



Head Teacher Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe how fast this week has gone! It was brilliant to receive the children after the holidays. The new uniform looks lovely, and I want to thank our families for their support.

This week, the Bywell team has focused on routines and expectations. The children have responded well and are making good progress with behaviour/learning expectations. Please support them by reinforcing these when discussing school. Our policies are available on the website to view.

The new school website is up and running. It contains a wealth of information to support our families. Having just completed their training, the class teachers will update the class pages over the next week. These will contain useful information about your child's learning.

Mrs Bancroft and I will launch a new Attendance initiative next Monday. Please discuss this with your children at home. In line with school policy, all leave of absence requests should be made prior to the absence/booking of holidays. Parent/Carers need to complete the online form on our school website. The form generates an automatic email for me to consider the request and respond. Families that have been fined previously for unauthorised absences either whilst at our school or a different one; a prosecution may be sought. Affected families will be notified if this is the case.

Punctuality is also important. Commencing next week, we will send School Ping messages to families of children who arrive late. The classroom doors will close at 8:32 am. All arrivals after this time must use the main school office where a late mark will be recorded. We are introducing a 'Late Gate' which means Parents/Carers of late arrivals are spoken to at the school gate by members of the safeguarding team. You will receive notification about when the 'Late Gates' are being held via School Ping.

All children will have their individual school photograph taken next Tuesday 12th September. For children in Year 4 and Year 6, this falls on one of their PE days. All children, including those in Year 4 and Year 6 must attend school wearing their uniform on Tuesday 12th September. The children who have PE on that day must bring their PE kit to change in to. As the photographs will be of the upper half of the body, the children in Year 4 and 6 may attend school in their trainers for their PE lesson that day.

Most school communication is over School Ping – a free app. Please ensure your account is set up and functioning. If you require any support, contact the school office who will be happy to help.

If you have any queries about your child, please contact their class teacher in the first instance. Most matters can be resolved quickly this way. The Senior Leadership team, Mrs Appleyard, Miss Rawsthorn, Mrs Walker and our Learning Mentors which include Miss Bancroft, Mrs Dent, Mrs Turver and Miss Allen are in the playground every morning. Should more time be needed to discuss the matter, a meeting can be arranged for a mutually convenient time. Do not let a niggle become a worry. Please reach out.

Friends of Bywell are a group of volunteers that support school, including arranging Fundraising events. We are extremely grateful for their contributions which benefit all children. They always welcome more members. Please contact Mrs Turver via the school office for more information.

See you at the gate!

Kind Regards

Ms Z Adam

Head Teacher

