

Newsletter 17.03.21

Dear parent/ carers

Once again can we say how immensely proud we are of the children. The resilience and willingness to learn they have shown since their return has blown us away.

Many of you have voiced concerns over 'lost learning' for your child. Be reassured we have and will continue to adjust our provision and curriculum so that long term learning is not an issue for our children.

Attendance

Our attendance since re-opening has been close to 99%. This demonstrates yours' and your child's understanding that education and regular attendance is important. We hope that this positive approach to attending school continues.

We would like to remind that if your child is absent you **must** contact school to inform us why. If we are not contacted, we will be following this up, so please ensure you answer your phone when we ring.

Our learning time begins at 8.45am. Your child **must** be in their classroom by this time please.

Easter Holidays

A reminder that our Easter break is different from that of the other primary schools within the local area.

Birklands and Meden are part of Nova Education Trust and our Easter holiday is from Monday 29th March until Monday 12th April.

Safeguarding

We are concerned about the number of adults that have their phones out on the school grounds.

We would ask that you refrain from having your phones out when on the school grounds. We are sure that the phone call or text can wait until you have dropped off/ collected your child.

Red Nose Day

A big thank you to those of you that have purchased a red nose and already given additional donations to Comic Relief.

On Friday 19th March it is our Red Nose Day. You should have received information about this last week. If you need to remind yourselves see the letter on our website.

Breakfast club and wrap-around care

Our breakfast and wrap around care club continue to be popular. Due to COVID restrictions we have got to limit places to both of these. Currently, this provision is only available to working parents.

If you require a place for your child at any of these clubs you **must book in advance**.

So that we are able to monitor numbers we ask that any places are booked in advance and no later than 2.00pm the day before you require the provision.

We are within our rights to turn away any child that is not booked in.

Breakfast Club

If your child is accessing breakfast club and is wanting breakfast they need to be in school by 8.10am at the latest please.

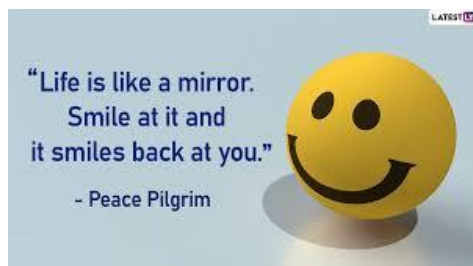
SQUID Account

As you know we are running a cashless system for dinners, uniform and educational visits. We ask that your child's SQUID account is kept in credit each week please, rather than expecting to pay after your child has had their lunch.

COVID and school holidays

Once again schools are being asked to support NHS track and track over a school holiday. In order for this to happen we ask that if your child develops COVID symptoms, is then tested positive between Saturday 26th March and Thursday 1st April you inform school immediately. We ask that this is done via an email to the school office please.

As usual if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.



Mrs C. A. Smith (Head of School)