

Newsletter ~ 8.10.2021



You'll find lots of useful information in our newsletter



- Last day of this term is Friday 22 October 2021
- Half term holiday Monday 25 October 2021 - Friday 29 October 2021
- Please name your child's belongings - makes them much easier to find!

Message from Mr Lamorte - Head of School



Dear Parents / Carers

Another few weeks have flown by as we progress rapidly through the first term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the rejuvenated play spaces in school, during break times. The table tennis tables, by the KS2 playground, have gone down a storm, and it has been great to see the children supported by the sports coaches at lunchtimes. The newly laid artificial grass in the KS2 quad has been used as a quiet space, where a number of children have enjoyed playing giant Jenga and Draughts, among other activities. We also know that KS1 are enjoying their new play playground near the Staple Lodge Road entrance. There are further plans to develop this area, so watch this space!

Miss Stanley, our school Attendance Officer, is working hard to improve attendance across the school, so please expect a conversation with her if your child is absent. We are launching some new initiatives over the coming weeks as follows.

- 1) 100% stickers will be provided to all children in school who attend each day for a whole week. They will be given out on a Friday.
- 2) 100% certificates will be given to children with 100% attendance over a whole half term. Children who test positive for Covid 19, may still receive one of these awards, if all other attendance is 100%. Currently we have a WHOPPING 209 children with 100% attendance to date! WOW!!
- 3) Two classes with the highest attendance at the end of the Autumn Term, one from KS1 / Reception and one from KS2, will receive a special prize to celebrate their success.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing weekend.

Below are the top 8 classes for attendance for the year so far - well done ! Keep it up



Position	Class	Attendance this academic Year
1 st	2L	97.3%
2 nd	5B	97.2%
3 rd	5F	97%
4 th	3RJ	96%
5 th	RD	95.5%
6 th	3T	94.6%
7 th	6C	94.3%
8 th	4B	93.7%

We are now a CASHLESS school.



ALL money for toast, dinners, trips etc will be paid through parent pay.

Years 1-6 - Toast & milk is now on as a payment item - 25p per day

Reception - milk (for children aged 5 years & over - 21p per day) children under 5 - Free

PLEASE ENSURE YOU USE THE CORRECT PAYMENT ITEM - any queries just call us.

If you don't already have an account please contact the school office and we can set you up. If you already have an account at another school for an older sibling you can just add your child at Wychall onto it.

Children arriving late



We have been having an increasing number of children arriving late - this really impacts on their own and the rest of the class's learning due to interrupting the class to bring them in - please remember that gates close at 8.55am so that children are registered in class at 9am.

10 minutes late a day means 31 hours of lost learning!

Thanks to all those parents who are on time everyday.

If you have any concerns/problems about getting your children in on time please contact Miss Stanley our attendance office.

Important - Year 6 parents ~ secondary schools admissions process

The deadline for applications to Secondary school is on **31/10/2021**. The applications need to be completed online at

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/apply_for_secondary_school_year_7_place

to ensure your child is secured a place at your preferred school.

To complete this you must register with the school admissions and complete the application on a laptop or computer. Tablets and Phones can not be used to perform the application.

To assist in this process we are proposing that we put on some sessions after school to help complete the application.

The dates of these sessions will be **Monday 11 & Tuesday 12 October and also Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 October 2021.**

These will run from 15:30 to 16:15pm

Please contact Mr Cook or Ms Rahman if you would like to come in or need any further information or support.

Children starting Reception in September 2022

If you have a child who will be starting Reception in September we would ask you to visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions¹

and submit an online application from before 15 January 2022 (the final closing date).

School Photos will be taken on Friday 12 November 2021



TTRS - Times table rock stars



¹<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

Class	Week ending 24th September 2021	Week ending 1st October 2021
1D	Gabriella	Miah
1M	Elizabeth	Elizabeth
2L	Imran	Arsh
2R	Mekseh	Harvey
3RJ	Safa	Aalan
3T	Bailey	Lily
4E	Neitunas	Jake
4W	Penelope	Finlay
5E	Amran	Cadell
5F	Brianna	Arian
6C	Scarlett	Amardus
6R	Laura	Laura

Safeguarding





Safeguarding:

It has been a difficult year and as changes are now coming into effect it is important to remember that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and to be vigilant. If you have any concerns please contact one of the agencies on the list below:-

- Birmingham Children's Trust (CASS) - 0121 303 1888 option 2, option 2
- NSPCC - Tel: 0808 800 5000, report online at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/report/>²
- or email NSPCC directly at help@nspcc.org.uk
- Police - If a child is in immediate danger, please dial 999

It is normal to feel anxious, nervous or unsure about getting in touch with the agencies above but please be assured that the agencies are there to help and take that worry from you. Letting us or an agency know that you're worried about a child could be the first step to helping protect them from a lifetime of abuse and neglect.

Childhood Mental Health:

We know that during this period of further uncertainty, both child and adult mental health can be affected.

We have therefore included some links below of agencies that can provide some emotional support for you and your child, if needed, during this time.

Childline: <https://www.childline.org.uk/>³

²<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nspcc.org.uk%2Fkeeping-children-safe%2Freporting-abuse%2Freport%2F&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308796429|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=ZKr1rOjXQm5x0ZVelkVurdf0O5Qj%2BYZqM5qSq6SdOYw%3D&reserved=0>

³<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.childline.org.uk%2F&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308806387|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=qBB62BQjzoP8qI%2FIP7RH9GSWrF0aBG5ZaMoSmb6PJiY%3D&reserved=0>

Forward Thinking Birmingham/PAUSE: <https://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/services/13-pause>⁴

The Children's Society: <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/see-hear-respond>⁵

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/information/young-people/well-being/resources>⁶

Mind:https://www.mind.org.uk/donate/?gclid=CjwKCAiAl4WABhAJEiwATUnEF52WLN2HWoz0uF0bOt5__7RUMTT0TdYpqvwVj_TJp6oN8iLyB-l7xBoCwzqQAvD_BwE⁷

Samaritans: <https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/>⁸

If you would like to speak to someone in school regarding which service you feel would be beneficial to you, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Please see a letter from Hayley Eaton, Safeguarding Lead, regarding online safety on our school website. The letter can be found in the Key Information section.

Contact Us

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⁴<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk%2Fservices%2F13-pause&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308806387|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=F9HO7QwLP2AP4NY15DH6WuwkCtSVGvc%2BSynoUupd9E0%3D&reserved=0>

⁵<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.childrenssociety.org.uk%2Fsee-hear-respond&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308816340|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=PJjiSHGulP2647byDX3Ttlm0bKwc8PurYtdw28IOEXY%3D&reserved=0>

⁶<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.childrenssociety.org.uk%2Finformation%2Fyoung-people%2Fwell-being%2Fresources&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308816340|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=0AaohrlVqyUTeSn4tTzBSgAbFA37%2FbLb0Szxmx1kmw%3D&reserved=0>

⁷https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mind.org.uk%2Fdonate%2F%3Fgclid%3DCjwKCAiAl4WABhAJEiwATUnEF52WLN2HWoz0uF0bOt5__7RUMTT0TdYpqvwVj_TJp6oN8iLyB-l7xBoCwzqQAvD_BwE&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308826298|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=c8VgRAUXs%2FvIKYJzQxzSyYKd9VjAFMYfHopsD%2BvIA0o%3D&reserved=0

⁸<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.samaritans.org%2Fhow-we-can-help%2Fcontact-samaritan%2F&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308826298|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=3UmPhJlffBBlGM5Y6mr3eVUUFUpblHhQCJb7kaYzOM%3D&reserved=0>

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⁹<http://www.wychall.bham.sch.uk>