



BRIDGEWATER NEWS

Welcome Back

Autumn Term 1



A warm welcome back to you all. I hope you had a lovely summer break and are as refreshed and ready for the new school year as we are!

Enclosed is some important information and details about exciting events planned for this half term. You will also receive a newsletter from your child's class teacher highlighting the learning they will cover this term so you can help support them further at home.

We also regularly update the school website www.bridgewaterprimaryschool.co.uk and our twitter page [@BridgewaterPS](https://twitter.com/BridgewaterPS) with information and news.

Welcome to Bridgewater

We warmly welcome all our new families to Bridgewater and a few new staff members: Miss Taylor (Year 6 teacher); Miss Brittain (teaching assistant with Year 4) and Mrs Taziker and Mrs Seath (welfare assistants).

We would like to say huge congratulations to Miss Duffy and Miss Critchley who both got married over the summer holidays. Miss Duffy will remain as Miss Duffy, and Miss Critchley will now be known as Mrs Saccani.

Meet the teacher sessions - please see the calendar for your child's session. Please do try to drop in to see your child's teacher and classroom; it will only last 10 minutes at the end of the day and gives you the opportunity to ask your child's new class teacher any questions you may have. Nursery and Reception had their sessions at the end of last term.

Parent's evening is scheduled for **Tuesday 9th October**. Can I remind parents that if you wish to discuss your children's personal or academic development at any time throughout the school year to please see your child's class teacher. If you wish to discuss your concern further, please contact the school office - **after** you have spoken with the class teacher - an appointment will be made with a senior member of staff.

Parents' Forum

Our Parent Forum aims to represent the views of all parents. It facilitates communication between parents/carers and staff and governors. The forum works to provide feedback on provision, offer a parent's perspective on current policy and practice and input into decision making and planning for future provision. It is not a forum to discuss individual issues. The first meeting will be on **27th September at 2.30pm** in the school hall. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available. I hope to see many of you there and please let me know if there is anything you would like to see on the agenda.

Social media – we ask that parents **do not use social media** to discuss any matters regarding Bridgewater School. Contacting school directly means we can deal promptly with your queries in a positive and constructive manner.

School closure - On **Friday 14th September** school will be closed as our school community wish to pay their respects at the funeral of the Pearson children who attended Bridgewater Primary. The family have asked that we communicate the following with our parents/carers:

The funeral will take place on Friday 14th September. The procession will begin at 10am from 8 Jackson Street to St Paul's CofE Walkden on Manchester Rd. The service will start at 11am.

You are more than welcome to join the end of the procession outside Bridgewater Primary school – after the family passes by. There will be a 1 minute pause outside the school.

Family and friends will enter the church. There will be speakers outside the church.

The family have requested no flowers are sent, however, donations to Wythenshawe Burns Unit are greatly appreciated.

The burial is for family and close friends only.

Thank you for respecting our wishes.

School Development

Over the Summer, the school has undergone a number of developments. A new intervention room on the lower KS2 corridor, improvements to staffroom facilities and further internal decoration to keep the school looking clean and bright. Unfortunately, the planned work for a multi-games arena (MUGA) /all weather pitch could not go ahead due to contractors not meeting timescales, however, the money for this project has been ring fenced and we hope to start this development on the school field in the Autumn term.

Updating School Systems

This year we will **not** be sending home forms requesting you check and update your child's personal records. We ask that you inform the office staff when and if there are any changes in your child's details including – first contact details, address, telephone number and notification of medical conditions. It is vital that these are kept up to date so we can contact you in case of an emergency at school. You should also inform school if you wish to change the adults you have listed to collect your child. Only children in Years 5 and 6, who have provided written consent from parents, are permitted to walk home alone.

If you wish to check these details, please contact the school office and a member of staff will run through what is on our system.

Attendance and Punctuality

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life and vital for your child's education - as a lost day can never be repeated. Our school shares the government's determination to raise the levels of pupil attendance and has robust systems in place to monitor attendance and punctuality.

Most of our children attend school regularly and do not present any concerns. However, if your child's attendance dips below 95% or accumulates 5 days (10 sessions) of unauthorised absence, you will be asked to attend an Attendance Panel Meeting in school to explain the reasons for absences further. It is therefore, very important that you contact the office on each day of absence to ensure that the absence is recorded as 'authorised'. Failure to engage with school on improving your child's attendance can result in a fine.

All holiday requests during term time will not be granted in line with the Government's legislation.

Good punctuality is also very important. The school day starts at 8.55am and all children are expected to be in school by this time (we open the doors at 8.45am to make this a little easier for families). It is very important for **every child** to be in school on time every day. Valuable teaching input can be missed and the **whole class** disrupted by a late arrival. To help limit disruption, all late arrivals are taken to class at transition times of 9.15am and 9.30am.

If you have any problems with getting your child to school, then please come and speak to a member of staff. Early intervention and parental support are key factors in resolving attendance issues. Please continue to support us with this and ensure your child is in school and on time each day.

Should there be any other information that you feel you would like us to share with school or if you have any questions please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see Miss Hopkins (Attendance Manager) via the school office.

Homework

Homework is important as it shows the children the value that you place on their learning and helps them to consolidate key skills. Thank you to all those parents who support their children in reading every night, learning their spellings and completing homework tasks and projects. Any junior child (Years 3-6) who does not complete their weekly homework to an acceptable standard will be required to do so during Friday afternoon Golden Time supervised by myself or Mr Doherty.

Children's University Update

This year we are delighted to be continuing with our participation in the Children's University Programme. The Children's University encourages children to 'learn outside of the school day' and recognises their commitment to enhancing their own learning. Your child received a 'Learning Passport' to use as a record of their additional

learning. This passport will be used all the way through school and onto Secondary school if their school is part of the programme. If your child has lost their passport, a replacement may be purchased at the school office at the cost of £2.50 (school had purchased the first passport on your child's behalf). Mr Doherty will keep you updated with any information throughout the year.

Bikes/scooters on the playground

Please can I remind you of our school's request (School Council) that both adults and children dismount and push bikes/scooters when on the school grounds to avoid any accidents or collisions with other parents and children. I would like to also remind you that school does not accept any responsibility for any bikes/scooters left on the school premises. We strongly suggest that all bikes/scooters are locked securely if left on school premises.

School Fund

School fund is generated by a variety of means. There are fund raising events during the course of each year and we are paid commission by the school photographer and the sale of school ties, reading folders and PE bags further adds to our income. Through the judicious spending of School Fund we are able to enhance the curriculum for all children by purchasing additional resources, booking visitors to the school and subsidising trips. All requests, from children and staff, for the use of school fund are approved by the Headteacher.

Lost Property

The school acquires a large amount of 'lost property'. All items with names in are returned to their owner and **not** stored in lost property. Therefore, we encourage all parents to ensure that EVERY item is clearly labelled with your child's name. If your child has lost an item please speak to the classteacher initially and if this is not within the classroom they will direct you to check with lost property at the school office. If your child brings home an item that is not theirs by mistake, please return this via the classteacher.

Water Bottles and Snacks

All children are encouraged to drink water during the day. The children are able to re-fill their water bottles from fountains around school. Children may also bring in healthy snacks to have during their break times (both am and pm). We try to encourage good eating habits and have a Healthy Eating Policy that supports this aim. Children in Key Stage 1 and EYFS are provided with fresh fruit daily; any extras are shared with KS2.

Play Frames

The school has a number of play frames on the school playgrounds to help encourage safe adventurous play. All frames are regularly checked to ensure that they meet safety requirements and are age appropriate. The children are also informed on their safe use and are closely supervised during use. The school does not accept any liability for any accidents that occur when used before or after the school day and without school staff supervision.

Should there be any other information that you feel you would like us to share with the school or if you have any questions please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me via the school office.

Mrs E. Henderson

Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2018				
		5 th	6 th	7 th
		School Reopens	Y2 WOW Day (Science)	Art & Craft workshop (Y2 – am) (Y6 – pm) Swimming commences for Y4 CL
10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th
Meet the Teacher – Y2	Dance teacher working with Y1/Y2 Y3 WOW Day (European Countries)	Meet the Teacher – Y1 Salford Red Devils working with Y5	Meet the Teacher – Y3	** SCHOOL CLOSURE **
17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st
Meet the Teacher – Y5 Y2 WOW Day (History)	Dance teacher working with Y1/Y2	Meet the Teacher – Y6 Y1 WOW Day (Geography) Salford Red Devils working with Y5	Meet the Teacher – Y4	Art & Craft workshop (Y2 – am) (Y6 – pm)
24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th
	Dance teacher working with Y1/Y2	Salford Red Devils working with Y5 MacMillan Cake Sale 3.15pm	Y4 trip to Ribchester Museum Parent Forum at 2.30pm Large School football league at Mesne Lea 3.30pm	Art & Craft workshop (Y2 – am) (Y6 – pm)

OCTOBER 2018				
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics at Irlam Leisure Centre 1-4pm	Nursery open morning 9am	Y1 trip to Blackleach Country Park Salford Red Devils working with Y5	Reception 1 open morning at 9am	Reception 2 open morning at 9am Art & Craft workshop (Y2 – am) (Y6 – pm)
8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Computing Workshop (3KP am) (4KS pm)	Computing Workshop (3JC am) (2SR/2EL pm) Dance teacher working with Y1/Y2 Parents Evening	Maths workshop for parents at 9am Computing Workshop (1CH/1EF am) (4CL pm) Salford Red Devils working with Y5	Computing Workshop (6RD am) (6JT pm) Pet Workshop – EYFS Large School football league at St Edmunds 3.30pm	Computing Workshop (5AH am) (5KO pm) Art & Craft workshop (Y2 – am) (Y6 – pm) Y5/6 Hockey team Quick Sticks cluster event at St Edmunds 1-4pm
15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th
History Workshop for 6RD Sub Committee Governors meeting	History Workshop for 6JT Dance teacher working with Y1/Y2	Y5 Class assembly Salford Red Devils working with Y5	Harvest Festival assembly - KS1 Bill Hayhurst football cup at 3.30pm	Art & Craft workshop (Y2 – am) (Y6 – pm) Reception 1 & 2 Phonics open morning School closes for half term

School reopens on Monday 29th October 2018

General Information

As an 'OUTSTANDING school' we believe there are some core expectations that we should share to ensure all our children achieve their full potential.

Basic Skills

As a member of Bridgewater School we expect all families to undertake the following work at home with their child/children each week:

- Reading with your child every night and bring this to school each day.
- Complete homework every week.
- Practice handwriting, spelling and key number facts.

Attendance

Please ensure your child is in school every day in order for them to make the most of the GOOD /OUTSTANDING learning opportunities on offer.

School opens at 8.45am and lessons start at 8.55am. A free breakfast club is available from 8am every morning (40 places maximum) A bell will ring to signal the start of the school day.

Please report to the main office if you arrive after this time. Children will be taken to their classrooms at 9.15 and 9.30 as not to disrupt learning.

Our identity as an OUTSTANDING school is very important and as such teaching the children to wear the uniform with pride is an important part of this:

Winter Uniform (September to Easter holidays)

- Light blue shirt / blouse / polo
- School tie (available from the school office)
- Grey trousers / skirt / pinafore
- Grey v-neck jumper / cardigan
- Black flat shoes – not trainers
- White/grey socks / tights

Jewellery

Jewellery is **not allowed** in school except for watches and stud earrings.

Hair Styles

All children should present with neat and tidy hairstyles for school.

Mobile phones/electrical devices are not permitted in school

P.E. Kit

Children take part in P.E. twice a week so need their kit in school every day. We recommend that you send this in and leave it in school for the half term:

- White t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Trainers (outdoor) / Black pumps (indoor)
- Dark coloured jogging bottoms / tracksuit may be worn outside in winter.

Should you have any difficulty meeting any of these core expectations please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher

School Rules

Golden Rules

- We are gentle, we don't hurt others
- We are kind and helpful, we don't hurt anybody's feelings
- We are honest, we don't cover up the truth
- We work hard, we don't waste time
- We listen, we don't interrupt
- We look after property, we don't damage things

Playground Rules

- We listen to the adults in the playground
- We stand still when the whistle is blown
- We play together and look after each other
- We let other children get on with their own games
- We sort out our problems in a fair way
- We look after the equipment and put it away properly at the end of play

Lunchtime Rules

- We line up quietly
- We walk around sensibly
- We finish what we are eating before we speak
- We remember to say 'please' and 'thank you'
- We put our own rubbish away
- We talk quietly to the people next to us

Rules Around School

- We walk around school sensibly
- We line up quietly
- We remember to say 'please' and 'thank you'
- We say 'excuse me' when an adult is talking

Uniform

- We wear our uniform with pride
- We do not wear jewellery

Always Children

If a child 'always' follows our golden rules they will be invited to a special event at the end of each term.

Pupil Behaviour Management Guide:

Children are taught to manage behaviour situations with the '5 finger rule':

1. Ignore behaviours.
2. Blank behaviours.
3. Ask politely to stop.
4. Warn you will tell.
5. Tell the teacher.



Anti-Bullying Statement:

The children wrote this statement during anti-bullying week:

Bullying is hurting people with words or actions all the time.

If this is happening to you:

TELL, TELL, TELL –

WE ARE A TELLING SCHOOL!

