

Welcome to the first digital newsletter of the new academic year!

We would like to say a BIG thank you to you all for your hard work in supporting your children to get back to school and learning.

There has been a lovely atmosphere in school, with the children enjoying seeing their friends and classes getting back to learning in engaging and exciting ways.

Each class has put together a letter which will provide details about the timetable and curriculum over the term.

INSET Days

Friday 23rd October 2020
Monday 4th January 2021
Monday 1st February 2021
Thursday 1st April 2021
Thursday 22nd July 2021

Cashless systems

Thank you to everyone who has already been using the cashless system to make purchases. If you need help with setting this up, please speak to Mrs Ward or Mrs Wright in the Office.

This cashless approach is part of the COVID risk assessment.

Parenthub

We have increased our use of Parenthub during lockdown and will be continuing to use it as a quick and effective way of getting information and updates to you.

We have had positive feedback about the updates shared with you during the first few days.

Teachers will also post regular communications and reminders through Parenthub. Please make sure you've signed up so you receive this information.

School Dinners

Prices have increased to £2.20 per day for a school dinner.

Support

If you need advice, guidance or support with your children, please ask to speak to the Learning Mentors, Mrs Wood or Mrs Ashley. They will be able to help you or direct you to services within the community or school, such as P4YP (Positive 4 young people) and Listening Ear (counselling service).

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week was 94.4%

Our target is 96%

Class	Attendance %
Nursery (am)	93.9%
Nursery (pm)	96.2%
Reception	98.7%
Year 1	94.5%
Year 2	99.4%
Year 3	94.2%
Year 3/4	84.4%
Year 4	94.9%
Year 5	92.9%
Year 6	95.2%

Achievement of pupils at expected level

Pupils at risk of under-achieving

Pupils underachieving

The School Day

Morning Nursery	Afternoon Nursery
8.45-11.45am	12.30-3.30pm

Main School

8.45-8.55am Pupils come into school independently.

8.55am School starts. All pupils must be in their classrooms ready to start the school day.

9.00am Registration ends. Pupils arriving after this time will be marked as late.

9.10am Pupils who arrive after this time will receive an unauthorised absence.

Any pupils arriving after 9.10am will need to enter through the main entrance.

Home-time

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will finish at 3.25pm. All other pupils will finish at 3.30pm.

Please do not enter the site before 3.20pm.

Attendance

Thank you for getting your children to school and on time during these first few days.

Getting back into regular routines can be tricky, but are important. Pupil attendance is expected to be at least 96% across the year.

Each week we will share with you the attendance for each class so you can see how if we are meeting this.

The school attendance policy can be found on the school website:

<https://www.newbolsover.derbyshire.sch.uk/key-information/statutory-information/attendance>

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

In September 2013 the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 came into force. These regulations make it clear that Headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term-time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances. These regulations also state that holidays cannot be authorised retrospectively. Any requests should be on an official school absence request form and handed into the school office for consideration prior to any holiday/leave arrangements being made.

You may be issued with a Penalty Notice should leave be taken which is not authorised. If unpaid this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996.