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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an incredibly busy but wonderful week! Year 6 has excelled themselves in their four fabulous performances of **The Tempest** this week. I am always proud of Year 6 productions but I can honestly say this was the very best one – ever! Comments from the audiences were on similar lines; it was wonderful to see EVERY child shine in their role – determined to give their very best performance. Well done Year 6 and a huge thank you to the fabulous and talented Year 6 teachers and staff – without your efforts the children would not have had such a wonderful opportunity this week.

Today you will receive your **reports and results of assessments**. I really hope you enjoy reading the report. I am less pleased to have to report to you the assessment outcomes for your child. The 'cliff-edge' assessment of achieved or not achieved goes against everything we believe in at BPS – and most of the profession feel exactly the same. I refer you to my letter I sent home to parents in the first year of assessments in 2016 <http://www.billingshurstprimary.org.uk/pdfs/letters/general/2015-2016/Tests and Assessments 2016 Letter to Parents with Reports.pdf>

The letter sadly still stands as we still have these assessments that define children so harshly at 5, 7 and 11 years old. Do have a look at the letter again and remind yourselves of the uniqueness and talents of your child. Those of us who saw Year 6 achieve so much in their performance this week know that being a child and 'success' is not all about meeting or not meeting 'Age-Related-Expectations'. It is about learning, growing, celebrating, achieving, caring, imagining, persevering and believing in yourself and your future. Our job is to help them realise this in every way and I know that the children here are doing just that.

Read your report and join us in celebrating what your child has achieved and what they will go on to achieve with you and us helping and cheering them on all the way. We want all our children to do well in reading, writing and maths, just as in anything else – and they do. What we do not want is an arbitrary line in the sand that they must all cross at the same time, on the same day, at the same speed. Tests are a fact of life and need to be dealt with but they do not measure learning – they measure how good you are at taking tests. That is not how children learn – it is not how any of us learn.

Enjoy reading your child's report!

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the **Summer Fun Day** tomorrow. The weather looks good and the BPSCA team are already working hard in school. Come and join us and support this fabulous team who raise so much for your children!

And do not forget we have our **Sports Days** next week: EYFS and KS1 on the morning of 17th July and KS2 on the morning of 18th July. On the 18th July the **Lions** will also be in school giving a book to every child – another busy week ahead!!

House Cup

Well done to Goodwood who won the House Points Cup.



Reading Raffle

Reading Raffle winners this week were Ethan (Germany), Connor (Holland), Lucas (Madagascar), Lily (Madagascar), Isabella (Nepal) and Aaron (Russia). Well done to you all.

District Sports

On Friday 6th July, a mixed team of 40 very enthusiastic (and a little bit sweaty by the end!) athletes from Years 3-6 represented our school at the annual District Sports event at Broadbridge Heath. The children all participated in various track and field events in their year group rotations and did a fantastic job at the 50/75m sprint, vortex throw, standing long jump and - if all that physical activity was not enough - the 400m race that (on one of the hottest days ever!) was a huge achievement to complete in Friday's relentless heat. ALL our children behaved impeccably and with the highest regard for sportsmanship throughout. You made all the BPS adults there very proud indeed and your kind support of one another during individual races and events did not go unnoticed; thank you to you all. Overall, out of a total of 10 local schools, Billingshurst Primary won 5th place. A huge well done to all the children for their excellent attitudes throughout and a warm thank you to all the parent supporters who gave up so much time on the day to encourage the children and who were a fantastic help to Mrs Clyne, Mrs Mujik and Mr Griffiths throughout. We had the speed "safety-pin fastening" down to perfection! Mrs Clyne



Weald Mini Olympics – Wednesday 4th July

Last Wednesday afternoon, a team of 14 pupils from Year 6 took part in a Mini Olympics event at the Weald. The children coped very well in the heat and showed great team spirit throughout the afternoon. They competed against other schools in the area, at various track and field events: sprints, a middle distance run, javelin, broad jump, with a relay to finish. Competition was fierce and everyone gave their all; the girls scoring enough points to take second place and the boys winning – combined this meant that Billingshurst (competing as Brazil) came first overall. The children were a credit to the school and had a really enjoyable afternoon.



TES Competition

In October all children drew their future self as part of a competition with TES. 13,000 entered and Billingshurst Primary was awarded a certificate of achievement!

As a consequence 10 children and 2 staff members have been invited to go to the House of Lords in the Autumn Term we are already excited and will let you know more about this nearer the time!

Whole School Photo

We would like to remind you that any orders for the whole school photo must be received by Monday 16th July. We are sorry that we have such a short turnaround on this but we would like you all to have your orders by the end of term. If you would like to see a full size version of the photograph we have one in the school office. It really does look fabulous and even has Zara in it (Mrs Lewis' Assistance Dog).

Clubs

Please remember that all clubs apart from those run by Purely Sport end today, and there will be no clubs next week.

BPSCA News

Summer Fun Day

We are so excited for the Summer Fun Day tomorrow and hope that as many families as possible will be coming along to enjoy all of the activities, stalls and many prizes on offer. From bungee trampolines and the giant assault course to books, plants, tombolas and lucky envelopes where you could win a variety of days out for the family; there are too many stalls to list but the new 'Billi Bee Hunt' with a prize for everyone participating, the silent auction for some truly scrumptious dining opportunities, an incredible opportunity for a selfie in an Austin 7 racing car and your chance to win a share of the 'Lucky Bucket' of pound coins should not be missed! The raffle is packed full of wonderful prizes and we send our very best to all of the children who will be taking part in the choir, country dancing and ukulele performances. One last mention has to go to Miss Williamson and Mrs Wattam - thank you both for agreeing to be great sports competing on the giant assault course at 1.30pm!

Film Night

Tickets for the film night on 18th July have gone home in book bags today. Your child does not need to bring their ticket on the day as we have a full list of attendees. Please collect your child from the KS2 assembly hall at 5.15pm.



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Yours sincerely,

Helen Williamson
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary 2018

Summer Term: - Monday 16th April – Tuesday 24th July 2018

BPSCA Dates

BPSCA Meetings 2.00 pm Staff Room	-	13 th July
Year 6 Performance	-	9 th July 2pm, 10 th July 2pm, 11 th July 7pm, 12 th July 7pm
Mufti Day	-	13 th July
Summer Fun Day	-	14 th July
Year 6 Leavers Disco	-	16 th July 6pm
KS1 Sports Day	-	17 th July 9am
KS2 Sports Day	-	18 th July 9am
End of Term Cinema Afternoon	-	18 th July
Parents Open Afternoon	-	19 th July 3pm
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	-	20 th July 2pm

Messy Church

Billingshurst Centre 11th July

(NB: Dates may be subject to change)

Letters Home This Week

All – Autumn Term 2018 Clubs Letter and Timetable



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