



6th September 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back!

We have had a wonderful first week back. It has been great to see our pupils and to start our new topics.

This week, we have had two days where the parents of any absent children have phoned to tell us why they are not in school. This has been amazing and we are so grateful! We really hope we can keep this up.

New topic themes

A new term means exciting new topics for children to learn about. Each term we have a curriculum theme that all of our topics link to.

Our Autumn Term Curriculum theme is....

Identity, Diversity and Social Justice



We are learning about different races, genders, backgrounds and religions because we are all unique and we want to celebrate our diversity. We will learn about times of social injustice so that we can understand the importance of acceptance and equality. Here are our topics:

- EYFS - Why was Marcus Rashford treated unfairly?
- Year 1 - Why were Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale treated differently?
- Year 2 - What impact did Christopher Columbus have on the Native American people?
- Year 3 - How did the Stone Age lead the way to civilisation?
- Year 4 - What were the social classes of the Shang Dynasty?
- Year 5 - What influence did Bentley Colliery have on the community?
- Year 6 - Were all children in Europe impacted the same in World War 2?

Keep an eye on social media to see our amazing topics developing!

Attendance reminders

Attendance is important for more than just doing well at school! This is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. The pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment.



Please make sure that you contact school as soon as possible to let us know of any absences. This prevents staff from having to do any unnecessary home visits.

Reading-

The Learning With Parents site is being updated and will be ready for you to use from **Thursday 12th of September**. Look out for the leaflet which will explain how to use the 'Learning with Parents App', rewards and expectations for reading. We will be holding sessions about how to use 'Learning with Parents' on Wednesday 18th September at 9am and Thursday 19th September at 3:00pm.

Pe-Days

F1 - Monday PM and Friday AM

F2 - Tuesday

Year 1-Thursdays

Year 2 - Mondays

Year 3 - Wednesdays (all of Y3), Friday (Mrs Welsh's Maths group), Thursday (Mrs Cartwright's maths group).

Year 4 - Wednesdays

Year 6 - Fridays

Please send your child to school with their PE kit on the day they do PE. Please make sure clothes are labelled.

Indoor PE Kit: Black shorts and White T-shirts are to be worn. Please do not send football shirts or other coloured T-shirts for PE.

Outdoor Games Kit: Children should have a pair of pumps or training shoes for outdoor games lessons. Many children also wear dark coloured, plain tracksuits for outdoor games.

If you wish your child to wear stud ear-rings please ensure they are able to remove the earrings themselves for PE lessons.

Hair:

We expect a sensible approach to hairstyles. Whilst doing PE long hair should be tied up with a soft band.

Safeguarding

This week's guide offers insight into the challenges faced by children returning to school and how best to provide support to young people transitioning back to education.

Photo consent

We understand that circumstances and preferences can change, so we kindly request that you review the consent you provided or withdrew last year. If there have been any changes, please notify the academy office by Friday September 20th 2024 via phone call or email.

If we do not hear from you by this date, the consent granted or withdrawn last academic year will remain valid for the 2024/2025 academic year.



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Family Calendar

Attached to the newsletter is the family calendar for this term. Also dates for parent coffee mornings and SENCo surgeries.

We will update you of any changes and send out information closer to the time.

Parking Reminder

Please can we again remind parents about parking near the school site. As a school we are concerned about how cars park on the road adjacent to the school car park. You may have noticed that we have added a tyre barrier to prevent cars blocking the pathway. .

We do not advise any children leaving school to walk to cars parked on the roadside. This is due to the amount of cars and the lack of visibility. Please take care if you drive and park here.

We urge you to drive and park sensibly. You can now enter our carpark at the back and drop pupils off there. They can walk in onto the KS2 playground. Please note that this is a one way system and parking is for drop off only.

Best wishes,

Miss Austwick
Executive Principal