

Autumn Term Newsletter



We reach the end of the first half term, it has been a challenging one however, it has been very rewarding to. All of the children have settled quickly into the new routines, following our rules and processes to ensure they are safe. They are working very hard in class and are enthusiastic to be back in school which is very pleasing to see. I have seen some excellent work already this year and I am looking forward to seeing more examples when the children return after half term. Unfortunately, due to Coronavirus we are unable to hold our normal Autumn term Parents Evening, however your child should have brought home a short report from their class teacher this week. If you have any concerns or questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or one of the leaders and we will do our best to help you.

Changes to school after half term

After half term, the arrangements for the start and end of each day will change. There will be no waves in the morning. The gates will open at 8.30am and close at 8.50am. The one-way system will remain in place at the start and end of the day.

At the end of the school day, we will now be operating three waves. Please see the table below for times for each wave.

	Monday-Thursday	Friday
Wave 1 Yrs 6, 5 and their siblings.	3.00pm	12.10pm
Wave 2 Yrs 4, 3 and their siblings.	3.10pm	12.20pm
Wave 3-Nursery, Reception, Yrs 1 and 2.	3.20pm	12.30pm

At the end of the school day, I would ask that you:

- do not arrive before the time of your eldest child's wave, you must collect them first before collecting any younger children.
- wear face coverings when collecting your children
- only one adult from each family brings and collects children
- Remain two metres apart from other adults on site

At lunchtimes, children who have school dinners will have the option of a hot meal or sandwiches. They will be asked to select their choice at the start of each day.

Attendance and Punctuality

It is important that your children are on time and in school every day. The school gates are open from 8.30am each morning and school starts at 8.40am. Holidays during term time are not permitted and cannot be authorised. It is compulsory for your child to be in school every day and on time.

If your child has any of the coronavirus symptoms; a continuous cough, high temperature or a loss or change to the sense of smell or taste then it is essential that you request a Coronavirus test straight away and that

they isolate until the test result is returned. Once you have received the test result, please let us know straight away. If a child or staff member receives a positive test, the class bubble will close for two weeks and everyone in the bubble **must** isolate.

Reading Eggs

All children should now have received their Reading Eggs account details. It is a fantastic tool to support your child to improve their reading skills with over 2000 books to choose from! Teachers will also use the programme to set homework so it essential that children in Reception- Yr. 6 are using the programme. Children can earn Boodles and prizes the more they read and complete activities. If you are in Key Stage 1 remember to try out the new Fast Phonic area! If you have any problems getting onto Reading Eggs, please speak to your child's teacher.



Congratulations to the children who have been earning awards on Reading Eggs:

Year 1- 2 Bronze medals
Year 4- 10 Bronze medals

Year 2 – 15 Bronze medals
Year 5- 9 Bronze Medals

Year 3- 17 Bronze medals
Year 6- 34 Bronze Medals

Well Done Year 6- currently in the lead!

Medical Appointments

Please book any medical appointments outside of school hours, or during the holidays if it is a routine check-up with the dentist or optician. Appointments during school time should be avoided.

School Office Reminders

Reception September 2021 Applications

(Children born between 01/09/2016 and 31/08/2017)

Applications for a reception place for your child should now be made on line at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schoolsadmissoins

The closing date for applications is **15 January 2021**.

REMINDER - Secondary School Transfers September 2021

(Year 6)

Applications for a secondary school place for September 2021 should be made online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schoolsadmissoins

The closing date for applications is **31 October 2020**.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Leadership team, Mrs Denton (AHT for Phase 1), Miss Dovey (SENDSCO and AHT for Phase 2), Miss Pennington (AHT for Phase 3 from January), Miss Clayton (AHT for Curriculum), Ms Burgess (Deputy Headteacher) or I.