



BRIDGEWATER
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Welcome Back

Summer Term 1 2019



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A warm welcome back to you all! Enclosed is some important overview information and details about projects and exciting events planned for this half term. You will also receive a newsletter from your child's classteacher 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.

Staffing

It is lovely to be back at Bridgewater after spending some time with my little baby boy. Thank you to everyone who wished me well throughout my maternity leave. We have 4 members of staff currently expecting and I'm sure you join me in wishing Miss Dalton, Miss Higginbottom and Mrs Moreno all the best as they begin their maternity leave this half term. We have tried to ensure as little disruption to children's learning as possible by covering leave internally - Mrs Cope will take over Reception 1, Mr Doherty - Year 1CH and Miss Knipe will cover Miss Duffy, who will commence her leave in Summer 2. If you have questions about this, please contact the school office and a member of our leadership team will get back to you.

Year 2 and 6 SATs

During this half-term, Year 2 and Year 6 will sit their SATs (Standardised Assessment Tests). This will assess the children's progress and attainment since EYFS/Key Stage 1 and compare them with their national counterparts. We ask that parents help prepare their children for these important tests and remind you that Year 6 attendance during the week of 13th May is vital.

Please note that Breakfast Club will be open to Year 6 children only for the full week - starting Monday 13th May.

The School Office

May we please remind parents that there is a 10p increase in the cost of a school meal from £2 to £2.10 with effect from Monday 15th April 2019. Please contact the school office if you have not yet activated your ParentPay account as paying online is much easier.

Attendance and Punctuality

At Bridgewater, the large majority of our children attend school regularly and benefit hugely from undisturbed teaching and learning. It is expected that children attend school every day and the Government set an acceptable level of attendance as above 95%. Any children who fall under this percentage are monitored carefully by Miss Hopkins and our Education Welfare Officer Jo Reeves; letters are sent half termly to inform parents if attendance is a concern. If improvements are not made, parents are requested to attend a meeting to discuss further actions and a fine is likely to be enforced.

PE kits

Please ensure that your child has a suitable PE kit in school to enable them to take part in physical education sessions. We ask that PE kits (black shorts, white t-shirt and pumps/trainers) are fully labelled, in a PE bag and left in school for the half term.

Life Caravan

The award winning Life Caravan will be visiting school again this year. Coram Life Education and its Delivery Partners help children learn to make responsible life choices. By teaching them about diet, exercise and to manage the risks they may encounter, they help our children make healthier choices and take responsibility for their own lives. Using stimuli-rich and interactive techniques such as puppetry and role play, they teach children about the cause and effect relationships of issues they may face as they grow up. Specially trained educators deliver this programme to schools across the country in a fleet of mobile classrooms.

Smile Mile

Once Upon a Smile provide emotional, practical and financial support to bereaved families at their time of need to enable them to move forward. They also supported our school community last December. For the second year they are running a "Smile Mile" fundraiser and we would like to take part in order to raise funds and awareness for Once Upon a Smile. More details to follow.

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 via the school office.

Mrs E Henderson

Headteacher

April 2019				
15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th
School Reopens	Dance Teacher working with Y1/Y2 Easter Bingo (3.30pm)	Easter Service at St John's church (Y2 – Y6) Eco club taking part in the Great British spring clean Salford Red Devils working with Y6 (Rugby)	Easter Bonnet parade (EYFS) Orthoptics screening (R1)	Good Friday School closed
22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th
Easter Monday School closed	Life Caravan			
	Dance Teacher working with Y1/Y2	Salford Red Devils working with Y6 (Rugby)		
29 th	30 th			
	Dance Teacher working with Y1/Y2 Orthoptics screening (R2)			

May 2019				
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
		Salford Red Devils working with Y6 (Rugby) Y2 SATs test period commences.	East Lancs Railway trip (Y4) Y5 Girls cluster football event at St Edmunds	Anna Lucas author visit (EYFS & KS1)
6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
Bank Holiday School closed	Dance Teacher working with Y1/Y2 Tatton Park trip (Y5)	Class assembly (Rec 2) Jesus experience at St John's church (Y1) Salford Red Devils working with Y6 (Rugby)	Parent Forum (2.30pm)	
13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th
	Y6 SATs test			
	Dance Teacher working with Y1/Y2	Salford Red Devils working with Y6 (Rugby)		
20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th
Walk to school week				
KS1 spelling bee competition Lledr Hall meeting for Y6 parents (3.30pm)	Dance Teacher working with Y1/Y2 LKS2 spelling bee competition Y4/Y5 swimming gala at Walkden baths Salford Schools Athletics Competition at Cleavley's track – 4pm	Curriculum Workshop for Y1 – Y6 parents Salford Red Devils working with Y6 (Rugby) Governors subcommittee meetings	UKS2 spelling bee competition	Smile Mile (Whole School) School closes for half term

School Reopens: **Monday 3rd June 2019**