



Where Pupils Achieve and Excel
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14th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased to announce that, due to the phenomenal effort our pupils have made with their reading journey:

The Big Bateman Bash is taking place on Tuesday 19th July 2022!

In September 2021, we challenged our pupils to read 175 million words as a whole school this year. Additionally, individual targets were set by their English teachers. Now that the children know the whole school word totals, we can very proudly share with you what they have achieved. It truly is astounding!

The whole school word count is: 236,785,477 words - this is a school record!

The number of books that pupils have quizzed on stands at: 17,243 words (another record!)

To add to the excitement, we have 59 word millionaires!

Finally, school library borrowing is the highest on school record!

All pupils have reached either their main target (A), or an adjusted target (B) to gain access to the exclusive James Bateman reading reward of the year, The Big Bateman Bash. If pupils have reached their A target, they will go down to the Big Bateman Bash at 12pm. If pupils have met their B target, they will go down to the Big Bateman Bash at 1pm. They will then be escorted back to school by staff at 3pm, ready for the end of the day at 3:30pm. Pupils know which target (A or B) they have passed.

What will be there?

- Lots of inflatables - free
- A farm - free
- A craft and mindfulness tent - free
- Penalty shoot out - free
- Millionaires get free ice cream and have fast track wristbands for the inflatables.
- We also have a BBQ, a tuck shop, hair tinsel and feathers, ice cream van, tombola, face painting and glitter tattoos, all of which have small charge.

What will pupils need for The Big Bateman Bash?

- Plenty to drink -there will be water and juice available to buy on the day or you could freeze a bottle of water at home to bring.
- A sun hat or umbrella for shade
- Sun cream
- A picnic blanket (if they wish)
- Appropriate clothing for the weather - it is non-uniform.
- Spending money.
- Pupils can bring bags with them to keep their things in.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the year; it is very much appreciated and makes a massive difference. We hope that all pupils have had an enjoyable reading journey this year with all the events we have offered them, and continue to strive to embrace all things reading. Pupils are developing a love of all things reading, which is an honour to support and encourage.

We are immensely proud of the effort and dedication that they have shown, and hope that through the summer holidays they will continue to enjoy reading ready for the next exciting reading challenge, ready for launch in September 2022. Please keep an eye on our social media pages for exciting summer reading events in and around Biddulph.

Kind regards,
Mrs Lowndes, Mrs Jones and Mrs Shelley.
Team Reading

