



Newsletter 7

23 OCTOBER 2020

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been lovely to welcome our children back after the partial school closure in the summer term. The children settled back into school life immediately and are already catching up on the learning they missed over the Spring and Summer terms. We are extremely proud of them and I'm sure you are too.

In the summer we invested in an online homework platform called Mathletics to support learning at home alongside Bug Club for reading. If you have any questions or difficulty accessing the programme please contact the school office or speak to your child's class teacher.

The government has just updated their guidance for schools. One of the key updates is:

- Always keeping occupied spaces well ventilated

With this in mind we will:

- Open high level windows to maintain fresh air flow
- When rooms are vacated for break/lunchtime, open doors and windows
- Open internal doors to give airflow
- Encourage warmer clothing in colder weather

We will also continue with the following measures:

- Enhanced cleaning arrangements
- Robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- Consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing wherever possible
- Stagger lunchtime and play times
- Group children together by continuing to operate a bubble approach
- Avoid contact between groups wherever possible
- Encourage staff to maintain distance from pupils and other staff as much as possible
- Stagger start and finish times to the school day

***Please note we have made some slight changes to start and end times. See below**

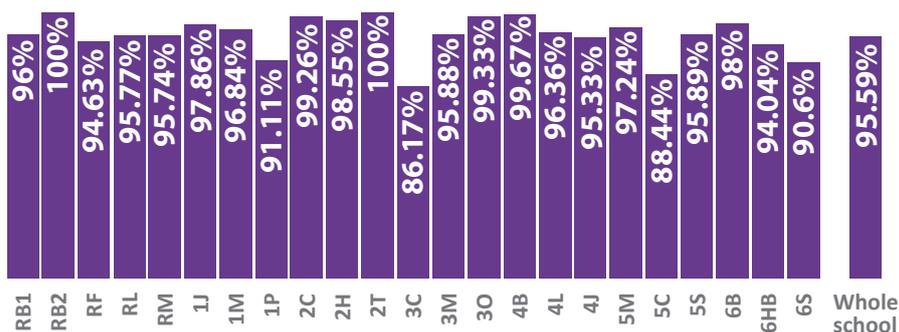
| Children start times | Children finish times |
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| YN , 8:30am | YN , 3:30pm |
| RF, 1J, 1M, IP, RB1, RB2 - 8:40am | RF, 1J, 1M, IP, RB1, RB2 - 3:00 pm |
| RL, RM 8:45am | RL, RM 3:05 pm |
| 2C, 2H, 3O, 3M - 8:45 am | 2C, 2H, 3O, 3M - 3:05 pm |
| 6H, 6B, 6S, 5S - 8:50am | 6H, 6B, 6S, 5S - 3:10pm |
| 4L, 4B, 4J - 8:55 am | 4L, 4B, 4J - 3:15 pm |
| 5M, 5C, 2T, 3C - 9:00 am | 5M, 5C, 2T, 3C - 3:20pm |

To support you, we have created a Parent Handbook which contains all the information you need to know. [see here](#)

Thank you for your continued support
Mr Rogerson

ATTENDANCE

Attendance W.C. 12 OCTOBER 2020



"Children love to learn. The learning environment is inspiring and relationships between staff and children are exceptionally positive" - OFSTED MAY 2019

INSPIRE our children to succeed

CREATE excitement for learning

ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| W/C MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER | PARENT'S EVENINGS |
| W/C MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER | ANTI BULLYING WEEK |

Please remember to complete your application for secondary school as soon as possible, no later than **31 October 2020**. Please remember to choose more than one school.

See https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions for details

If you apply after the final closing date of 31 October 2020 your application will be considered as a late application and will not be processed until after the offer of places on 1 March 2021. **Late applicants are less likely to be offered a place at one of their preferred schools.**

TERM DATES

| BREAK UP | RETURN TO SCHOOL |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| FRIDAY 23 OCT | MONDAY 2 NOV |
| FRIDAY 18 DEC | TUESDAY 5 JAN |
| FRIDAY 12 FEB | MONDAY 22 FEB |
| THURSDAY 1 APR | TUESDAY 20 APR |
| FRIDAY 28 MAY | MONDAY 7 JUNE |
| WEDNESDAY 21 JULY | |
| PLEASE NOTE: | |
| MONDAY 4 JAN 2021 SCHOOL CLOSED | TEACHER TRAINING DAY |
| MONDAY 19 APR 2021 SCHOOL CLOSED | TEACHER TRAINING DAY |



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School is even more important now than it ever has been. With such a disrupted and challenging few months, never have so many children been away from school and for such a long period of time. It really has been unprecedented and we do understand that it has been a tough time for everyone. That's why, more than ever before, your child belongs here, in school - learning, socialising, growing and succeeding!

It is a legal requirement that your child is in school. Unnecessary and unauthorised absences not only damage your child's chances of academic success, but poor attendance can have a lasting negative impact on children's social and academic outcomes. It also disrupts links with their peers and wider school life. Ultimately, it could result in a fine or even court action if absences build up.

At Billesley we continue to provide your child with an inviting, secure and outstanding place to be, with so much to continually look forward to. Please continue to send your child/ren into school every day and let's work together to make 2020/2021 the success our children deserve.

COVID- 19 Absences

We continue to closely monitor the impact of COVID - 19 related absences. Please ensure you communicate with us and keep us up to date with what is happening, including test results and changes in circumstances.

| COVID - 19 | | |
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| <p>If your child has a temperature, a persistent cough, loss of taste or smell. It might be one or more of these symptoms.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> The household must isolate until result. <input type="checkbox"/> Get a test asap</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE = Stay at home for 10 days from the test date <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE = Return to school asap. <input type="checkbox"/> YOU MUST LET SCHOOL KNOW TEST RESULTS ASAP.</p> |
| <p>If someone in your household has the above symptoms - ONLY THE PERSON WITH SYMPTOMS SHOULD GET A TEST.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> The household must isolate until result. <input type="checkbox"/> The person with symptoms get a test asap.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE = Stay at home for 14 days from start of person's symptoms <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE = Return to school asap. <input type="checkbox"/> YOU MUST LET SCHOOL KNOW TEST RESULTS ASAP.</p> |

Thank you for your continuing support.
Mr Hook.

YEAR 4 PE

In year 4, we have been training to compete against Usain Bolt! I wonder if any of us will be good enough for the 2028 olympics! During this half term, we have worked on our sprinting skills. We started with basic techniques such as hip to lip and our starting positions. We have really enjoyed racing against each other to test our new skills. As well as this, we have been practising our football skills. Without competing in any matches, we have built on our skills week by week developing our dribbling. We have loved the games, but the wind has not been on our side and many children had to do lots of running to catch our escaping footballs!

Recently, we have switched from football skills to tennis skills. Each with our own racket and ball, we have been developing our balance and hand-eye coordination. We especially enjoy the games where we compete who can keep the tennis ball up the longest. We really look forward to developing these skills more. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the weather stays on our side! Remember to bring a school jumper/cardigan on PE days to keep you warm outside.

WE LOVE AUTUMN!

The Nursery children have settled brilliantly into life at Billesley school and this term we have been exploring all things Autumn. It all started when a little boy brought in some leaves he had collected on his walk to school and then all of a sudden all the children started doing the same. So this led to us listening to the story of We're Going on Leaf Hunt and we even went on a leaf hunt of our very own. We collected leaves of all different colours, shapes and sizes and we used these in the classroom to create a natural collage. The story of Owl Babies has been very popular too! Some of the children have drawn fantastic pictures or Owls and also created their very own bird nests. We cannot wait to continue our Autumn exploration after half term!



PARENTS OF YEAR 6 PUPILS

Christ Church, Church of England Academy is opening in September 2021. If you would like to apply for a place for your child you will need to apply directly to the school. Please click on the link below to access more information.
<https://www.christchurchsecondary.org.uk/>

RECEPTION OPEN DAYS

Mon 19 Oct - Fri 23 Oct
Mon 2 Nov - Fri 6 Nov
3.30 - 4.30pm

If you would like to come to one of the open days call the office on 0121 675 2800 to book your individual time slot

RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2021

Parents/Carers who have a child who was born between **1 September 2016** and **31 August 2017** need to make an application for their child to start Reception Class in **September 2021** by no later than **15 January 2021**. The quickest and easiest way to make an application is online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions or by contacting 0121 303 1888. Please note applications should be sent directly to the Admissions Office and NOT to school.

We raised a total of **£336.65** on

Mental Health Awareness Day and **£120** Bike to School Week
 Many thanks for your support



PLAYCARE, BREAKFAST CLUB & SCHOOL MEALS

Please ensure you make payment in **ADVANCE**. Please clear any balances outstanding using Parentpay.
 Thank you



ACTION CALENDAR: OPTIMISTIC OCTOBER 2020



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

"Choose to be optimistic. It feels better" - Dalai Lama



5 Start your day with the most important thing on your list

6 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

7 Remember that things can change for the better

1 Write down your most important goals for this month

2 Look for reasons to be hopeful even in difficult times

3 Take the first step towards a goal that really matters to you

4 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

12 Look for the good intentions in people around you today

13 Put down your To-Do list and let yourself be spontaneous

14 Do something to overcome an obstacle you are facing

8 Make progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

9 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Just find the best way forward

10 Take time to reflect on what you have achieved this week

11 Focus on a positive change that you want to see in society

19 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the week ahead

20 Find the joy in completing a task you've put off for some time

21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters

15 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

16 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

17 Share your most important goals with people you trust

18 Make a list of things that you are looking forward to

26 Start the week by writing down your top priorities & plans

27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?

22 Share an inspiring idea with a loved one or colleague

23 Write down 3 specific things that have gone well recently

24 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

25 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

29 Find a new perspective on a problem you face

30 Set a goal that links to your sense of purpose in life

31 Think of 3 things that give you hope for the future



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



www.actionforhappiness.org

Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/optimistic-october

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Strike9T Wildcats Girls Football Centres from the FA

To inspire girls aged between
5 - 11 to be involved in
football.

S9T Wildcats Girls Football
Centres provide girls with
regular opportunities to play
football and participate in
organised sessions in a fun and
engaging environment.

Sessions will be based at:
Moseley School Sports Centre
Returns from Saturday 12th
September 2020



Just £10 per month

Saturdays @Moseley School
Sports Centre
10am- 11am
Springfield Road B13 9NP

Reserve a place, email us at:
Info@strike9training.co.uk



COMMUNITY FOOD BOX FRIDAY 8.30-10am @ The House

For further details ask Sarah Butler



ASD PARENTAL SUPPORT SESSIONS

Tues 10 Nov 1-2.30pm for 6 weeks.
(you do not need to attend every one)

Sessions run via Teams. A link will be sent to your
email address and your mobile the day before

Run by Anne Seymour from the
Communication and Autism team.
Parenting support for children
with ASD or ASD traits

Parent support in areas such as behaviour,
sensory support, hygiene and time for you to
talk about your concerns about your child.

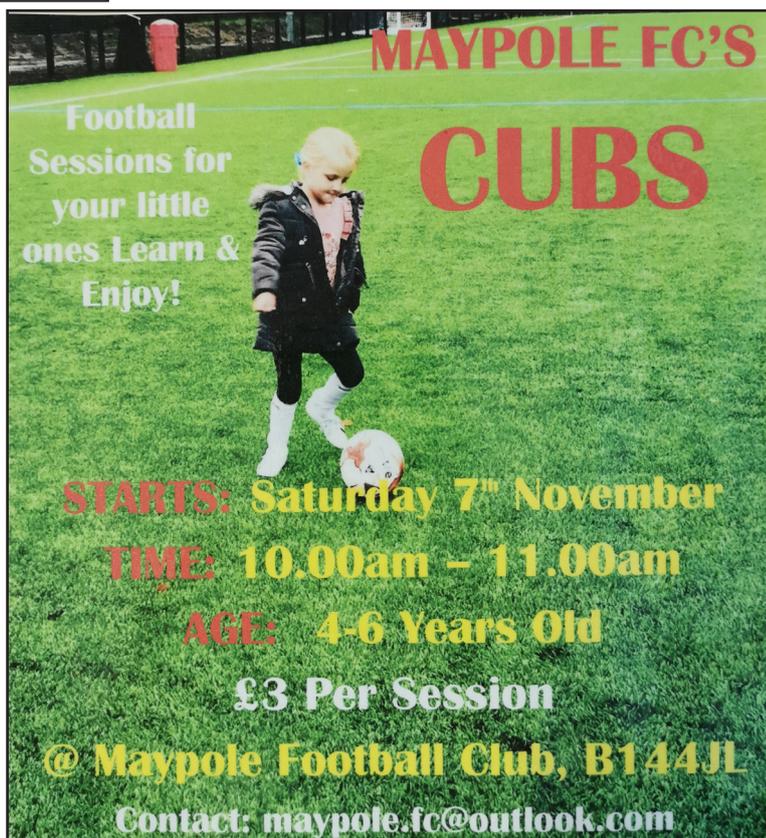
For further information please speak to Sarah Butler and
register your interest at the school office

I, am interested in
attending the course via Teams.

Email :

Mobile:

My child: class.....



**MAYPOLE FC'S
CUBS**

Football
Sessions for
your little
ones Learn &
Enjoy!

STARTS: Saturday 7th November
TIME: 10.00am – 11.00am
AGE: 4-6 Years Old
£3 Per Session
@ Maypole Football Club, B144JL
Contact: maypole.fc@outlook.com



Chat, play, read
three simple ways to
give your child the
best start in life

National
Literacy
Trust

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**Chatting, playing and reading with
your child will make them happy and
give them the best start in life**

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