



Weekly News

17th July 2020

Dear Parents

Today we say our goodbyes to the Year 6 cohort after what has been a very eventful year. As a group they have been excellent and it has been lovely to see how they have developed and matured as the year has progressed. Reading the self-reflective comments on each of their school reports provided me with the opportunity to see some of the things that really stood out for them. I have included a selection below:

'I have loved every moment of Year six! It was all equally amazing: the Big Pit, the sports events, the bread baking, the printing of the t-shirts and Boston Tea Party! My favourite part of the Big Pit was the stables. I really enjoyed doing cross-country even when we had to stand for hours waiting for our turn! I am so grateful for all the opportunities I have been given. Even if we never get to go to Heatree Residential Centre, this will still be the best year of primary school ever!'

'I am very nervous moving to secondary school but also very excited. I get to stay with some of my close friends who will support me and help me when I'm struggling. I really want to have a lot of memories there at Pilton and have a good time with all my friends.'

'I have learnt to use my BLP skills in all my work so I can always give 110% in my learning. In September, I was worried about making mistakes because I was in my last year (top of the school), but that didn't matter because what I know now is that you learn from your mistakes. Now I'm excited to start a new chapter in my life with new people thanks to Pilton Bluecoat.'

'This year I have had the privilege of being a year six pupil at Bluecoat and it's been an unforgettable experience. All of the opportunities have been opened up to my eyes realising many issues in this world and also the magnificent countryside and landscapes that make this world a treasure. Sure the world is no perfect place but with this school supporting many campaigning events and raising money I feel as though I am really making a change. The day I became a year six I was terrified.'

'Being in Year 6 has been the best year of my Pilton life. I have felt like I have had a chance to show off my talents and I have felt like I am being a good role model to the Year 3s, 4s and 5s. I am absolutely devastated that I have to leave

Pilton Bluecoat but at least I can continue my journey at Pilton Community College and still be a part of the community.'

'I am really looking forward to Pilton Community College because of the school trips and I am excited to see which classroom I am in. I really can't wait to make new friends and meet new people.'

'My Year 6 has been great, although I didn't get to finish my journey here. I have experienced and liked the amazing teachers and my friends that have helped me become who I am today. All my friends and I have gone through a lot but that doesn't mean this roller-coaster is ever going to stop with overflowing fun and memories. Even though I haven't been on any residential trips this year, I have been on trips in Years 3, 4 and 5.'

When reading the comments above it is clear to see that the students have some lovely memories of the school year and also of their time here at Pilton Bluecoat Academy. It is also evident that the children are well prepared for their secondary education. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children and the teaching staff for their contribution in making Year 6 such a wonderful example of what an outstanding TEAM Multi-Academy Trust school should be like.

As we say our farewells to Year 6 we are also busy preparing for transition days on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Please can you ensure that you have read the ParentPay message sent out last week so you know which day to send your child into school. As you can probably imagine the two days have taken a lot of organising due to Covid-19 and in order for things to run smoothly please stick to the day you have been allocated and make sure you follow the guidelines sent out in last week's newsletter.



Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Mr Thomas

Next Week

All Key Worker pupils are to enter the school by the main entrance UNLESS it is their transition day and then they must line up with their fellow classmates on the path between year 3 and the new bike shelter leading to the playground.

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@Pilton Bluecoat Academy*

WEBSITE: <https://www.teamacademytrust.com/pilton>

The screenshot shows the Pilton Bluecoat Academy website. At the top left is the school logo. To its right is the text 'Pilton Bluecoat Academy'. Further right are buttons for 'SCHOOLS' and 'THE TRUST'. Below this is a dark blue navigation bar with white text links: HOME, ETHOS, CURRICULUM, HOME LEARNING, RETURNING TO SCHOOL JUNE 2020, TRANSITION, KEY INFORMATION, PROSPECTUS, NEWS, EVENTS, GALLERY, and SAFEGUARDING & ONLINE SAFETY. Below the navigation bar is a row of five student portraits. Under each portrait is a small logo and the name of the academy: Pilton Bluecoat Academy, Brayford Academy, Umberleigh Academy, High Bickington CoFE Academy, and Witheridge CoFE Academy.

TOP TIP - If you feel that you have missed an email from the school, then login to your Parentpay account and click on your child's name and then the communication tab at the top – this will show up all letters in date order (most recent first). If you change your email address where you want correspondence sent to then it is up to you to change this on parentpay in the account details.

Your login details, even if your old email address can stay the same, this is for logging in purposes only.

Gentle reminder

Please remember to not drop off your child outside the front of the school in Abbey road, there should be no parking on the 'keep clear' zone. Parking permits for Fairview carpark are available from the school office.

In addition – unless by special agreement no Keyworker children are to be dropped off before 8.30am.

Thank You

Pre-Loved Uniform

It is that time of year when you may be sorting out un-used uniform and looking for bigger sizes. If you have any unwanted uniform in good condition please consider donating it to the school for our younger pupils to purchase from our pre-loved uniform rail. All monies raised go into the Parentgroup fundraising pot!



In the interest of social distancing measures, uniform donations can be left outside the school office entrance with no contact, just clearly labelled.

Thank you.



In-School medicines



If your child has medicines that are kept in the school office please can you ensure that an adult in to collect these. They cannot be sent home with and neither can we throw them away. This includes empty packets.

If your child has an inhaler in school, this will be transferred up to their new class in September.

Thank You

PARKING PERMITS

For September are now available



Please call or email the school with your child's name and registration number and we can have one ready to be sent home with your child or collected at a convenient time.

THANK YOU

Reports

Your child's End of Year reports will be given to them if they attend the transition visits on Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st July. If they are not attending you can collect it from the school office. Any reports not collected will be posted out over the Summer holidays.

Dinner Menu for week commencing 20th July 2020

Meal price is £2.30 per day, payable on Parentpay please.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
MAIN OPTION	Cheese & tomato pizza with wedges	Beef Bolognese with bread wedge	Sausage & chips
DESSERT	Raspberry ripple cake	Apple & carrot muffin	Ice cream

All meals are served with fresh vegetables and fresh fruit daily.

JACKET POTATOES

Available every day with a topping of choice of cheese, baked beans or tuna

School Term Dates 2020 / 2021

Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
First Day	7th September 2020	First Day	5th January 2021	First Day	20th April 2021
Half-term	26th - 30th October 2020	Half-term	15th - 19th February 2021	Bank Holiday	3rd May 2021
Last Day	18th December 2020	Last Day	1st April 2021	Half-term	31st May - 4th June 2021
				Last Day	22nd July 2021

Non pupil days:

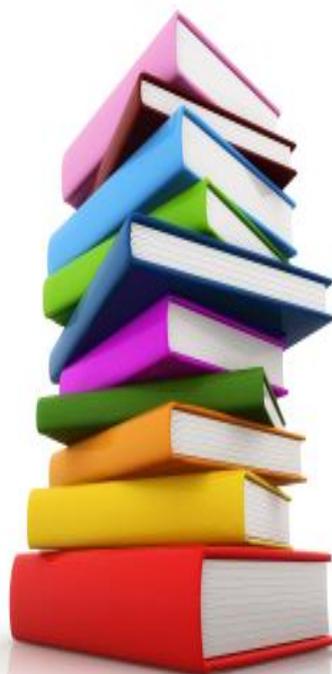
- 3rd & 4th September 2020
- 4th January 2021
- 19th April 2021
- 23rd July 2021

Parentpay Refunds

All refunds for residentials and swimming have now been processed and refunded to your Parentpay Account. This can either be left to sit on the account and the next time you need to pay for anything you “checkout” with this amount or you can draw the money back to your bank account or card in the following way; login in to your parentpay account, select the “Parent Account” tab and select the “withdraw” button that sits under all the text. You can then select the amount that you want to withdraw and choose where you want it to go – this will be the method in which you initially paid; eg; card or bank.

Any Year 6 Leavers with money left on their account will be refunded at the end of term and an email sent to advise you.

If you have any queries, then please email hsmith@piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk or call the school office.



LIBRARY BOOKS

If any children that are coming in for their Transition visits, please can they bring any outstanding library books back in. These will be collected by your NEW teacher.

Alternatively if any parents or children are passing the school they can also drop off their outstanding books to the front office. This would be more suitable for the year 6 not returning to school or those not visiting on their transition days.

MYSTERY BOOK COMPETITION WINNERS.

Winners will be announced during the transition week. Winners will receive their book vouchers with their new teachers. Good Luck

Thank you, Mrs Churchill

Music

- At Pilton Bluecoat Academy we have four peripatetic music teachers who offer private instrument lessons; either one to one or in small groups
- The teachers come into school once a week during term time and lessons are during the school day
- Please contact the teacher directly for the cost of lessons and availability
- If your child is interested in learning but doesn't have an instrument, the teacher may have an instrument that they can borrow or hire – please ask
- If your child receives pupil premium funding, you are entitled to a 50% reduction in the cost of instrument lessons. Please let the instrument teacher know this when you are arranging lessons so that you are charged the correct amount

Instrument:		Teacher:
Keyboard/Piano		Rebecca Barrow 07828 601778
Violin		Rebecca Barrow 07828 601778
Flute <i>Beginners can learn to play on a "Toot" to begin with which can be purchased for £20</i>		Simon Gilby 07906 611536
Clarinet		Simon Gilby 07906 611536
Saxophone		Simon Gilby 07906 611536
Guitar <i>Acoustic guitar, reading chords and TABs.</i>		Sam Dowden 07929 861391
Drums <i>Lessons will be taught on an electric drum kit in school.</i>		Martin Bradshaw 07525 936889



VACANCIES

Meal Time Assistant

Required: 1st September 2020

Hours per week: 5 (1 hour daily)

Working weeks: 38 weeks (term time only)

Starting Salary: £8.55 per hour (Scale A)

Status: Temporary

Brayford Academy

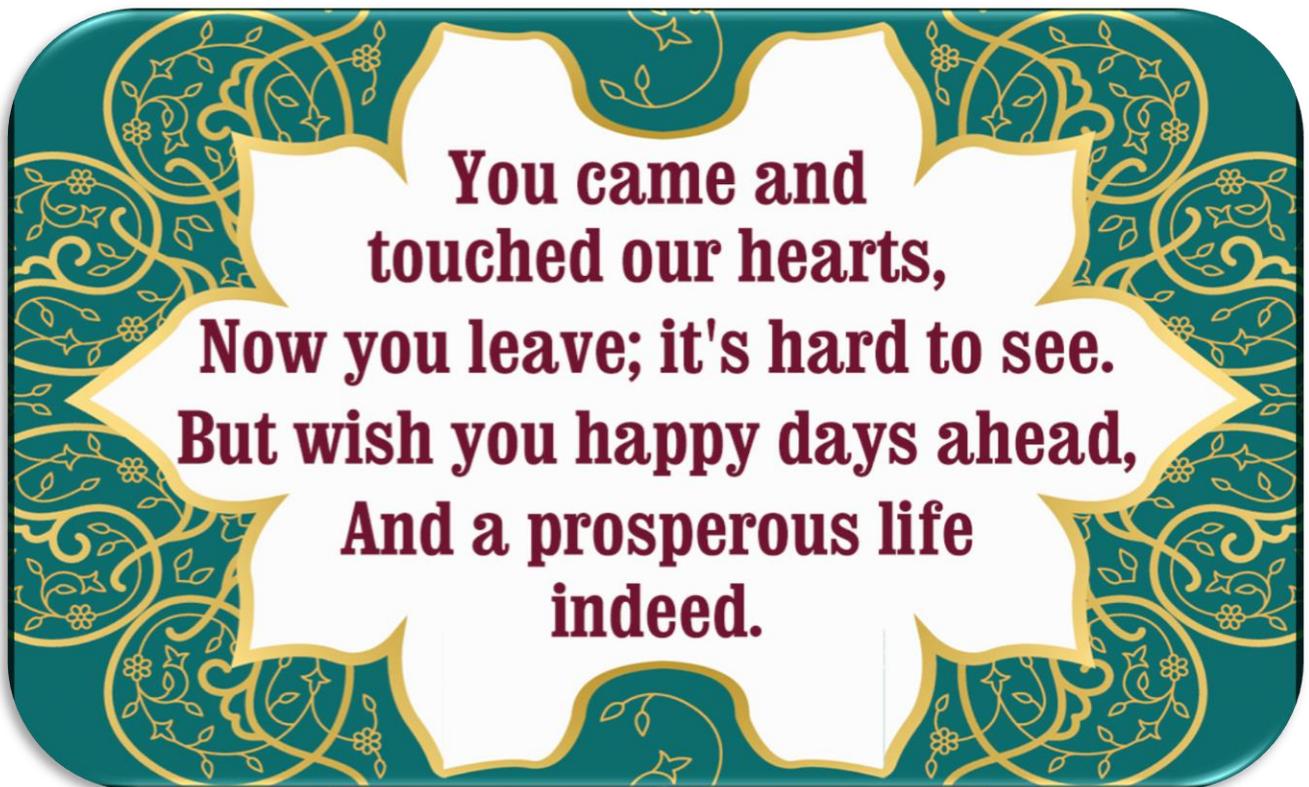
The appointed person will work as part of a team of Meal Time Assistants managed by the Head of School. In-service training will be provided where appropriate.

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expects all its staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A DBS check will be undertaken and references taken up before interview. An application form should be fully completed; we do not accept cv's.

Full details and application form can be found on our website www.teamacademytrust.com. Application should be hand delivered, posted or

emailed to Caroline Tucker vacancies@team-mat.org.uk

*Have a lovely and safe
Summer break and we will be
back on
Monday 7th September.
And finally to our Year 6's:*



*Good luck. We will
miss you!*