

Newsletter 07-10-2021

Dear Parent/Carers

EYFS Request

Foundation stage are appealing for donations of old, unwanted kitchen equipment for the mud kitchen. Any unwanted items are gratefully received - pots, pans, wooden spoons, utensils, sieves, colanders, bowls etc.

Start of the Day

We are still finding that parents/carers are arriving at the school gates far too early. Last week we reminded you that the school gates open at 8.35am for our children to gradually drift into their classroom for an 8.45am start. With this in mind there is absolutely no reason for anyone to arrive much earlier than 8.35am.

At the end of the day the gates are open at 2.50pm so please do not arrive before this time.

Flu Jabs

These will be taking place in school on **30th November** for children in Reception to Year 6. Consent will need to be given online and more information with links to this have been sent out. You can also click on the link below. Flu vaccinations cannot be given without online consent but this can be withdrawn if you change your mind. Please also note that you still need to complete the online form if you **DO NOT** consent to the vaccinations (there is an option to refuse permission). If you are refusing permission due to the porcine gelatine in the nasal spray, then there is the option to have an injection instead that does not contain this.

<https://www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

https://www.birklandsschool.co.uk/data/letters/files/Further_Flu_Vaccination_Info.pdf

Parent teacher conversations

We plan on holding this term's parent teacher conversations face-to-face. They will be week commencing 18th October.

Letters will be sent early next week. So please look out for these and remember to send your appointment slip back

COVID cases and Absence

As many of you are aware there has been an increase in the number of positive COVID cases within the community. Please remember that if you or your child develops any COVID symptoms you should book a PCR test immediately. If your child does develop COVID, you must inform school straight away.

Please do not be offended if we ask the reason why your child is not in school. We have a duty to make sure that the people in our school community are safe so have to be aware of all illnesses in case of 'break outs' or anything that is reportable. It is not enough to say that your child not feeling well; we must have more specific reasons please.

Head Lice

We have had cases of head lice in school. Can you please make sure that you check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary. Further information can be found here.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Breakfast Club

If your child attends Breakfast Club and you wish them to eat breakfast, please make sure they are in school by **8am**. After this time we will not be able to guarantee that we will be able to provide them with food. Please do remember that every child in school is offered a bagel as they start their morning lesson. Also, tuck is available at morning break providing you have sent the cash in on Monday.

Pumpkin Competition

We will once again be encouraging all of our children to participate in our annual pumpkin creation competition. A letter around this will be sent out early next week.



Mrs C Smith (Head of School)