

Bingham Primary School and Nursery 50 Burrows Drive Bingham Nottinghamshire NG13 7AT



Happy Easter!

28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another term. It has been a fantastic week again here at school. We have been visited by Bingham Fire Service who arrived in their Fire Engine yesterday and showed the children the features of the engine; what protective clothes they wear and how to stay safe near fire.

# British Values Day – Thursday 30th March.

British values are a part of every school's wider curriculum. These are the values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. In order to help embed this learning, we will be holding a 'British Values Day' on Thursday. The lessons we will be teaching will evolve around a story called 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Oliver Jeffers and children will have the opportunity to vote (democracy), debate (tolerance), review Bingham Behaviours (Rule of Law) and write a letter to the Crayons (mutual respect). In order to help the children to express individual liberty, they will be able to wear their own clothes for the day. There is no charge for non-uniform.

# Appointments in school time.

Please could I politely remind parents that all routine doctor, optician, and dentist appointments should be made out of school hours, preferably during the school holidays. If there is an emergency or your child is unwell, we understand that this cannot always be possible, but children are not permitted to miss school for routine appointments.

### Nottinghamshire Badminton Association.

We were delighted to have a visit from Rod Tyler, Chairman of Nottinghamshire Junior Badminton Association, who popped into school yesterday to gift the pupils 20 badminton rackets, a badminton net and four dozen shuttle cocks! Many thanks to Nottingham Badminton Association for their generous donation.

## Lockdown Drill.

We will be holding a 'Lockdown Drill' at school before the Easter holidays and wanted to explain this procedure to parents who may not be aware of what this is and why it is important. A Lockdown procedure is necessary when children and staff need to be **locked** within buildings for their own safety i.e., in an emergency situation such as a hostile intruder, terrorist attack or other criminal activity. Although we would hope that this is never the case it is important to acclimatise children and staff to a procedure that they will be able to follow quickly, effectively and safely. The government states '*lt is advisable that all schools should have effective lockdown procedures and that they are regularly tested*.' We will be discussing this with the children prior to the practice and reassuring them that although it is not likely to happen, it is important to always know how to stay safe.

### <u>Staff Training Day – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.</u>

Term finishes on Thursday for the children, as Friday is a Staff Training Day. School Opens for the Summer Term on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

I wish you all a very relaxing Easter break, fingers crossed for some sunshine!

Kind regards,

Gayle Ellis Head Teacher