



Head Teacher: Mrs. J Caunce

Wednesday 4th September 2024 -Newsletter 1



Dear Parent/Carers,

A warm welcome back after the summer holidays. Please can we extend our gratitude for all the well wishes, gifts and thank you messages we had at the end of the school year. They were so heartening to receive and all the staff were really appreciative of all of them. A huge welcome to our new EYFS children and their parents. We very much look forward to welcoming you into our Ribble Drive community. Please do take the time to read over the newsletter carefully and make note of some important dates for your calendars this term. With your ongoing support, we are committed to making this another fantastic year at Ribble Drive.

Attendance and Punctuality

The government is still trying to improve school attendance. With this comes new legislation that came into effect in August of this year. This will impact you if you are planning holidays during term time. The main changes link to the reduction in sessions needed before a fine is issued (5 consecutive days - previously 10), the increase in the fines, and when a third offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate Court. These fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Please see the flowchart, attached to the newsletter, for further clarification. (Please note: this will affect parents who chose to remove their child for holiday purposes during the last three years - fines **will** be issued)

Attendance affects learning

Attendance affects future outcomes

Attendance affects wellbeing and a sense of belonging

School Uniform

Children should come to school, wearing their full school uniform. Please ensure your child wears suitable, hard wearing shoes. Nail varnish or acrylic nails are not permitted, and a watch and stud earrings are the only type of jewellery that should be worn. Hair styles and cuts should be smart and appropriate. Please ensure your child has a suitable, waterproof coat each day.

Please see below our required uniform:

- Navy blue jumper/cardigan with logo (£11.50 from the office). School will accept jumpers/cardigans with no logo, however, it must be the same colour. (Green Jumpers - Year 6 ONLY)
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress
- Blue checked dress (Summer term)
- White socks
- Black school shoes
- School book bag (available from the office for £6.00) (not compulsory)

P.E Uniform:

- Dark blue T-shirt with logo (£6.00 from the office) or a plain t-shirt of the same colour.
- Black shorts
- Pumps
- Outdoor P.E - suitable trainers and clothing (e.g. navy/black tracksuits). No football kits unless training

UNICEF

This half term we are focusing on Article 28-
Every child has the right to an education.
This is to reinforce and support every child's right to attend school, on time, every day.



Sports Clubs

All after school sports clubs will start week beginning September 9th from 3.30 -4.30. These will be targeted at different year groups throughout the year, and Mr Lord will be issuing more details on Class Dojo.

Monday - (Y1/2) - Multi-Skills

Tuesday - (Y3/4) - Dodgeball

Wednesday- (Y5/6) - Dodgeball

Parents should note that after school promptly and pupils must be collected from the back of the hall. Staff are not responsible for supervising children after the activity has finished.



Nut Allergies

Please ensure that all food brought into school is free from nuts. If your child is celebrating a birthday we ask that you only send in 'free from nut' produce. We have children in school with SEVERE nut allergies and we must ensure we adhere to these rules.

Meet the Teacher

Please see the dates and times for our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. This will be a chance for you to meet your child's teacher and other staff working with them this year. All meetings will take place in the classrooms.

Open Classroom Events

This year we will, once again, be holding termly open classroom events for parents. These events will give you all an opportunity to visit your child in class and look at their current learning. Please check the dates for this term.

Parents Evening

This term, Parents Evening will be held on Wednesday 20th November. You will be able to book a timeslot nearer the time. The evening will take place in the school hall where you will be able to meet your child's teacher and discuss their current progress.

Dinner Money

Dinner money is currently £13.00 per week per child, and this is payable via Scopay.

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

03.09.24 - New Term starts
03.09.24 - EYFS Home Visits
09.09.24 - Meet the Teacher - Year 6 - 3pm
10.09.24 - Meet the Teacher - Year 1 - 3pm
11.09.24 - Meet the Teacher - Year 4 - 3pm
12.09.24 - Meet the Teacher - Year 5 - 3pm
13.09.24 - Meet the Teacher - Year 2 - 3pm
16.09.24 - Meet the Teacher - Year 3 - 3pm
17.09.24 - Meet the Teacher - EYFS - 3pm
20.09.24 - Jeans for Genes Day
23.09.24 - SEN Parents Meeting - pm
27.09.24 - Macmillan Coffee Morning - 9.00am
30.09.24 - Year 6 Bikeability - all week
04.10.24 - ADHD awareness day - wear orange
07.10.24 - Assessment Week
09.10.24 - Come Dine with Me - EYFS - 11.30am
10.10.24 - Mental Health Day - wear yellow
10.10.24 - Individual School Photographs
15.10.24 - Come Dine with Me - Y1 - 11.30am
15.10.24 - Year 4 Class Assembly - 3pm
18.10.24 - School Closes - Half Term
29.10.24 - School Opens (TUESDAY)
29.10.24 - Flu Vaccinations
30.10.24 - Come Dine with Me - Y2 - 11.30am
31.10.24 - Halloween Disco - EYFS, Y1 & Y2 - 1.30pm
31.10.24 - Halloween Disco - Y3 & Y4 - 4.30pm - 5.30pm
31.10.24 - Halloween Disco - Y5 & Y6 - 5.30pm - 6.30pm
06.11.24 - Come Dine with Me - Y3 - 11.30am
11.11.24 - Open Classroom Event - EYFS - 2.45pm
11.11.24 - Open Classroom Event - Y5/6 - 2.45pm
12.11.24 - Come Dine with Me - Y4 - 11.30am
12.11.24 - Open Classroom Event - Y1/Y2 - 2.45pm
13.11.24 - Open Classroom Event - Y3/Y4 - 2.45pm
15.11.24 - Children in Need - Pennies for Pudsey
19.11.24 - Come Dine with Me - Y5 - 11.30am
19.11.24 - Y6 Class Assembly - 3:00pm
20.11.24 - Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.00pm
21.11.24 - Young Shakespeare Company - Y5&6
25.11.24 - Assessment Week
26.11.24 - Come Dine with Me - Y6 - 11.30am
29.11.24 - Tree decorating
10.12.24 - Infant Dress Rehearsal - 10am
11.12.24 - Infant Christmas Nativity - 10.00am / 2.00pm
12.12.24 - Christmas Lunch
13.12.24 - Christmas Fair
16.12.24 - EYFS, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Crafts - 9.15am
16.12.24 - Y3 & Y4 Christmas Crafts - 2.00pm
17.12.24 - Y5 & Y6 Christmas Crafts - 2.00pm
18.12.24 - Class Christmas Parties - pm
19.12.24 - Whole School Panto - pm
20.12.24 - Break up - Christmas break





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Attendance

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes came into force for Penalty Notices issued after the 19th August 2024

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notices Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be
£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10-week period

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education