



Head Teacher Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was brilliant to receive the children after the holidays and we are really looking forward to working with them this year.

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.

Our school website contains a wealth of information to support our families. The class teachers will update class pages over the next week. These will contain useful information about your child's learning.

Miss Bancroft and I will relaunch our Attendance Heroes initiative On Monday 16th September. This was introduced at our school for the first time last academic year and was a tremendous success. Please support your children by maintaining the strongest attendance at school. 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 10th September. For children who have PE that day, they must attend school wearing the top-half of their

school uniform (as the photographs will only capture this) and change for their lesson. These children 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. In order for school to set invitations to it, we must have your email address (details of which are requested on the school contact form).

Thank you to all families that have returned their contact details forms already. These are essential for schools as they contain information such as who to contact when a child is feeling poorly. Please return these as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

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, Mrs Walker, Miss Sharif 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.

To support the health and safety of our children, I am asking for a voluntary one-way system to be adopted when dropping/collecting children from school. The one-way system means cars enter via Bendigo Road and exit via Selso Road. Please also make sure parking is always done safely and neighbour's driveways are not blocked. Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

See you at the gate!

Kind Regards

Ms Z Adam
Head Teacher