

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.

Thank you for all your support with our new routines and procedures including social distancing and wearing facemasks in the playground. With the current high rate of infection in Bradford, we really appreciate your support to keep our children, staff and community safe and well.

It has been wonderful to see the children settling back into school over the last two 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 Little Bears, Nursery and Reception children. Reception children will be in school full time from next Monday. Well done to everybody for such a positive start to the new year!

Your child's class teacher will be sending out information on Friday about the year ahead and how you can support your child at home, which I hope you will find useful. For the first half term, please focus on supporting your child with their reading, spelling and times table homework.

As you know, we are limited by the number of visitors we can allow into the school building due to safety restrictions. This means that some of our usual events in school will look a little different this year or in some cases may not take place. We will keep you updated throughout the year regarding our calendar of events via the newsletters and school website.

Our first Parent Consultation will be via a telephone call arranged by your child's class teacher near the end of October half term. More details will be sent out nearer the time. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher before this though, please ring the school office to arrange a telephone appointment.

Kind regards

Christine Moran

Headteacher

Parking Issues

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.
- park a little further away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

We are also receiving a number of complaints from the local residents that our parents are parking in and across their driveways. Please can parents ensure they are parking considerately.

As many of you may be aware, some double yellow line may give you a minute waiver time, however, this does not apply to Birks Fold or the surrounding schools and you may be fined.



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.

We are aware that some appointments cannot be changed i.e. hospital appointments. If your child has a hospital appointment, please bring proof of the appointment letter or text message. We will then be able to authorise the absence.

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>



Keeping in Touch

You can contact class teachers or Mrs Tomlinson or the School Office via ClassDojo. **We are using ClassDojo more and more to send out reminders, so please make sure you are signed up!**

