

Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second part of the Autumn Term.

Thank you for your response regarding the wearing of face coverings - and for the very positive feedback we have received. We have to take all the measures we can to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid 19 and we very much appreciate your support with this. In addition to wearing face coverings, please also continue to maintain good distancing on the playground and ensure you arrive and leave at the allocated times for your child's class. If you have a change of arrangement, please ensure the person dropping off or collecting your child knows that a face covering will be required. Thank you.

It can become very busy on the playground outside the Y3 classrooms so I would like to remind our Y3 parents to wait between the Y2 and Y3 classes or in the space created in the trim trail to ensure there is good access to the playground area and the paths. Unfortunately, the trim trail cannot be used for play before or after school at the moment.

Parking

The car park at the front of the school is getting busier by the day. Parking is often hindered by cars blocking entrances, cars parked outside of allocated bays or cars parked on the yellow lines. For the safety of all our children, please do not park on the yellow lines in the car park or on the surrounding roads - this reduces visibility and increases the likelihood of accidents. The yellow lines are there for a reason. We have been made aware that the pavilion car park was locked today and we have since been in contact to see if this can remain open during the National lockdown. We will update you as soon as we hear anything further.

Nursery entrance and exit

We are changing the entrance and exit into our Nursery from Monday. Nursery parents should now enter through the main nursery door (with the covered porch) which can be accessed by the main gate to the school office. Nursery parents should observe the one-way system and wait at the markers on the wall and on the path. This will be a safer option, away from the redway and carpark entrance. Thank you.

Parent Governor Elections

We have two nominations for our Parent Governor vacancy - Catia Thompson Brown and Anita Vidal. Your child will have brought home a paper copy of the Governor Election forms today (one per family) which includes details of the candidates and a ballot form. Forms should be returned to school by Friday 20th November. They can be sent in an envelope via your child or placed directly into the ballot box in the school entrance porch.

Bike ride to London!

What an amazing achievement!
Congratulations to the lovely young man in Y1 who managed to cycle from MK to London over half term. He did it! - and the picture outside Buckingham Palace is proof of that! He has raised an amazing £1,625 for our Friends Association too! A very big 'Well done' and 'Thank you!'



Curriculum Newsletters

All our latest curriculum newsletters are now on our Website. We have lots of exciting learning going on this term and the children are already fully engaged with their new topics. Although we have had to cancel the Ladybirds and Butterflies visit to Chiki Ceramiki due to the lockdown, they have kindly provided us with all the materials required for children to create their Christmas gifts in school.

Homework

Children in Y1 - Y6 are set their homework each week via Google Classrooms. This work follows on from learning which has already taken place in school and helps children to embed the skills needed in both English and Maths. There may also be links to topic work. It is important that all our children complete their homework each week and we encourage you to spend some time with your child discussing their learning and supporting them when needed. Thank you.

Chromebook purchasing for Y1-Y6 pupils

Separate information has been sent regarding a purchasing scheme for parents. Please note, the last day for making a commitment is Thursday 26th November.

Online Tutors – Keeping Children Safe (LGfL)

Guidance for Parents & Carers

Lockdown has led to major growth of online tutors, and this is expected to continue with the recent Government announcements. We would like you to be aware that anyone can set up as a tutor and there are no registration procedures or Enhanced DBS checks needed. LGfL has prepared a leaflet supporting parents to select the right tutor, establish clear rules and help the child understand what they should know too. If you are engaging a tutor outside of school, you can find more information in the guidance leaflet which can be downloaded here: <https://safeblog.lgfl.net/2020/10/online-tutors-keeping-children-safe/>

Quad Kids Competition

Another great result! Well done to all our KS2 children who took part in this virtual competition before half term. Some great all round performances with our Y3/4 children competing in 50m sprints, vortex/javelin, 400m run and a standing long jump and Y5/6 a 75m sprint, vortex/javelin, 600m run and a standing long jump. Some great results for our school!

Quad Kids		Y3/4	Y5/6
Gilesbrook		1st	1st
Middleton		2nd	2nd
Whitehouse		3rd	
Emerson			3rd

Housepoint winners!

After a brilliant first half term and many house points being awarded, it was Bronte who clinched the number one spot with 1,126 points. As their reward, all children in Bronte will have a mufti-day next Monday.

Warm Clothes

Although the heating is on through the building, we continue to keep the building well ventilated. Please make sure your child brings a jumper and/or a fleece each day so that they can put on or take off layers as needed. Likewise, a warm coat is required for playtimes. All uniform should be named.

We sometimes access the outside area for PE and sport other than allocated PE days. Please make sure your child has a pair of plimsolls or trainers in school every day. Thank you.

Children in Need

Friday 13th December is 'Children and Need' Day. We invite children to come to school wearing their 'Spotty' outfits or Mufti clothes for a £1 donation. We always support this worthy cause so Pudsey Bear ears at the ready!

Dates for November 2020

9.11.20 - Bronte House Mufti Day

11.11.20 - Remembrance Day

13.11.20 - Children in Need

w/b 16.11.20 - Anti Bullying Week beginning with 'Wear your odd socks to school' on Monday 16.11.20

20.11.20 - Parent Governor elections close

26.11.20 - Final day for Chromebook purchase (Y1 - Y6)

26.11.20 - Y3 Stone Age Dress up day

w/b 30.11.20 - Flu immunisation

Have a good weekend and stay safe!

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