



Bolshaw Primary School

Autumn Term Newsletter 16.9.2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week and enjoyed the warm September weather, although the temperature had definitely dropped this morning!

We've only been back into school 10 days and the children have amazed me with how settled they are in their new classes. Many children just accept change but for some moving into a new year group, new classroom and new teacher, it can be a bit overwhelming. If you are at all worried about how your child has settled back into school, please contact their class teacher through dojo. Although we pride ourselves on knowing every single child, sometimes there are one or two who can mask their worries / behaviour in school and their behaviour at home is very different to what we see. We need to know this to help support them. Please let us know if this applies to your child.

Yesterday, our Local Authority School Advisor visited us. He commented on how impressed he always is, with the excellent behaviour of our children and how engaged they are with their learning. Today, we were also visited by our Local Authority Early Years School Advisor to see how well our new Reception children had settled into school. She commented on how carefully the children were listening to instructions and interacting with each other. As well as learning and playing together, sharing and taking turns with their new friends. It is always a privilege to show our School Advisors around our wonderful school. We are so, so proud of all the children. Well done everyone.

You will have received a curriculum newsletter from your child's class teacher today. This gives you an overview to the main areas of curriculum focus for this term, as well as homework, routines and class news items.

Within this weeks newsletter, there is information about up and coming events for this term, key term dates for the year and reminders for the start of a new year; as well as a few snaps to capture the week.

Next week, I will be sharing with you our key areas of school improvement. We will also be sending out a questionnaire on school spider which we would like you to complete about various different aspects of your child's education and school life. Your feedback is vitally important to us and will be shared with our Senior Leadership Team and Governing Board.

Next Monday 19th September is a national bank holiday. Our school community will have the opportunity to pay their respects to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 and commemorate Her reign, while marking the final day of the period of national mourning.

A reminder next Friday 23rd September is an INSET day for staff training and school will closed to pupils. Staff will be receiving training on our new phonics and reading scheme. This is very exciting for us as a school and we will be sending out further information next week.

Enjoy your weekend. See you all on Monday.

Miss Brown





Medical Conditions in School



It is absolutely imperative that we know if your child has any kind of medical condition to ensure they have the correct medication and care at school. Please could you inform Mrs Nixon, our school administrator, if your child has any medical needs. If your child has asthma please ensure they have an inhaler (in date and with spacer) in school at all times. If your child requires medicine, please pass the medication directly to Mrs Nixon, who will ask you to fill out the necessary forms so that we can administer it to your child for you. Please note we will only administer antibiotics if your child requires their medication 4 times a day and is well enough to be in school. We work really closely with our school nurse, so if you are at all worried about your child's health, please come and talk to us.



Safeguarding and consent forms



At the beginning of every academic year we send out all our key safeguarding and e safety information for you, as well as consent forms so that your child can take part in range of activities throughout the year. You will have received these on school spider from Mrs Nixon. Please read them all carefully and complete the online form on school spider. It is vitally important that you inform us immediately of any telephone/contact changes you make so we can contact you in case of an emergency. We will require all forms to be sent back by **Friday 30th September** so the data can be collated.

Holidays and appointments in term time

Please can we remind all parents that it is not permitted to take children out of school during term time for holidays. This can significantly affect their progress academically and socially. As advised by the DFE leave of absence will not be authorised unless they are for exceptional circumstances. A written request addressed to myself and the Chair of Governors must be handed into school or emailed two weeks before.



Birthdays

When it is your child's birthday they can wear their own clothes at school if they wish to do so. If it falls on the weekend or during the holiday they can wear their own clothes on the Friday before or the Monday after. Please do not send your child in with sweets or cakes due to our healthy eating policy in school.



School Uniform

We are extremely proud of our school uniform and I would like to thank you all for ensuring your child wears the correct school uniform at all times. They all look so smart on their return to school. Please make sure if your child wears ear rings they are a small stud and if they have long hair it is tied up.

Many thanks for all the donations of school uniform. Next week we will be placing tables in the playground with lots of new and 'good as new' uniform. We will split them into age groups. If you would rather let us know anything you are short of, we can pass these onto you without anyone knowing. We know some of you are finding things difficult financially. Please contact Mrs Nixon on office@bolshaw.stockport.sch.uk or Mrs Gleaves, our Learning Mentor, on learningmentor@bolshaw.stockport.sch.uk

We are not taking any donations at the moment until we have passed on what we have in school. We are running out of space. Please help yourself.

Its always good to have a few spares at home.

Reception Parent / Carer Induction phone call

For all our new Reception parent/ carers and new families to Bolshaw, our Learning Mentor, Mrs Gleaves, will be arranging a meeting over the next few weeks to discuss how your child has settled into school.

Secondary School Applications—Year 6 notice

Reminder - Secondary School Admissions. If your child is in Year 6, you now need to apply for a place at your preferred secondary school. All applications need to be completed online. The deadline for completion is **31st October 2021**.

If you live in **Stockport**, admission arrangements document and guide to completing the online application are available at

[Click here for the Stockport application form](#)

If you live in **Manchester** or **Cheshire East** you need to apply through your council.

[Click here for the Manchester application form](#)

[Click here for the Cheshire east application form](#)

If you require any help please don't hesitate to contact us. It is really important you put down our local feeder school Kingsway (even if it isn't your first choice) If not you may be allocated a school miles away from your home. In previous years, some children have been allocated a secondary school that was the other side of Stockport and one was even 10 miles away and needed two bus changes.

Secondary School Open Evenings—Year 6 notice

Don't forget all secondary schools have their open evenings coming up.

Details have been sent to you from Mrs Nixon





Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest this term on **Wednesday 5th October**. This year we are asking you to donate items once again so we can stock up our school food pantry. It is important we all help our school community for those in need. We have many families who are struggling financially and as we enter the winter months it would be great to think we can help them out, especially with the rising cost of living. There will be boxes outside in the playground and at the main entrance. Children can drop off their contributions safely there. A list of items will be sent out nearer the time. Last year was such a success and you all helped to support many families and vulnerable members of our community. Parents and carers are welcome to join us in the school hall for our harvest celebration at **9.15am**.

Swimming lessons — Year 4



Swimming tuition will take place for our Year 5 children this term. This will be on a Thursday mornings at 9.30a.m at Cheadle swimming pool. To comply with Stockport's school swimming policy, please ensure your child's earrings are removed on their swimming day, unless they can do so themselves. Children with long hair are advised to wear a swimming hat.

Keeping Healthy



Cool Milk

If you would like your child to have milk at their morning break please [click on this link](#). All children under 5 are entitled to this free of charge.



Water bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle with them every day. Only water is allowed. No flavoured water, fizzy drinks or cordial.



Healthy Snacks

Please ensure your child has a healthy snack to eat at playtime and a healthy lunch box. Examples of acceptable snacks for morning playtimes are listed below.

Raw vegetables (carrot, celery sticks etc.)

Fresh fruit (whole or pieces) grapes must be halved

Dried fruit e.g. raisins such as apricots, sultanas, raisins

Please note **NO NUTS** are allowed in school. WE are a **NUT FREE** school.



Coats

Many children have returned to school without a coat. Please could you ensure your child has a coat with them, as it is our aim to go outside for playtimes and lunchtimes every day (even in light showers) unless the weather is extremely poor. Children are also regularly involved in outdoor curriculum studies and coats will definitely be needed in school as the weather is set to become colder!



KEY DATES

for your diary!

BOLSHAW PRIMARY SCHOOL YEAR 2022-23

	School Opens	School Closes
Autumn Term 1	Monday 5 th September 2022	Friday 21 st October 2022
Autumn Term 2	Tuesday 1 st November 2022	Thursday 22 nd December 2022
Spring Term 1	Monday 9 th January 2023	Friday 17 th February 2023
Spring Term 2	Monday 27 th February 2023	Friday 31 st March 2023
Summer Term 1	Monday 17 th April 2023	Friday 26 th May 2023
Summer Term 2	Monday 12 th June 2023	Thursday 27 th July 2023

School Closed

In-Service Day – Thursday 1st September 2022

In-Service Day – Friday 2nd September 2022

In-Service Day – Friday 23rd September 2022

In-Service Day – Monday 31st October 2022

In Service Day – Friday 23rd December 2022

Bank Holiday	-	Friday 7 th April 2023	(Good Friday)
Bank Holiday	-	Monday 10 th April 2023	(Easter Monday)
Bank Holiday	-	Monday 1 st May 2023	(May Day)
Bank Holiday	-	Monday 29 th May 2023	(Spring Bank Holiday)

Reception

let's celebrate!

*Enjoying
our school
dinner
and
talking to
new
friends.*

Teamwork in P.E.

Year
1

*There's
nothing
better
than
a good
book.*



Year 2





*Maths
outside and
working
together to
problem
solve.*



*Sharing
and
discussing
our ideas*





Circle Time in year 5



*Science experiments
with light for Year 6
this week.*

Year 6

