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Welcome Back

Autumn Term 2



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A warm welcome back to you all and I hope you had a lovely half-term break! Enclosed is some important information and details about projects and exciting events planned for this half term.

Regularly updated information can also be found on the school website-

www.bridgewaterprimaryschool.co.uk

News and information is also updated via our Twitter page so please do follow us- [@BridgewaterPS](https://twitter.com/BridgewaterPS).

Mrs Henderson's new arrival

We would like to share some exciting news and inform you that Mrs Henderson gave birth to a baby boy yesterday. Huge congratulations to her and her husband and we wish them every happiness.

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. 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.

Below is the **procedure if you are late** when arriving to school in the morning, this forms part of our drive to improve punctuality and school readiness:

- **Pupils arriving late will be asked to wait with their parents/carers in the school reception until 9:15am when all children can be escorted to class together.**
- **Pupils arriving after 9:15am will be asked to wait with their parents/carers in the school reception until 9:30am when all children can be escorted to class together.**
- This is to avoid repeated disruption to classes as the morning activity will have already started.
- This will also reduce the level of disruption to the office staff who escort the children to class.

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.

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 also strongly suggest that all bikes/scooters are locked securely if left on school premises.

Dogs on the Playground

Just a reminder that NO dogs are permitted on school grounds. This includes dogs on leads and smaller dogs in their owner's arms. This is a Salford Council policy for the safety of all children, parents and carers.

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Play Frames

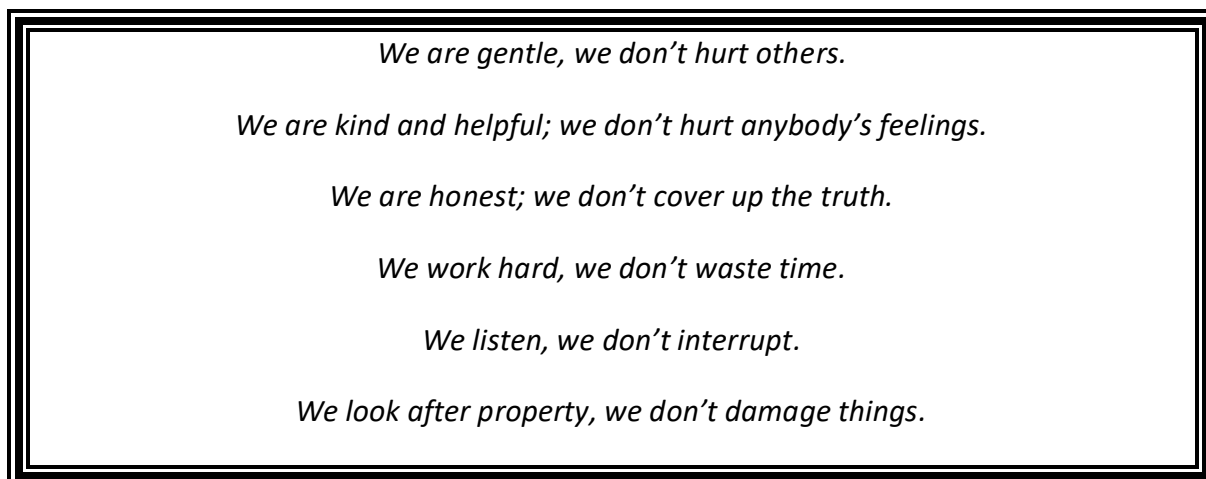
The school has a number of play frames on the school playgrounds to help encourage safe adventurous play. All frames are regularly checked to ensure that they meet safety requirements and are age appropriate. The children are also informed on their safe use and are closely supervised during use. The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

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 by attending after school clubs etc. Your child will have 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 and previous hours will be added (school had purchased the first passport on your child's behalf). I will keep you updated with any further information throughout the year.

Always Children

ALWAYS children are those who follow the Golden Rules without needing to be asked or reminded across each term. To celebrate this *exceptional* behaviour, children are invited to an ALWAYS celebration. Parents/carers are contacted by letter to inform them if their child has been chosen by their class teacher for this reward. The aim of this initiative is to celebrate the massive achievement of children who can, on occasion, be 'overlooked' for ALWAYS being so focussed. It is also a proven incentive for other children to try and achieve the following term.



We would like to acknowledge that without your commitment to your child's education we would not be fortunate enough to have so many ALWAYS children and if your child was not successful this term you can speak to them or their class teacher about how they can be successful next term.

Mr. S. Doherty

October / November 2018

29 th	30 th	31 st	1 st	2 nd
School Reopens	Dance teacher working with Y1/Y2	6RD Height & Weight Measurements Salford Red Devils working with Y3 Halloween Disco	Lacrosse Coaching – Y6	Art & Craft workshop (Y2-am) (Y6-pm)
5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
6JT Height & Weight Measurements	Dance teacher working with Y1/Y2 Y3 Ancient Greek Workshop Governors Learning Walk	WW1 Workshop for KS2		Art & Craft workshop (Y2-am) (Y6-pm)
		Y2 trip to Spaceport 1CH trip to Pets at Home Salford Red Devils working with Y3	Lacrosse Coaching – Y6	
12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th
Y5 trip to Whitworth Art Gallery	Nursery Open Morning Dance teacher working with Y1/Y2	Individual Photographs 1EF trip to Pets at Home Salford Red Devils working with Y3	Lacrosse Coaching – Y6	Art & Craft workshop (Y2-am) (Y6-pm) Children in Need Day
19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd
	R2 Open Morning Dance teacher working with Y1/Y2	Y3 Class Assembly Salford Red Devils working with Y3 EYFS Open Evening for Sept 19 intake (4pm)	Lacrosse Coaching – Y6	R1 Open Morning Art & Craft workshop (Y2-am) (Y6-pm) Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Rec – Y5) Basketball Cluster Event (St Edmunds at 1pm)
26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th
Advent assembly with Rev Eileen	Dance teacher working with Y1/Y2	Salford Red Devils working with Y3	Lacrosse Coaching – Y4 Crucial Crew trip – Y6	Art & Craft workshop (Y2-am) (Y6-pm)
December 2018				
3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
Full Governing Body Meeting	Dance teacher working with Y1/Y2 School Choir attending Walkden Music Festival (Ellesmere Shopping Centre at 1:00pm)	Salford Red Devils working with Y3	Lacrosse Coaching – Y6	Art & Craft workshop (Y2-am) (Y6-pm) Christmas Poetry assembly for whole school
10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th
KS2 Always Party	Dance teacher working with Y1/Y2 Panto trip – Y2 & Y6 (Snow White)	Christmas Experience at St John's church – Y3 Christmas Dinner and Jumper day Christmas Markets (playground at 2pm)	Christmas Performances EYFS (9:30am) Y2 (2:00pm)	Christmas Performances EYFS (9:30am) Y3 (2:00pm) Art & Craft workshop (Y2-am) (Y6-pm)
17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st
Christmas Performances Y4 (9:30am) Y5 (2:00pm)	Christmas Performances Y1 (9:30am) Y6 (2:00pm)	EYFS & KS1 Always party Whole school Christmas service at St John's church	Christmas Party Day (Non-uniform) School closes for Christmas	
No afterschool clubs				

School reopens on **Wednesday 9th January 2019**