

BIDSTON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Achieving Together'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we bid farewell to the winter chill and welcome the vibrant blooms of spring (we live in hope!), it's time to reflect on the successes and achievements of this term at Bidston Avenue Primary. With the summer term ahead of us, we are excited to embark on a new chapter filled with opportunities for growth, learning, and community engagement.

Living Streets Outreach Project - WOW! One of the highlights of the upcoming term is our participation in the Living Streets Outreach project, also known as WOW. Commencing on Monday, 15th April, this initiative encourages sustainable travel among our students. By opting for active modes of transportation over time, such as walking or cycling, children will earn badges as a reward for their commitment. Throughout the school year, children will have the chance to collect a series of badges, fostering a culture of active travel and reducing pollution outside our school.

Modeshift STARS Green Status - We are thrilled to announce that we have been awarded Green status by Modeshift STARS, the Centre of Excellence for the delivery of Effective Travel Plans in Education, Business, and Residential settings. This recognition underscores our dedication to promoting sustainable and active travel within our school community. Through collaborative efforts and a commitment to excellence, we continue to inspire positive change and environmental stewardship.

Junior Travel Officers (JTAs) - In partnership with Wirral Council Active Travel Officers, we recently held assemblies to introduce our Junior Travel Officers (JTAs) program. Children were invited to apply for the role of Junior Travel Ambassadors, and we were delighted by the enthusiastic response. The JTAs, comprising one pupil from each class, will play a pivotal role in organising school-wide events aimed at enhancing the safety and activity levels of our travel routes. With this in mind, we have had conversations with our local highway safety team about careless driving and parking around school. We have asked that traffic police and the council safety team are around school more regularly.

Exciting International Exchange – This week, we are thrilled that we are embarking on an unforgettable journey to China. 30 of our children will be visiting our sister school in Taicang after a cultural tour of Shanghai. It is the first time since 2019 that we will be able to personally foster cultural exchange and international friendship. This unique opportunity will not only broaden their horizons but also strengthen the bonds between our schools and communities. We have applied for funding for next year and hope to deliver the same opportunity again.

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School Lunch Price Rise – After the Easter Break, Edsential have informed us that, due to cost pressures on food, salaries and services, the cost of a meal will rise to £2.89. ParentPay charges will be altered to reflect this new price.

Best of luck – We say goodbye to Mr Noble, this week. He has been with us for two and a half years and he takes up a new post in a different education sector after Easter. We thank him and wish him well. We also said goodbye to Miss Landsborough and Ms Holland from their work in our nursery. Ms Holland will still be present in breakfast and after school club.

We return to school on Monday 15th April 2024. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Yours sincerely

Mr S.G. Brady
Headteacher