**School Photos this week**

Photographs of individual pupils and the whole school will be taken **this Friday, 5th October** in the school hall.

7:30am onwards – children with older siblings at high school.

8am onwards – siblings within Bosley School/Bobkins.

9am onwards – other individuals and whole school photos.

Please send your children in **full** and **smart** school uniform **including:**

**- a school logo-sweatshirt or cardigan**

- a white polo shirt ***or*** a ‘dress’ shirt with a tie already tied

- white or black/grey socks/tights

- black shoes – no trainers.

**PTA AGM**

Thank you so much to all those who supported the PTA AGM and first planning meeting – what a great turn-out and enthusiasm for all the super fundraising events ahead. Alison Williams (Chair), Clare Calveley (Secretary) and Carol Lee (Treasurer) lead an enthusiastic group which is always open to any members (parents and other supporters of our school). They will be on the look-out for extra pairs of hands when the events come around, so please do respond to their requests for help wherever you can. The projects currently being supported through PTA money are new furniture/planters for the quiet garden, new furniture (desks and chairs) and a replacement interactive whiteboard for Class 2; coaches for trips and many other enrichments to the children’s curriculum and activities.

Next meeting (to plan the Congleton Lights Switch-on stall, and our own Christmas Fair): Friday 16th November - put the date in your diary!

**Romania Appeal …**

The children have been helping Mrs Mortishire-Smith prepare for a mission trip to Romania in the half-term holiday, to volunteer in one of the country’s only schools specially for young children with autism and learning needs. We are fundraising to buy therapy toys and equipment for her to take. The School Council and Ethos Group will be running a cake and Kids’ Car Boot Sale on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10th/11th/12th October.

Please support us by sending (and buying!) cakes, and by encouraging your children to bring along any good-as-new but unwanted books or toys (nothing electric/electronic, please) to be sold at play-times and after school.

**… and Shoebox Appeal**

Each year, we support the Operation Christmas Child appeal to send shoeboxes filled with small gifts to children elsewhere in the world who are in war-torn or other extremely difficult circumstances. Like last year, the PTA are buying the special flat-pack boxes which make the packing task oh so much easier! The boxes will soon be coming home with the children, along with instructions about what can/can’t go inside. We are encouraging the children to think ahead – by setting aside any freebie gifts/toys… save two-for-one deals, etc. It doesn’t have to cost so much that way. Our deadline in school will be Friday November 9th, so it might make a worthwhile and fun half term holiday project. More details will follow soon and, meanwhile you can read all about it and watch videos on the Samaritan’s Purse website.

**‘Please shut the gate!’**

The new pedestrian entrance gates are now finished and useable. In the interests of safeguarding, we lock the gates from when registration closes at 9am until just before 3pm when parents start to arrive for home time. In between we try to answer the bell to visitors as quickly as we can, but during teaching time it can take a few minutes. Thank you for your patience while the work was being finished.

**Playground equipment and bikes**

Parents and carers - please make sure that your children **do not** use the play equipment outside the normal school hours of 9am to 3.15pm as they are not supervised by a member of staff and the children are taught that they are only safe to play on with appropriate sports footwear.

**Open the Book volunteers** lead our collective worship with their super dramatic Bible-story telling for one final Wednesday, October 10th. It takes place at 9am until 9.30am in the hall – don’t miss this last chance to join us!

**Playtime Snacks**

To pay ahead of time, please send the correct amount of money in a named envelope.

Children who do not have enough money ‘banked’ or enough cash to pay on the day will no longer be able to take a snack from the kitchen, so that there will be no more IOU bills for the office or parents to worry about! When the children order their snack in the morning, they can see their currently available amount. If any children are hungry at playtime, there is always enough free fruit/veg available for everyone.

As you will know, Mrs Scragg recently trialled the re-introduction of having packed lunches available as an alternative to a hot meal, but it has not proved to be financially viable. We return to a choice of two hot meals and a new winter menu will soon be out. There is also an unlimited salad/pasta/fruit bar available on the side. The food for lunches in school is organic and locally-sourced as much as possible, and 75% freshly ‘home-made’.

This Thursday at 12 noon will be a special lunchtime, when the children have been invited to bring a grandparent or other guest to join us for a roast dinner in school!

**Mid-day assistant needed!**

If you are interested in the details of this vacancy, or know anyone who might be, please email the school office for more information.

**Upcoming Events**

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| **School Events** | |  | **PTA Events** | |
| Date | Event |  | Date | Event |
| Fri 5th October | **Individual and whole school photographs.** |  | Wednesday 24th October 4.30—6.30pm | **Movie Night** |
| Mon 15th October | **Y5 Pilgrim Day trip to Chester Cathedral** |  | Friday 16th November, 3.30-4:30pm | **PTA event planning meeting** |
| Fri 26th October | **School closes for half-term** |  | Saturday 24th November | **Christmas Lights switch-on** stand, in Congleton. |
| Mon 5th November | **INSET - Staff training day** |  | Saturday 1st December | **School Christmas Fair** |
| Tues 6th November | **School re-opens** |  | Thursday 13th December—6-7.30pm | **Christmas Disco** |
| Wed 7th November | **Parents evening by appointment** |  |  |  |
| Thurs 8th November | **Parents evening by appointment** |  |  |  |

**After-school Clubs this term:**

* Monday: Multi-sports
* Tuesday: Creative Club
* Wednesday: Athletics Club
* Thursday: Computer Club (both classes) and Guitar Club (KS2 only)
* Friday: Lego Club (both classes) and Bible Buddies (KS2 only)

Mr Barard and Mrs Burton are not in school this week, so please direct any questions or concerns to Mrs Perrin (Mon, Tues & Wednesday) and to Mrs Mortishire-Smith (Wed, Thurs & Friday). As always, messages can be passed to school through the teaching assistant on welcoming duty on the playground each morning. The teachers are available to talk or make an appointment to talk after school hours.

In the event that no-one is in the office to answer or return your phone call quickly, we do have an emergency mobile phone number, and this phone will be carried by a member of staff at all times.  The number is: 07594 164613. The office phone messages and emails will otherwise be checked and answered by staff at the beginning, middle and end of the day.

If you have a further query, the complaints procedure can be found at:

http://bosleyschool.co.uk/page/policies/6654

The first ‘port of call’ should always be the class teacher where possible.