

Welcome Back

As the children settle back into the daily school routine, the changes to the DFE guidelines has meant the school has become a much more normal place for the children, as we are no longer using the bubble system with classes staying separate. The children are now able to play together at break times, with children across their year group and we have also started collective assemblies in our halls for each Key Stage. We are planning to start trips again for the children and Year 6 will be the first class to go out of school, for a residential visit, when they visit York in October. Other year groups have day visits planned and will share more information about these in the very near future. Moving forward, over the year, we hope to invite parents back into school for assemblies, performances and other events.



Packed Lunches

Thank you for your support in adopting our healthier lunchbox policy, to encourage healthy eating in school. It has been absolutely amazing to see the variety of healthy options the children have brought to school, as part of their packed lunch, and the children discussing and trying out new foods.

Our healthier lunchbox policy is based upon the principles of the *Eatwell Guide*, encouraging a lunchbox to contain:

- a starchy food, e.g. potatoes, bread, rice, pasta;
- plenty of fruit and vegetables, e.g. carrot sticks, an apple, sliced cucumber;
- a source of protein, e.g. beans, pulses, egg, fish, meat;
- a healthy drink, e.g. water, semi-skimmed milk

Just a reminder that we are asking that packed lunches do not include products high in fat, salt and sugar: chocolate, cakes, biscuits, crisps.

Those children having a packed lunch may, if they choose, bring a cake or biscuit as a treat, on a Friday.

Useful links

British Nutrition Foundation - <https://www.nutrition.org.uk/healthyliving/helpingyoueatwell/healthypackedlunches.html>

Healthy lunchbox ideas (Change 4 life)- <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>



Swimming

As part of the PE curriculum, children in Key Stage 2 will receive swimming lessons. Children in Year 5 (Miss Smith's class) and Year 6 have already started swimming lessons this half term. You will receive a letter to notify you when swimming lessons for your child's class are starting.

Children should wear the correct kit for swimming, i.e. girls should wear a one piece swimming costume and boys should wear swimming trunks, not Bermuda shorts. Please note that if your child has long hair, this should be tied back and a swimming cap should be worn.

Swimming is part of the PE curriculum. Children must bring their swimming kit into school with them each Monday. If children are not able to participate due to medical reasons, a letter should be provided with details.

Scooters and Bicycles

Children are more than welcome to ride their scooters and bicycles to school, each morning. There are bike / scooter racks located at the Dykin Road and School Way entrances to store them. Please can you remind your child that they should not ride their bicycle or scooter on the playground for the safety of others.



School Photographs

The school photographer—Bentley Photographic will be in school on Tuesday 2nd November to take individual photographs.

Nasal Flu Vaccination

The School Aged Immunisation Team will be in school to deliver the Nasal flu vaccination to all children on Tuesday 12th October. We will soon be sending more information home to you, as you will be required to give E-Consent for your child to receive this vaccination.

A catch up session will also take place in school on Thursday 9th December, for any children who are absent on the above date.



Trainers / Pumps

There are a number of children coming to school in expensive logoed trainers. The school policy on PE footwear is black pumps or optional ALL black non-logoed trainers. The policy is in place to ensure parents do not feel pressurised to buy children expensive trainers or children feel out of place in comparison to their peers. Our policy is enforced for the health and safety of all pupils and is based on the notion that school uniform promotes a sense of pride and belonging in the school.

After School Clubs

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
KS2 Dodgeball Focus Fit 3:15pm - 4:15pm	KS1 Football Focus Fit 3:15pm - 4:15pm	KS1 ICT Miss Hayes 3:15pm - 4:00pm	Year 3/4 Football Miss Scott 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Year 2 Multi sports Lynch Sports 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Year 4/5 Drama R Marnies 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Year 3/4 Drama R Marnies 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Year 6 Netball Miss Riley 3:15pm - 4:00pm		Year 1/2/3 Drama R Marnies 3:15pm - 4:15pm

School Meal Booking System

As you are aware, we use SchoolComms to enable you to make lunch bookings for your child. Please ensure that if your child requires a school meal, that the meal option is selected in advance and relevant payment is made (if applicable). You will not be able to book your child on for a school meal for the same day. Therefore, please ensure that bookings are completed at least a day in advance.

Unfortunately, the school office / school kitchen are unable to take bookings for school meals on the day. If you do not pre-book your child's meal, it is difficult for the kitchen to estimate how many children are to be catered for. Therefore, if you have not pre-booked your child's meal, they may be provided with a sandwich and a drink or alternatively, you may be asked to bring a packed lunch to school.

If you are experiencing difficulty when trying to book your child's meal, please contact school, who can assist you further.

Thank you



Term Dates 2020 – 2021

Summer Term 2021

Sch opens: Monday 19th April
Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May
Sch closes: Friday 28th May
INSET DAY: Monday 7th June
INSET DAY: Tuesday 8th June
INSET DAY: Wednesday 9th June
Sch opens: Thursday 10th June
Sch closes: Thursday 22nd July 1.00pm

Term Dates 2021 – 2022

Autumn Term 2021

INSET DAY: Wednesday 1st September
Sch opens: Thursday 2nd September
INSET HALF DAY: Friday 24th September
(12.00pm finish)
INSET DAY: Monday 4th October
Sch closes: Friday 22nd October
Sch opens: Monday 1st November
INSET DAY: Friday 26th November
Sch Closes: Tues 21st December 1.00pm

Spring Term 2022

Sch opens: Wednesday 5th January
Sch closes: Friday 18th February
Sch opens: Monday 28th February
Sch closes: Friday 1st April 1.00pm

Summer Term 2022

Sch opens: Tuesday 19th April
BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 2nd May
Sch closes: Friday 27th May
Sch opens: Monday 6th June
INSET DAY: Friday 24th June
Sch closes: Wednesday 20th July 1.00pm

** Please note that there is 1 additional
Inset date to be confirmed.*

Change of Details

It is important that you update the school office if any of your contact information has changed, so that we can update your child's records. This includes emergency telephone numbers, home address or email addresses. Please complete the form on ParentApps to update school with this information (go to 'More' then select 'Change of contact details').

If your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition, please provide a copy of medical evidence from your GP for our records.

If your child is a carer, please let the school office know.

If home circumstances have changed and you find yourself in a private fostering arrangement, please can you notify school.

Thank you

Parents' / Carers' Comments Slip

I wish to make the following comments:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Print name: _____

Parent / Carer of: _____

You can print and return this form to school,

You can email your comments to

admin.moorfield@halton.gov.uk