



September 2022

Newsletter



It has been so lovely to welcome the children back into school this term. All of the children look so smart in their school uniform and have settled back into school life very well.

Please remember the timings of our school day. All pupils in reception, year one and year two are expected to be in class and ready to learn for 9am. Gates are open from 8.45am and will close at 8.55am prompt. Any child that arrives at school after this will have to be signed in via the school office and will receive a late mark. Late arrivals will be challenged and late marks monitored so please ensure your child arrives at school on time.

Gates will open at 3pm at the end of the school day.

All children have been provided with a school reading bag and water bottle. Reading books and water bottles should be brought into school every day.

Finally, children in year 1 and year 2 have two PE lessons each week. On PE days your child should arrive at school wearing their PE uniform. For health and safety reasons earrings must be removed before children come to school to allow them to take part in their PE lesson.

Thank you for your support with this.

Due to the cost of living crisis we recognise that times are difficult for many. Please speak to a member of staff or contact the school office on 0191 9330830 if you feel you need any additional support or advice. From this Friday 30th September there will be some small bags of food available for any parent or carer that needs one. They will be on a first come first served basis however if demand is high we will increase the supply going forward.



A small bag of food is available to collect from the school office for any of our parents/carers that need one during this cost of living crisis.

GRAB A BAG

Collections every Friday from the school office

Please note there are only a limited number of bags available and this will be on a first come first served basis.

If initial demand outweighs supply we will increase the bags available

Facebook/MySchoolApp

Please ensure you download myschoolapp and check our school website and facebook page on a regular basis. It is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening in school and we share lots of important information with parents and carers via these communication streams.

If you already have myschoolapp on your phone/device please ensure you adjust your notification groups under settings on the app. This will ensure you always receive any messages relevant to your child's new class.



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Staffing

Mrs Percival is currently teaching short term in Blue class whilst we await the arrival of Miss Armstrong who was appointed to a full time post at our school. Miss Armstrong currently visits Blue class each Wednesday and is working closely with Mrs Percival to ensure that the change of teacher is managed effectively with no negative impact on your child's education. The confirmed start date for Miss Armstrong will be confirmed shortly. Thank you.

Our Attendance Target is 96%



	5/9/22	12/9/22	19/9/22	26/9/22	Total
Nursery (AM)	98	96.15	82.69	94.87	92.53
Nursery (PM)	100	90.91	89.13	94.20	92.38
Nursery (Red)	100	98.33	83.33	100	94.80
Orange	94.23	95.38	95.19	91.77	94.30
Yellow	100	95.38	91.83	94.30	95.58
Green	100	95.00	95.00	95.56	96.26
Blue	98.75	96	98.75	95	97.27
Indigo	97.92	95	95.83	97.78	96.46
Violet	89.58	99.33	95.83	98.33	95.96
Total	96.92	95.84	93.95	95.88	95.61

Class	PE Days
Green	Monday and Thursday
Blue	Tuesday and Thursday
Indigo	Monday and Wednesday
Violet	Tuesday and Wednesday

Attendance Incentive

We have made a positive start, keep up the good work!

Our school will continue to rigorously challenge poor attendance and persistent absence. Please ensure your child is in school on time unless they are clearly too poorly to attend. The school's attendance team are keen to acknowledge good attendance and one of the ways we aim to do this is through our good attendance initiative run every term.

If your child achieves 97% attendance or more during this school term you will automatically be entered into a raffle to win a £25 voucher. Parents who qualify will be notified and the raffle will be drawn at the attendance assembly in December.

Good luck everyone!

Biddick Babies

Congratulations to Mr Best & his wife who welcomed their daughter in May and to Mrs Hanlon & her husband who welcomed their son in August. We send our good wishes to the new families.

Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 5 th October	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 6 th October	Violet Class Parents in school 2.30pm – Soup Kitchen
Friday 7 th October	Indigo Class Parents in school 2.30pm – Soup Kitchen
Friday 21 st October	Last Day – Break up for half term
Monday 31 st October	Back to school
Monday 31 st October	Nursery Stay & Play (Further info will be sent out in a separate letter)
Wk Com 7 th November	Parents Meetings in school (Further info will be sent out in a separate letter)
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need
Friday 2 nd December	Christmas Tree Lighting
Friday 16 th December	Reception Nativity
Monday 19 th December	Dress up for Christmas
Tuesday 20 th December	Christmas Parties
Wednesday 21 st December	Trip to The Customs House for the Christmas Panto
Thursday 22 nd December	Attendance Assembly at 2.30pm Last Day – Break up for Christmas
Friday 23 rd December	School Closed – Inset Day
Monday 9 th January	Back to school