



Monday 9th September 2019

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school term. Newsletters will usually be sent, via email on alternate Fridays. Should you require a paper copy please ask at the office.

Admissions to primary school September 2020

You can apply for a primary or infant school place starting September 2020 for a child born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016. Key dates for a primary, infant school application:

Date	Activity
2 September 2019	Application period opens. You can <u>make your application online</u> .
15 January 2020	Primary application closing date. You can make an application after this date, but it will be a <u>late application</u> . Late applications are not considered until all on-time applications have been considered and allocated.
15 March 2020	Deadline to submit a change of address for consideration.
16 April 2020	Offer day. You will receive your offer of a primary school place.
30 April 2020	Deadline day for accepting an offer.

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/427/primary_school_places_and_admissions (link for online applications)

OPEN DAY

On Saturday 28th September, between 10-1pm, school will be open for parents wishing their child to start in September 2020, to have a look around. Please tell any friends and neighbours that may have prospective pupils to come along.

Existing parents are also welcome to come and see the new facilities- please do join us!

On the open morning our gardeners will be busy at work and would be delighted if you could stop by and lend a hand. A variety of tasks need doing!



I would like to remind parents of the protocol when you have any concerns regarding your child/ren. In the first instance please speak to your child's teacher. Teachers are normally available at the beginning and end of the school day, if the teacher is unable to speak to you immediately they will endeavour to make an appointment with you as soon as possible.



Can I **PLEASE** remind parents to respect our neighbours and park and drop off sensibly? We are very lucky to have Morrisons car park at our disposal albeit that building work is currently causing some disruption – please use it where you can.

The visitor's car park is not for general use. The few blue badge holders who have already spoken to the school are the only cars that should be entering school grounds at the start and end of the school day. **This includes Breakfast Club and after school clubs.**

Please make sure that your childminder or whoever collects your child from school is aware of this.



Reporting your child absence, please contact the school on the first day of absence by 9.30am by way of telephone call to provide the reason for the absence and where possible on each subsequent day of absence. **Parents / Carers should provide a written explanation on their child's return to school.**



Family Holidays in term time.

A reminder that the Headteacher may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Any request for leave must be made in writing. A response will be returned indicating whether leave is authorised. Any absence not authorised may be liable to a local authority penalty notice.

Teacher Training Days for this Academic Year

Monday 21st October 2019
Tuesday 22nd October 2019
Wednesday 23rd October 2019
Monday 6th January 2020
Friday 10th July 2020



'Beat the Street' is back again, the fun walking, cycling game will run from 25th September to 6th November. New fobs and maps will be issued soon. This year we are aiming for 1st place, to achieve this we will need your help and support. How can you help?

Encourage all your family to join in.

Volunteer to walk with your child's class in the morning.

Arrange/join with other parents in a cycling group.

Join a group of people who are challenging themselves to visit every box.

Change your route to and from school to include some boxes.

Look out for other exciting events including a night walk with glow sticks. Other suggestions are always welcome.

Finally, all parents should now be using SIMS pay for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and paying for school trips. If you have not received a code or have any questions, please contact the school office asap.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Billinge

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Billinge'.

Headteacher