



Be The Best You Can Be

Weekly Newsletter

New Bolsover Primary
School

01.04.22

Welcome to this week's digital newsletter. This week, the Fire Service visited Year 2 and Year 6 to undertake fire safety workshops. The Fire Safety Officer said that our pupils behaved in an exceptional manner and were knowledgeable about the topic. Well done Y2 & 6! After Easter there will be a new lunch menu. If you wish to order a baked potato or sandwich, please do so by emailing info@newbolsover.derbyshire.sch.uk, at least the day before. The new menu will be sent out next week.

Attendance was 94.1% this week.

Well done to Y3, Y5 and Y6 with high attendance. Please ensure your child arrives on time.

81
pupils
late this
week

Class	Attendance	No. lates
Year 3	99.3%	4
Year 5	98%	14
Year 6	97.8%	15
Year 4/5	95.8%	15
Year 1	92.3%	3
Year 4	91.9%	11
Reception	89.4%	4
Year 2	86.8%	15
AM Nursery	83.6%	0
PM Nursery	71.7%	0

School Lunch Menu

Monday	Margarita pizza, pasta, vegetables Chocolate orange crunch
Tuesday	Roast pork, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables & gravy Chocolate pear cake
Wednesday	Beef meatballs, tomato sauce, pasta vegetables Apple flapjack
Thursday	Beef casserole & Yorkshire pie, creamed potatoes, vegetables Cookie with fruit portion
Friday	Breaded fish fillet, chips, vegetables Lemon drizzle sponge pudding with custard

Yoghurt and fresh fruit served daily. Homemade bread served at least twice a week.

From Monday, Year 1 will come into school through the main entrance, along with the rest of key stage 1 and 2.

Easter Raffle

From Monday 4 April, Easter raffle tickets can be purchased from Mrs Ashley or Mrs Wood on the gates in the morning, for £1 per strip. Proceeds will go towards our Jubilee celebrations in May. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 8th April.

Parent Portal

[RM Parent Portal Overview \(rmintegris.com\)](https://rmintegris.com)

RM Integris Parent Portal helps schools with parental engagement by sharing key information about their children in a dashboard of simple charts. The portal pulls from the school's RM Integris MIS and shows parents their child's attendance figures. Schools benefit by sharing information securely and cost-effectively with parents, helping parents to feel informed and empowered.

An invitation link will be sent next week- it is personal to you so each parent will receive their own invite. If we do not have your email or you do not receive an invite, please contact school on 01246 823240 or call in to the office to update your details.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
MONDAY	Flute lessons- Year 4
THURSDAY	Swimming lessons- Year 6.
4-8 April	Easter raffle- tickets available on the gate in the morning.
11-22.4.22	EASTER HOLIDAYS
25 April	INSET DAY
2 May	MAY DAY Bank Holiday
3 May	Class photographs
3-25 May	Y2 SATs
9-12 May	Y6 SATs
6-10 June	Y1 Phonic Check
6-24 June	Y4 Multiplication Check
25 May	Jubilee Celebration
26 May	INSET DAY
27 May	BANK HOLIDAY
30 May-3 June	HALF TERM
8,15,23 June	Y6 to Pleasley Vale
24 June	Y4 Hallé Orchestra
28 June	Y6 to Nottingham Trent University
12 July	Y5 Taster Trip- Bolsover School
15 July	Y6 leavers' event 2pm Parents/Carers invited
20 July	Final day of term Y6 Transition Day- Bolsover School

Safeguarding: Online Safety Setting up devices for children

A number of pupils are known to be accessing inappropriate materials online for their age. It is very important that you are aware of the features available on devices, broadband etc which can be used to help protect your children, and ensure protective measures are in place. Internet Matters have a huge range of advice and guidance, which includes simple guides to set up devices such as tablets, phones, gaming devices, laptops. A good starting point is here:

[Checklist: Set up your child's tech devices with right safety settings - Internet Matters](#)

YouTube- Parent Allowlisting

The YouTube Kids app was introduced in 2016 and was designed to allow younger users to access YouTube in a more managed way, whilst giving parents extra controls. Research suggests that very few young children use this service, often because what they want to watch isn't on this channel. This has now changed. YouTube have introduced a new service called Parent Allowlisting which can be used on mobile devices where a parent can approve a video/channel from the main YouTube app into their child's YouTube account. Please follow the video link for further information: [Share content from YouTube to your child's YouTube Kids experience - YouTube](#)

Well done to two of our Year 2 pupils who have passed Stage 1 of the Learn to Swim programme!



Bolsover
Holiday Activity Programme

FREE
includes
LUNCH!

You must book your place!

Monday 11 April
10am-2pm at Castle Leisure Park, S44 6QD
• Crazy Golf • Multi Sports

Tuesday 12 April
10am-2pm at Castle Leisure Park, S44 6QD
• Climbing Wall (7 years+) • Multi Sports

Tuesday 19 April
10am-2pm at Castle Leisure Park, S44 6QD
• Dodgeball • Castleball • Boccia • Kurling • Bowls

Thursday 21 April
10am-2pm at Hillestown Village Hall, S44 6LW
• Crazy Golf • Multi Sports

Friday 22 April
10am-2pm at Castle Leisure Park, S44 6QD
• Football • Dodgeball • Cricket • Basketball

To book:
Please scan the QR code on your phone or tablet and complete the booking form or visit:
https://selfservice.bolsover.gov.uk/services/Leisure_Services_Dirtnach_Consent_Form

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The providers are free and children will be provided with a packed lunch (32 available) and will need to be dressed appropriately to the weather on the day. Parents are required to fill out a consent form at drop off. For more information on these sessions please call **01298 242671**.

Attendance

Following the publication of the Government's White Paper for Education this week, we wanted to remind you of the importance of attendance and punctuality. Pupils should arrive on time and be collected on time. Pupils should not be leaving early unless they have a medical appointment (inform the office in advance).

Nursery times: 8:45-11:45am & 12:30-3:30pm

Reception-Year 6: 8:55am-3:30pm
(pupils can come into school from 8:45am)

We have been regularly acknowledging and rewarding good attendance and punctuality by giving pupils a colouring pencil on random days. We have now given out 4 pencils, with three further days to collect the full set of 7. How many has your child got so far?

Holiday Activities available in the Bolsover area:

[Holiday activities in Bolsover - Derbyshire County Council](#)

The new Parent Portal outlined on page 1 will enable you to look at, and keep track of your child's attendance regularly.

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.

Information for Parents and Carers

Every child has a right to a good education. Every parent has a duty to ensure their children get this education by attending school regularly and consistently. Helping the child to be in good habits establishes a pattern that supports this entitlement. The Local Authority has the right to consider taking legal action against any parents/carers who repeatedly fail to accept their responsibility for sending their children to school on time and regularly.

Attendance and punctuality are very important. We expect pupils to have an attendance level of at least 96%. Research has proven that pupils who attend school for at least 96% of each year have higher levels of achievement and make better progress. It is also crucial for social development, health and well-being.

When your child can miss school

When they are too ill to attend.

When you've got permission in advance from the Head Teacher. This is for exceptional circumstances only. *Please see Appendix i for further details.*

Arrival and Registration

8.45am Pupils are encouraged to 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.

Absence from school

The school should be informed by 9am on the first day of a child's absence through illness, and any subsequent days. If we do not hear from you, you will be contacted.

Medical appointments should be made outside of school hours where possible. If a child is out of school for a medical reason this should be as minimal as possible. Appointment cards must be shown to the office in advance of appointments. You will be required to sign your child out on collection, and in on return. Pupils should not be collected early.

Monitoring and reviewing

You will receive a colour-coded herringbone attendance sheet 3 times per year. If your child's attendance falls below 90% you will be contacted by school in order to review and clarify the reasons for absence. Falling below 90% in a 12 week period will trigger involvement of other agencies. This is a supportive process of monitor and review to help form habits of punctuality and regular attendance. If you do not engage with the process and attendance does not improve, you will be in danger of being fined. Absence reviews will take place every six weeks, with an expectation that attendance will improve. Relevant agencies and teachers will be present at these meetings. Once attendance has improved, there will be an expectation that the acceptable level is maintained. If attendance begins to decline again, the process could be accelerated.

Nursery

Attendance is not statutory in Nursery but there is a waiting list and a demand for places. If your child is taking up a place but not attending regularly, a decision could be made to offer the place to another parent/child.

Appendix i

Term-time pupil absence requests

1. Term times are for education. This is the priority. Children and families have 175 days off school to spend time together, including weekends and school holidays. Head teachers will rightly prioritise attendance. The default school policy should be that absences will not be granted during term-time and will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.
2. The decision to authorise a pupil's absence is wholly at the head teacher's discretion based on their assessment and merits of each request.
3. If an event can be reasonably scheduled outside of term-time then it would not be normal to authorise absence for such an event – holidays are therefore not considered 'exceptional circumstances'.
4. Absences to visit seriously-ill relatives or for a bereavement of a close family member are usually considered to amount to 'exceptional circumstances', but for the funeral service only, not for extended leave.
5. Absences for important religious observances are often taken into account but only for the ceremony and travelling time, again, not for extended leave. This is intended for one-off situations rather than regular or recurring events.
6. Schools may wish to take the needs of the families of service personnel into account if they are returning from long operational tours that prevent contact during scheduled holiday time.
7. Schools have a duty to make reasonable adjustments for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
8. Families may need time together to recover from a trauma or a crisis.
9. It is acceptable to take a pupil's record of attendance into account when making absence-related decisions.
10. It is important to note that head teachers can determine the length of the authorised absence as well as whether a particular absence is authorised.

The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional circumstances' are that they are 'rare, significant, unavoidable and short'.