

Lidget Green Primary School's Weekly News



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Settled, happy children!

Dear Parents and carers,

It is a pleasure to be writing to you again in the first newsletter for the new school year.

It has been wonderful to see the children settling back into school over the last few weeks, the children have enjoyed getting to know their new teachers and routines of the classroom. We have welcomed a number of new pupils to school including our Reception children who are now in school full time. Well done to everybody for such a positive start to the new year!

Your child's class teacher has sent information about the year ahead and how you can support your child at home, which I hope you found useful. Last week we invited our Year 1 parents into school to attend the Parents Phonics presentation, this was an opportunity for parents to find out how we teach early reading and writing skills in school and how the phonics screening check will be administered in June. Thank you to everyone who attended the workshop we really appreciate your support.

In response to the very positive feedback last year from parents, we will be running our maths and English parent workshops again this term. Mrs Panesar our maths leader and Mrs Leyland our English leader will be running sessions for parents to find out about the curriculum and how to help children at home with maths and reading, more details will follow next week. Our first Parent Consultation evening for this year takes place on Monday 21st and Wednesday 23rd October, you will receive a letter today with details how to book your appointments, we look forward to seeing you there.

Free School Meals

Reception and Key Stage 1 children will still receive the Universal Free School Meals. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals please see the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>



Attendance

Last school week's attendance (week ending 27/09/2019): 95.6

Congratulations to the children of 4/5N, who are this week's Attendance Award winners with 99.31% attendance.

We are extremely concerned by the number of requests we are still receiving for children to have leave from school during term time. The Government ruling is that Headteachers should **not** authorise leave in term time except in **the most exceptional circumstances** as this affects children's learning.

A number of children are leaving school during the school day for various appointments. This has a major impact on the children's learning. Please make medical appointments out of school hours or during the school holidays wherever possible. Medical evidence **MUST** be provided for any appointments to be authorised.



Parking Issues

As you know, parking on Birks Fold is a perennial problem. There is a single yellow line on one side of the road to create a passing space. This is monitored by an automatic number plate recognition vehicle and fines will be issued automatically.

However, a number of parents are parking on the double yellow lines opposite the school and also stopping on the zig-zag lines outside the school gates. Both of these actions pose a serious danger to our families and we are very concerned that a child could be knocked down if we do not address the situation.

As a school we request that parents and carers:

- do not park on the yellow lines opposite school.
- do not stop on the zig-zag lines to drop children off or to collect children.

