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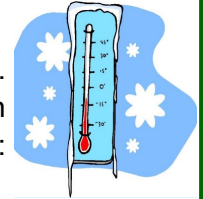
Newsletter

Dear Families,

The second week of term 3 is already over; children have continued to come to school with a positive attitude to learning and are all working hard. Our emphasis, as always, is on outdoor learning and we will always spend a part of the day outside; with this in mind, and with the unpredictable British weather, could you please make sure that your child has a **named** coat, hat, gloves and wellies in school every day.

As the weather gets colder it can become more challenging to stay safe and keep warm. There is a range of information and resources for residents of Swindon that you can access to save on heating bills. Please click on these links for more information:

[Welcome Spaces](#) [Staying safe and warm](#) [Help if you're struggling with living costs](#)



Applications for a Primary School Place to start September 2024 close on Monday. If you have a child with a date of birth between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 you need to make an application via the Swindon Borough Council website

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/427/

[primary_school_places_and_admissions](#). This applies to all children, **even if they already attend Badbury Park Nursery**

We hope that those who attended the curriculum meetings this week found them useful. If you were unable to attend, you can find the presentations on the school website by clicking under "class pages" and scrolling to the bottom of the page.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Dance

Nursery

This week we have been learning about the Three Little Pigs.

All of the children have enjoyed joining in with the words and actions — we even told the story with playdough! We have made houses for the pigs using different materials and talking about shapes.



We practised counting up to 5 and learning how we can make 3 in different ways. We also sang a funny song about little piggies balancing, taking one away each time they fell!

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Reception :

Oak Tree and Ash Tree have started the new year with a bang! We have begun our new topic 'What's Beyond the Stars?' The children have been learning about planet Earth, learning about gravity and what astronauts do. They have thought of some excellent questions to ask an astronaut and found out how astronauts make lunch, wash their hair and brush their teeth in space! The children are really enjoying listening to space songs to help them learn the names of the planets and have been writing lists of things they would take on a space adventure

In maths, we have been learning about length and weight, finding objects that are big and small, heavy and light. Well done for a brilliant first week back!



KS1 Year 1 have been working hard in our school WIRE project focusing on different religions and their practises. Across every year group, we have a chosen religion to research and present to the school in our school competition! Year 1 have been focusing on Islam and we have been working very hard at our performance and rehearsing for our assembly; we have looked at how Muslims pray and where they go to worship and have learnt a lovely song about respecting mothers (Muslims see this as a very important practise in their faith). We can't wait to perform next week! Year 1 have also been explorers in History learning about the important explorers that have discovered things about the world we know today.



In Year 2 we have enjoyed writing calligram Winter poems which have been inspired by outside. We explored the outside environment thinking of similes to use and then wrote our poems as a calligram. We have started looking at division in maths and are looking forward to learning some new maths vocabulary!



KS2 Year 3 have started their forest school sessions with Mrs B this week. It has been a chilly week and enjoyed making a shelter to keep warm. We have been utilising the library to share some stories with our friends and have a class story read to us. In maths, we are getting onto some trickier things but we are all enjoying the challenge!



What a week it has been this week in Year 4 as we donned our swimming hats and packed our towels for our first Badbury swimming lesson. We were our brilliant Badbury-selves on the coach and at the pool. In addition to this, the rate of progress of our swimmers just in one hour was phenomenal! Thank you so much to all Year 4 parents for supporting the school by kitting out your child so well with their swim hats, swimsuits and towels. Although we were all tired after lunch, we are looking forward to next week. Elsewhere in the curriculum we have been exploring the story of the Willow Pattern plate through the illustration, fable, picture book and poem.



We have learnt about the history of Swindon Town Football Club from its inception up to 1970 and compared it to England's history nationally. In maths we have worked on consolidating our subtraction with the use of jottings to support our calculations and what happens to a number when we multiply by 10 and 100.

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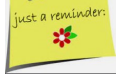

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New Term Reminders

- ↳ **Water bottles:** please supply your child with a **named** water bottle every day. This should contain ONLY plain water (not squash, flavoured water or juice). 
- ↳ **Watches:** children are welcome to wear an analogue watch but please do not send your child to school with a "Fitbit" or a Smart type watch. 
- ↳ **Items from home** such as cuddly toys, cars, necklaces and bracelets should not be brought into school. Please check your child's bag before they come to school.
- ↳ **Jewellery** – increasing numbers of children are coming to school wearing necklaces, bracelets and other jewellery. Stud earrings are the only item of jewellery permitted in school. These need to be removed or covered with tape for PE. Please also make sure that your child does not come to school wearing nail varnish.
- ↳ **Internet safety:** the age restriction for Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube is **13+** and for WhatsApp it is **16**. Therefore none of our pupils should be accessing any of these sites. Please take a moment to read the information on the Internet safety page on our website: <https://www.badburyparkprimary.co.uk/copy-of-useful-websites-information>
- ↳ **Parking:** if there are no available parking spaces at the front of the school please **do not wait on Rainscombe Road** for a space to become available as this blocks the road for other users. Parking bays are available near the Co-Op or on Homington Avenue so please drive past the school and find an alternative place to park. The School Safe zone will be in place soon.

**MOMENTS
MATTER.
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance

On 8th January the Government launched a national campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance. Parents have a legal duty to make sure that their children attend school every day and the New Year is a great time to reset good habits. Being in school is important to your child's academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development and there is evidence to suggest that regular school attendance is a key mechanism to support children and young people's educational, economic and social outcomes. Whilst some absence is unavoidable, the NHS and the Chief Medical Officer say it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. If you are unsure whether to send your child to school, this link provides helpful guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Having good attendance also means being on time and not being late to school. Children who arrive late can feel embarrassed, left out and miss out on important introductions to lessons. Punctuality is an essential life skill that needs to be taught from the very beginning. As the mornings are colder and darker, think about giving yourselves an extra 5 minutes in the morning to layer up with coats, scarves and hats to get to school by 08.45. Our lessons start as soon as the children arrive and being late by just five minutes each day can mean your child missing the start of the same lesson every day, hindering their progress and impacting on their education.

Further guidance on school attendance can be found here: <https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2022/12/aaa-guide-for-parents-on-school->



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Author visit—8th February

We are very excited to be welcoming Neil Griffiths to our school again on 8th February. Neil has written over 30 wonderful children's picture books, including Itchy Bear, Esme's Eggs, The Journey and Sneezey Bear, which have been illustrated by fabulous artists from all around the world. They feature strong storylines and cover subject areas from mini-beasts and farm animals to the seasons and disability. Neil will be telling stories to the children, running a reading workshop for parents and holding a book sale after school.



Friends of Badbury Park Primary School



We would like to say a huge "Thank-You", to everyone who was able to support the Christmas events & activities which raised a wonderful **£1430**, and will directly benefit the school and pupils.

We would like to encourage anyone who may be interested in joining our volunteer or committee groups to please get in contact. We have some exciting plans ahead and would love more of our parents to get involved if you can please. To find out more, contact us, in person or, via our FOBPP Facebook page or, by email using friendsofbadburyparkprimary@gmail.com

EARLY YEARS HEALTH ADVICE SERVICE

We offer education and guidance to families in a fun and interactive way to support well-being across various topics including Mental Health, Minor Illnesses, Healthy Diet/Weight Control, Weaning, Cost of Living and Smoking Cessation.

OUR SERVICES

<h4>STAY AND PLAY</h4> <p>Visit any of our sessions for educational information on a range of topics, access to additional services and support, fun activities for you and your children.</p>	<h4>HEALTHY DIET</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Healthy Food and Access• Nutritional Information• How to make Healthy Snacks• Junk Food• Budgeting Quality Food• Weight Management• Exercise
<h4>MINOR ILLNESS</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immunisations• Dentist before One• Temperature• Meningitis and Sepsis• Activity Ideas• First Aid at Home	<h4>DROP IN SESSIONS</h4> <p>Come and see us for a quick chat at different GP Surgeries, Health Visitor Clinics, Local Baby and Toddler Groups, Community Centres and Churches. Please see our Facebook page or pop us an email to see where you can find us next.</p>
<h4>BUSY HANDS CLUB</h4> <p>Come and join us for Busy Hands Club. Here we do practical activities to keep your hands busy with your little ones.</p>	<h4>WEANING AND NUTRITION</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weaning : What, When and How?• Safe Weaning: Gagging and Choking• Ready for Weaning Signs• Allergies and Intolerances• Nutritional Value• Oral Care

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The Brunel Health Group, in partnership with local GP surgeries and the Public Health Nursing Team, are offering a new service for 12 months aimed at supporting new mums. The service focuses on Healthy Diet and Lifestyle, Managing Minor Illness, Weaning, and Smoking Cessation support as well as Oral Care.

The EYHAS approach involves engagement at baby and toddler groups, participation in Health Visitor Clinics, and the delivery of sessions in a fun and interactive way, designed to educate. Considering the prevailing cost-of-living challenges, the service goes beyond advice by connecting parents with additional resources.

If you would like further information or to register your interest in one of the sessions, please email

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1-1 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
LESSONS AT SCHOOL

PIANO, GUITAR, VOICE AND BRASS

For more information on instrumental lessons please

contact us on 01793 781973 or email
info@swindonmusiccoop.co.uk
www.swindonmusiccoop.co.uk



Music lessons

Is your child a budding singer or guitar or piano player? The Swindon Music Co-Operative are offering individual music tuition here during the school day.

Lessons are 15 or 30 minutes and cost from £8.50-£17.00.

Please go to the Swindon Music Co-op website for further information or to make an application online, please click on the link below:

<https://swindonmusiccoop.co.uk/apply-for-music-lessons/>

Parent Support



UPCOMING PARENTING PROGRAMMES

(open to all parents but they must book a place – please contact us to add to list)

Happy Homes @ Catherine Wayte starts 30th January 2024

Family Links @ Abbey Meads starts 7th March 2024

UPCOMING PARENT SESSIONS

(open to all parents – parents can just attend – no need to book)

Anxiety/Wellbeing @ Lethbridge with Torz and Becky
16/01/24 at 9am

Eating Well @ William Morris with Jacqui and Torz
18/01/24 9am

Eating Well @ Abbey Meads with Jacqui and Dani
25/01/24 9am

Eating Well @ Brook Field with Jacqui and Becky
23/02/24 9am

Sleep Session @ Lethbridge with Jacqui
05/03/24 @ 9am

Sleep Session @ RLK
08/03/24 @ 9am

The Blue Kite
Academy Trust



Have you ever wondered what support is out there for parents?

Would you like to find out more what school has to offer for Parenting Support ?

The Lighthouse Early Intervention Team provide a range of parenting support from advice on sleep, eating, anxiety or wellbeing.

Please come and meet our Parenting Support Advisor, chat with other parents, sign up to upcoming sessions as well as have your say on what support you need.

Tuesday 23rd January 9am in Badbury Park Primary School.

All parents and carers welcome






For more information please speak to Mrs Christmas SENDCO and Inclusion Lead or Mr Hanks Inclusion Office



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School Diary

January 2024

4th: Children return to school
8th: Curriculum meetings for all year groups except Nursery—5pm
12th: "Donation station" - donate any new unwanted Christmas gifts to PTA
23rd: Parent Support drop in from 9am

February 2024

2nd: Number day
6th & 7th: Parent/Teacher consultation evenings
6/7/8th Online Safety week
9th: Last day of term 3
12th-16th—half term holiday (school closed)
19th: Children return to school for term 4
28th National Science day

March 2024

4th: Author study week
7th: World Book Day
13th: Roving Book shop in school
17th: Comic Relief day
22nd: Reports out to parents
28th: "Open house" parents are welcome to come in to see class and books from 2.30pm or 11.30/3.00 for Nursery)
28th: Last day of Term 4
29th—12th April : Easter Holidays (school closed)

April 2024

15th: Children return to school for term 5
22nd: Curriculum meetings for Reception—Year 4

Teacher Training Days 2023/2024

✦ Monday 3rd June 2024

✦ Monday 8th July 2024