hold; new club letters will be sent out next week. However Italian club will be restarting today, with the same group of children.

USED WRAPPING PAPER

Mrs Churchill, our school librarian has asked for donations of any used wrapping paper that is neat enough to be re-used. If you have any donations after Christmas, please take it to the library.

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

A reminder to parents regarding payment deadlines for the residential trips:

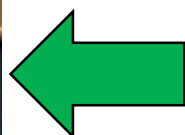
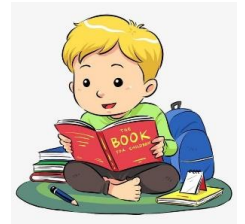


- HEATREE – Deposit deadline has passed, but we still have space available if your child would like to attend.
- LONDON – The full payment is due by Friday 24th January. A letter will be sent out shortly for children not attending the London residential. There is a meeting for parents on Monday 20th January at 3.30pm in year 5. This will be to answer any questions you may have or to inform us of any medical needs.
- ULTIMATE ADVENTURE CENTRE – The deadline to book your child a space is this Friday 10th January. Please pay a £10 deposit to secure the space.
- THE BEACON – There is a meeting for parents on Monday 13th January at 3.30pm, this is to discuss any questions you may have regarding the trip. The £15 deposit deadline is Friday 17th January.



SPONSORED READ

We hope you found the time over Christmas to take part in the Sponsored read to raise money to buy Manning's Pit. Please bring your sponsorship forms and money to the office this week for a chance to win a book token.



DOES THIS BAG BELONG TO YOU?
CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE!

FRIDAY SPORTS SCHEDULE January – March 2020

Date	Planning	Swim	Dance	Barum Boxing	Football Sessions
10-Jan	UPPER	6MT	6SE	5JH	5PK
17-Jan	LOWER	3BC	3GT	4KD	4AB
24-Jan	UPPER	6MT	6SE	5JH	5PK
31-Jan	LOWER	3BC	3GT	4KD	4AB
07-Feb	UPPER	6MT	6SE	5JH	5PK
14-Feb	LOWER	3BC	3GT	4KD	4AB

Dinner Menu - Week Commencing - Monday 13th January

All meals are served with a selection of fresh vegetables and fruit. Jacket potato options are available every day with cheese, beans or tuna

OPTION	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	CENSUS DAY THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Purple Option	Baked Bean & Cheese Wrap with Potato Wedges	Chinese Chicken with a Rice Side	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Hot Dog with Chips, Sweetcorn, Tomato Sauce & Onions	Fish Fingers & Chips
Green Option (V)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Quorn Bolognese	Sweet Potato & Chickpea Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Veggie Hot Dog with Chips, Sweetcorn, Tomato Sauce & Onions	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Chips
Pudding	Carrot & Pineapple Slice	Apple & Berry Crumble with Custard	Flapjack	Pancake with Fruit & Syrup	Raspberry Yougurt Cake

Celebration Assembly

Handwriting Heroes

Year 3 – Noah A Year 4 – Isla B Year 5 – Alfie P Year 6 – Oli P

Work

Elouise B – Great learning attitude
 Lily-May B – Progress in maths and effort in Mathletics
 Henry T – First in world in Mathletics Oliver S – Stone age fact poster
 Noah A = Consistently great attitude towards learning Phoebe B – Trophy
 Harry I – Amazing perseverance and maths work

Contribution

Pilton House Singers – A big thank you to all
 Alan S – Leaving Newspaper team
 Miley M – Ultimate understudy in the play covering 2 different roles

20 Merits

Maddison B, Lucas R, Tiger-Lily J, Isla B, Mia B, Charlie S, Ibrahim D, Olly P, Jake M, Sophie H, William P, Maisie P, Alan S, Isla S, Amelia M, Jenson W, Izabelle, Reuben, Arthur, Lucy, Eli, Shayla, Ellie S, Ben D, Megan R, Louis W, Elouise B, Ebbi R, Devon B, Chardonay W, Finlay H

40 Merits

Lola C, Meadow H, Henry T, Charlie H, Pandora C, Charlie B & Evie L

Housepoints

Jupiter – 940 Saturn – 960 Mercury – 900 Neptune – 960

Important Dates and INFORMATION

Event	Date
The Beacon – Parent Meeting 3.30pm	Monday 13 th January 2020
London - final payment deadline	Friday 24 th January 2020
London– Year 5 Residential	Tuesday 4 th – Friday 7 th Feb 2020
Lost Property Display	Thursday 13 th February 2020
Half Termly Reports Due Home	Friday 14 th February 2020
Lost Property Display	Thursday 26 th March 2020
Half Termly Reports Due Home The Beacon - final payment deadline	Friday 27 th March 2020
Ultimate Adventure Centre - final payment deadline	Friday 1 st May 2020
The Beacon – Year 3 Residential	Monday 4 th – Wednesday 6 th May 2020
BANK HOLIDAY	Friday 8 th May 2020
Lost Property Display	Thursday 21 st May 2020
Year 6 Leavers Photos Half Termly Reports Due Home Heatree final payment deadline	Friday 22 nd May 2020
Ultimate Adventure Centre – Year 4 Residential	Wednesday 3 rd – Friday 5 th June 2020
Year 6 Transition to Pilton CC (AM)	Thursday 18 th June 2020
Oceanfest – Year 6	Friday 19 th June 2020
Heatree House – Year 6 Residential	Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th June 2020
Whole School Move Up Day Year 6 to PCC (All day)	Thursday 2 nd July 2020
Essex Dance	Friday 10 th July 2020
Lost Property Display	Thursday 16 th July 2020
Reports Due Home	Wednesday 22 nd July 2020

School Term Dates 2019 / 2020

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term	Non Pupil Days
First Day: 9 th September 2019	First Day: 6 th January 2020	First Day: 15 th April 2020	4 th September 2019
Half Term: 21 st -25 th October 2019	Half Term: 17 th -21 st February 2020	Bank Holiday: 8 th May 2020	5 th September 2019
Last Day: 20 th December 2019	Last Day: 27 th March 2020	Half Term: 25 th -29 th May 2020	6 th September 2019
		Last Day: 22 nd July 2020	14 th April 2020
			23 rd July 2020