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Severne Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th September 2021

OUR NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter is produced each half-term, we feel that this will enable Parents/Carers to keep track of vital information that benefits both families and school. The newsletter will continue to be published on our website.

WELCOME BACK

We would like to say a warm welcome back to school at the start of a new busy academic year. We hope the summer break was an enjoyable one for you and your families, also welcome to our new pupils too.



I felt so proud to see a sea of smiling faces and smart school uniforms.

HELLO



May we say a big, 'Hello and welcome', to our little people who have come to join our Nursery and Reception Classes (13 and 14).

It's a pleasure to see how happy our little ones are and how quickly they settle into a familiar routine in our Foundation Stage setting.

Thanks to you our Parents/Carers who give your support with making the transition a happy experience for our younger children.

HOMEWORK

We cannot emphasise enough how important it is to support your child with their weekly homework and daily reading. We, in partnership with you our Parents/Carers want to ensure our children enjoy and achieve throughout their time at Severne. Please ensure reading is recorded in your child's Reading Record Diary.

PE LESSONS

NOTE: Please make sure that your child/children wear their PE kit to school on their PE day.

The list below shows which day/days your child will have their PE lessons this Half -Term.

SWIMMING:

If your child's class is having swimming lessons, your child will require a swimming kit, towel and coat for the journey.

Class	PE Day
Class 1	Tuesday PE, (Thursday - Swimming this Half-Term)
Class 2	Tuesday PE, (Thursday - Swimming this Half-Term)
Class 3	Wednesday
Class 4	Wednesday
Class 5	Tuesday
Class 6	Tuesday
Class 7	Monday
Class 8	Monday
Class 9	Wednesday
Class 10	Wednesday
Class 11	Tuesday
Class 12	Tuesday
Class 13	Friday
Class 14	Friday

NHS BIG TEA

Many lives have been touched this year due to Coronavirus and on the 5th July, we took part in a big fund raising day to support the NHS.

Due to your generosity we managed to raise a staggering:

£827



Our children thoroughly enjoyed the day and were able to understand the joy of giving to help others. We are so proud of our children and the community we serve.

Once again, thank you.

GOOD NEWS:

Universal Free Meals to continue this academic year for Reception and Infant pupils.



It is not often that we can say that we get something free of charge but, that's exactly what we have!

(Please be aware that dinner money charges still apply for Junior and Nursery children).

- Nursery: Nursery: £2.10 per day
- School: £2.40 per day (£12.00 per week)



A HEALTHY LUNCH BOX



We would find it so helpful if you, our Parents/Carers could support our school by not packing chocolates and sweets into your child's /children's lunchbox.

Children will often go for the sweeter option in their lunchbox, and on occasions will fail to eat their sandwich etc. This has resulted in Parents/Carers, raising concerns that, children are not eating enough at lunchtime.

Please support school and let's work together to keep our children healthy.

Below is a web link that might give you some tips to swop the sugary snacks for some healthy alternatives.

This is a fun way to show your child about their lunch box.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

WATER BOTTLES PLEASE!

I think you will agree that water is so important for the health and wellbeing of our children, therefore, please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school daily.



If you do not have a water bottle at home, children can purchase a bottle for £1 from the school office.

No sugary or fizzy drinks please.

ASTHMA



If your child uses an inhaler at school, please pop in and check it is in date, (this is Parents/Carers responsibility).

An asthma attack can be frightening for young children, so please, please help us keep them safe and check their inhalers!

PLEASE NOTE: Some of our children are finding the Able and Able A2A spacers easier to handle

PUNCTUALITY:

Prompt arrival at the start and the end of the day is essential.

Our School day now starts at 8:30am, and ends at 3:00pm Monday to Thursday and 8:30am to 1:30pm on Fridays. Please ensure you and your child/children arrive at the correct time each day as it can be unsettling for children who arrive late, also at the end of the day, children can become distressed and anxious when waiting for their parent to arrive.

At 3.00pm, the children are in your care and not the in the care of school staff.



IMPORTANT: Please note:

If someone else is collecting your child from school, you will need to phone the school:

Before 2:30pm.

SECONDARY APPLICATIONS



Moving on to Secondary School is an exciting time for our children. Please be aware that the closing date to apply is: 31st October 2021

If you need support to apply on line, please come into school and we will help you to do this.

TERM - TIME LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

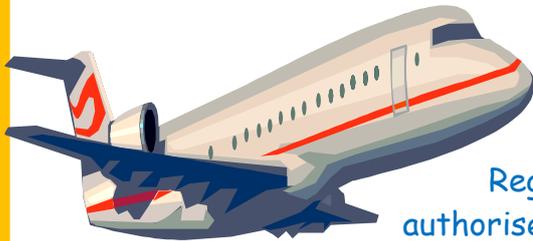
May we respectfully offer some clarity regarding Leave in Term - Time.

There appears to be some confusion for Parents/Carers regarding leave for holidays in term - time.

I can confirm that any leave taken for holidays will be recorded as un-authorized.



This code will be an unauthorised absence and will be pursued under the Fast Track programme, which again, may incur a fine under the BCC, Education Welfare Service Court Section.



All leave **must** be applied for **prior** to the leave being taken.

Amendment to The Education (Pupil Registration England) Regulations 2006, means that Headteachers may no longer authorise leave during term time apart from where the circumstances are exceptional. This is also in accordance with Birmingham Local Authority's 'Leave in Term Time Guidance'.

Leave taken without notice will be recorded as un-authorized.

Please understand that this may lead to the issuing of a penalty notice and legal action being taken or your child losing their school place.

Penalty Notice - Code of Conduct

This document is issued in compliance with the Education (Penalty Notices) Regulation 2007 and the Education Act 1996. Section 444A of the Act states that, if it is believed that a child has failed to attend school regularly and the parent is therefore guilty of an offence under section 444(1) of the Act:

- a Penalty Notice may be issued for £60, if it is paid within 21 days of receipt of the Notice;
- rising to £120, if it is paid after 21 days, but within 28 days of receipt; and
- non-payment will entitle the Local Authority to prosecute the parent for the original offence, under section 444(1) of the Act.

This Code of Conduct will govern the issuing of the above Penalty Notices for schools across Birmingham.

Term Dates 2021 - 2022

School Year 2021 - 2022

Autumn Term 2021

Term Starts: Thursday 2nd September

Half Term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October

Term Ends: Friday 17th December

Spring Term 2022

Term Starts: Tuesday 4th January

Half Term: Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February

Term Ends: Friday 8th April

Summer Term 2022

Term Starts: Monday 25th April

Half Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Term Ends: Friday 22nd July

NOTE: THIS IS A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF SUPPORT SERVICES THAT ARE OUT THERE TO HELP YOU IN TIMES OF CRISIS

• **[Urgent mental health helpline:](#)**

Tel. 0121 262 3555.

(Open 24 hours, 7 days a week and can be used whether you are known to the service or not)

• **[Foodbanks:](#)** There is now a foodbank in Acocks Green, address: c/o Acocks Green Christian Centre, (Rear of 100 Westley Road, B27 7UL. We can also issue foodbank vouchers in times of crisis, email: enquiry@severne.bham.sch.uk

• **Domestic Violence: Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid:**

Tel. 0808 800 0028 Open 7 days a week 9.15am - 5.15pm (closed bank holidays)

Early help in the city for young people and families:

- Kooth - online chat, resources and direct help for (10-25yr olds)
- Pause - mental health and emotional wellbeing support. Register and request support online via their website or call their registration line on 0207 841 4470.

Domestic abuse support services:

National Domestic Abuse Helpline: Tel. 0808 2000 247

Refuge: Tel. 0808 2000 247

Mental health support services:

- Anxiety UK: Tel. 03444 775 774
- Mind: Tel. 0300 123 3393
- Samaritans: Tel. 116 123

Bereavement support:

- NHS bereavement helpline: Tel. 0800 2600 400
- National Bereavement Partnership: Tel. 0800 448 0800

Debt and Financial support services:

- Step Change: Tel. 0800 138 1111
- National Debt line: Tel. 0808 808 4000
- The Salvation Army: Tel. 0121 206 2770

Cancer support services:

- Macmillan: Tel. 0808 808 00 00
- Cancer Help UK: Tel. 0808 800 404

Housing support services:

- Shelter: Tel. 0808 800 4444
- Crisis: Tel. 0121 348 7950

"We want our children to have roots - the academic foundation, self-confidence and positive attitude on which success in school depends.

We want our children to have wings - the thinking skills, creativity, flexibility, enthusiasm and broad view to soar beyond the commonplace".

A caring environment for children to gain confidence and develop independence.

Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership

Our first priority is your child's welfare and therefore there may be occasions when our concern about your child means that we have to consult other agencies even before we contact you as per our statutory duty. The procedures we follow have been laid down by, the Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Partnership.

MR.P.J. HOPKINS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr. P.J. Hopkins', with a stylized flourish at the end.

(HEADTEACHER)