



# Bright Spark News!

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## Important Dates for Your Diary

### Killer Mile

On Thursday 21st September 2017 I ran the Mow Cop Killer Mile. I entered the Under 11s race with my 5 year old sister Jessica, as the race was a mixture of boys and girls. We started at the bottom of the hill near to the railway crossing at Scholar Green. Just as the race was going to start we were told that we had to wait 3 minutes because of a delay. They delayed the race as 2 or 3 people who had entered the race needed to cross the railway crossing. The race was up a very steep hill towards Mow Cop Castle. There were a lot of other children that started in front of me but as I started to run up the hill I began to overtake them. I kept on going as fast as I could but it was hard because the hill was so steep. As I was running up the hill there were people at the side of the road that were cheering me on and as I approached the finish line I could see a big crowd of people. All of these people were cheering the runners on and so I ran as fast as I could up the last part of the hill. I finished the race in 5th place and I think my time was around 7 minutes. The race was very tiring but I am glad that I did it.

By Lewis Townsend (6SLF)



### OCTOBER

- 11th - Prospective Parents Eve 6.30
- 18th - Year 6,7,8 Parents Evening 3.45
- 19th - Disco all years 6.30-8pm
- 23-27th - Half Term
- 30th - School Open

### NOVEMBER

- W/C 13th - Mock Sats week

### DECEMBER

- 7th - Disco all years 6.30-8pm
- 13th - School Production
- 14th - School Production
- 14th - Community Christmas Lunch
- 18th - Church services
- 18th - School Christmas Lunch
- 19th - Christmas trips-Last Day
- 20thDec-3rd Jan 2018 - Christmas Holiday

All school letters are available to view on our website

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## **Bateman's Got Talent**

At the end of the summer term, James Bateman held a fabulous talent show for the whole school to watch. Bravely, over 70 students auditioned in May for the chance to be one of the fifteen final acts. As there was an overwhelming range of talent showcased in the lunch time auditions, the judges had to carefully choose a range of acts to represent each talent category.

The show was opened by a lively staff performance of 'raining men', that was soon escorted off the stage by the 'Men in Black'. Honey G (Mrs Hibbert) then took to the stage and introduced the hosts, Mrs Price and Mrs Finch and of course the judges.

The four judges, who represented each year group, were: Alesha Pixon (Miss Frost), Sharon Osbourne (Miss Cox), Amanda Golden (Mrs

Lomas) and Mr Pace who braved the role of Simon Gowl. Despite the judges having the difficult decision of choosing a winner, Daniel Mander was chosen for his

impressive scooter skills which he presented in the form of a live demonstration and a background video. In second place, were the hilarious 'Diddy Dancers' (Leah

Brookes, Ava Bryan-Jones, Jody Collinson, Maddie Corbett, Ellie Gibson, Katie Lovatt, Trinity O'Donnell and Remee Yates) and in third place was Hope Pointon with

her outstanding singing.

Well done to all of the students who participated, either in the finals or in the initial auditions. We look forward to putting on another show for students this year.

**JOB VACANCY for a cleaner. The hours are 10 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours. The closing date is Thursday 12th October.**

**Please contact the school on 01782 973900 for more information**



**PROSPECTIVE PARENTS  
EVENING  
WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017  
6.30PM**



***'This is a good school'***

**Ofsted – January 2015**



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## All things Reading!

### Home Connect and Accelerated Reader

**As a part of the school's drive to improve reading skills, we are**

re-introducing Home Connect which allows parents and carers to support and help their child with their Accelerated Reading targets. This is an online tool that shows parents exactly how well their child is doing with their reading and the progress they are making. We believe that this is a fantastic way for both parents and children to work together to improve their reading skills. Full details will be sent to all parents/carers and include personalised login details specific to your child. Please ensure that these details remain confidential. Mr Hall and Miss Hawthorne will be available to provide help and support for any aspect of reading.

### Library

The school library is now up and running for another school year. All new pupils in year 5 have now had their library inductions and have the opportunity to take exciting books out on loan. We have a wide range of books on offer and we encourage pupils to read as often as possible to help improve their reading and learning skills. For year 5 parents and carers, as well as a reminder to all, pupils are allowed two books out on loan for two weeks before they are returned or need renewing. Pupils do have a responsibility to ensure books are looked after and returned promptly. A number of pupils and staff have donated lots of books for our library and the school would like to express our thanks. We are working hard to ensure they are on the shelves for all to enjoy.

Dear parent / carers,

We would love for you to follow us on Facebook. Please search for 'James Bateman.' We're easy to identify; the school badge is our profile picture. This is our business page. We will use this forum for general updates and information, but mainly to share successes and competition highlights. Our social media forums will act as another form of communication with you, alongside texts, newsletters and the school's website.

**Guidance for parents or carers:** This forum is intended for **parents only**; no one under the age of 13 should have access to Facebook. If this page is misused in anyway, then we will report the individuals responsible. If misuse is continual, then we will have to shut down our site. We really hope that this will never have to happen. The page is not intended for comments. If you do have any queries, then we ask that parents or carers telephone the office. We cannot respond to messages, comments or queries received via our Facebook page. Please just follow the page. We will not be adding anyone as a friend. If you require the full Social Media Policy, this is available on the school's website.

You can also follow us on Twitter too. Our school Twitter is: @JamesBatemanJun

We thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Hawthorne

# POLITE NOTICE

**Can we please ask that Parents do not enter the school grounds in a vehicle at any time. Also please refrain from parking on the yellow lines outside of school between the hours of 3pm and 4pm and blocking driveways. This could result in a £50 fine.**

## THANK YOU



**FIREWORK  
EXTRAVAGANZA**

KNYPERSLEY FIRST SCHOOL NEWPOOL ROAD  
KNYPERSLEY

*SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2017*

Tickets purchased from the school before Friday 3rd November	Tickets on the Night
Family Ticket £11.00 (2 Adults & 3 Children)	Family Ticket £14.00 (2 Adults & 3 Children)
Adult £3.50	Adult £5.00
Children & OAP £2.50	Children & OAP £3.00

*GATES OPEN AT 5.00PM FIREWORKS START AT  
6.45 PM*