



Birstwith C. E. School

Friday 9th February 2018

The Link

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Parents Consultation Evenings

Parent / teacher meetings will take place on Tuesday 6th March and Thursday 8th March. Appointments will be available for classes 1, 2 and 4 on Tuesday and all classes on Thursday. If you are unable to manage these dates, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative mutually convenient time. The times will be available to book through the online system from Monday 19th February.

CLASS 1

Now that the children are half way through their school year, from Monday 19th February, class 1 are to wait in the front playground with the rest of school at the beginning of the school day, and line up in the same way as the other classes. A member of the class 1 staff team will then lead them round to their classroom.

Office Organisation

Mrs Willetts has made a range of forms available to parents on the wall of the office so that they are accessible even if the office is unmanned.

If you are bringing prescription medicine into school, please ensure a medicine form is completed and signed otherwise we will be unable to administer it. There are also copies of forms for Exceptional Leave of Absence in Term Time

Picking children up at the end of the school day

We have noted that a number of parents are not coming into the school playground to meet their children at the end of the day but expecting them to meet them on the pavement or in the car park. We cannot allow children to leave the playground until an adult has come for them. The area outside the gates is busy at the end of the day and we must ensure the safety of the children at all times. Thank you for your support.

If parents of upper Key Stage 2 children wish their children to walk home independently, we require a letter from the parent authorising this.

Dates for this term

(further details of events will be given nearer the time)

Monday 19th February: Back to school

Thursday 1st March: World Book Day—dress up as favourite book character

Tuesday 6th March: Parent Consultation Meetings

Thursday 8th March: Parent Consultation Meetings

Wednesday 14th March: Years 3 and 4 to the Easter Story Trail at Pateley Bridge

Wednesday 14th March: Year 5 and 6 Orienteering

Wednesday 21st March: Sport Relief afternoon

Thursday 22nd March: Bunny Drive 3.30-5.00pm

Friday 23rd March: 2.30pm Egg Rolling

Wednesday 28th March: Easter Assembly in Church 2.30pm

Thursday 29th March: Break up for Easter 2.00pm

World Book Day—Thursday 1st March 2018—Share a Story

We would once again like the children to bring their favourite book into school for World Book Day and dress up as their favourite character from their special book.

Outstanding Payments

We would be grateful for outstanding payments to be cleared as soon as possible on School Money. Thank you

Safer Internet Day

Please see the information article that Mrs Lacey has compiled for parental information.

Dates for the Link this term:

23rd February

9th March

23rd March

Dates for Merit Assembly this term:

23rd February

2nd March

9th March

16th March

Please note that there are letters tonight in Key Stage 2 bags!

Safer Internet Day 2018

This week we have marked the 'National Safer Internet Day' in school with a whole school assembly and E-safety activities in classes. We have followed this year's theme of "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you" and focused on discussing the importance of behaving respectfully and considering other's feelings when we communicate online. We also watched a short film provided by the UK Safer Internet Centre which reminded the children about what to do if they are feeling overwhelmed by their technology or see something that makes them upset or worried. This has complimented the ongoing E-safety work learning that we do as part of our Computing Curriculum.

In our world of fast developing technology, smart phones, apps, tablets and online games consoles etc. it can be very challenging to keep up to date with your child's online activity and feel confident that you are supporting and protecting them properly.

We wanted to take this opportunity to pass on some resources that you may find useful.

www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers	Lots of information, including how to set up the parental controls offered by your home internet provider and ideas for how to discuss internet safety with your child
www.net-aware.org.uk	New NSPCC Net Aware website for online safety written for parents with sections reviewing social media sites and apps
www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zs83tyc	BBC guide to how to keep kids safe online
www.thinkuknow.co.uk	CEOP (National Crime Agency, Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) website with lots of resources and games for children to learn about E-Safety (this is the resource we used in school with the children)
www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers	Useful information including a section on what to do if you want to report incidents or inappropriate content online
www.common sense media.org	Contains reviews of apps and games with age recommendations and content description
www.internetmatters.org	Contains clear explanations of the risks to children of using the internet and gives age specific advice and guidance

You may also have noticed that on the bottom of our website there is a direct link to CEOP. This link is there to enable you to report to the police if someone has done something online that has made you or your child feel worried or unsafe.

If you would like to discuss any issues surrounding your child's online safety then please feel free to speak to your child's teacher or to Mrs Lacey. Our school E-Safety policy can be found on the school website.