



# Bowburn Primary News.

17.9.21.

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## Welcome back to School!

It's already the end of week three in a brand new academic year. We have enjoyed welcoming all the pupils back to school, and in particular our new cohorts in Nursery and Reception. They have enjoyed settling into their new classes over the last two weeks, and seem to be managing really well. It's been great to see the children so keen to get back to school and down to work again!

We also warmly welcome a new teacher to the Bowburn Primary team. Miss Rosie is now teaching in Reception (Minnows class.)

### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS— advance notice 17th November 2021**

**We will have the photographer in for individual and family group photos next half term.**



**Family groups from 8am .  
Photos will be delivered before Xmas.  
More details tbc soon !**

### **Dates for Your Diaries:**

We have a few dates already penciled in for the Autumn term.

Y3 WRENS to Tri- Golf competition 24.9.21.

Y3 trip to Museum of Archeology 27.9.21.

Y5 OWLS Gymnastics festival , Sherburn 29.9.21.

Y6 Beamish trip: 30.9.21

Father John Livesley in school for Harvest Festival Assemblies  
1.10.21. (KS2) 8.10.21. ( KS1)

Cross Country Competition KS2 5.10.21 ( trials on  
1.10.21.after school)

Y4 trip to Segedunam Roman Fort and Museum 18.10.21.

**HALF TERM : Mon. 25.10.21, RETURN 2.11.21 (1.11.21  
closed for staff training)**

FLU Immunisations R- Y6 : 8.11.21

Parents Meetings- (to be confirmed) 23.11.21 and 24.11.21

School Photographs: 17.11.21

**MORE DATES AND INFORMATION TO BE ADDED LATER**

### **Have you set up Parent Pay ?**

We are a cash free school so you will need to use Parent Pay in order to pay for school trips , breakfast club, school meals, after school clubs etc. Contact the office for your Parent Pay code in order to get set up.

### **School Uniform:**

It's always wonderful to see children back so smart in their uniforms. If you have bought new uniforms or PE kit, please ensure that your child's name is in it, to prevent mix-ups.

**Tracksuits—school tracksuit tops without the school name printed on the back can be brought into school BEFORE 9AM on Monday 20th September to have this printed and they will be returned on Tuesday.**



### **NHS FLU programme**

This will be happening in school on Monday 8th November for all pupils. You will shortly receive a form explaining how to register your child online for this important medication.

**Online registration needs to be completed** in order to receive the immunisation .

### **BREAKFAST CLUBS**

Open to all pupils including nursery every day from 8am. Please pay in advance ( the day before) on Parent Pay, £3.00 per day.

### **5 Things to ask your children instead of 'How was school?'**

1. What made you smile today?
2. Who did you sit with at lunch?
3. If you could change one thing about today, what would it be?
4. What was the hardest rule to follow today?
5. Tell me something you know today , that you didn't know yesterday.

### **IMPORTANT FORMS TO COMPLETE!**

All parents with children starting primary school or transferring to Year 7 (secondary school) in September 2022 can complete admission forms now.

More details and online forms can be found at:

[www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## Covid 19 updates:

Guidance around Covid 19 has changed recently when restrictions have eased somewhat, but key information is below:

- ◇ Do NOT send your child to school if they have symptoms of Covid ( new and continuous cough, temperature, loss of or altered sense of smell or taste)
- ◇ Book a PCR test immediately (not a lateral flow test)
- ◇ Keep child at home until outcome of PCR test is known
- ◇ If a child's PCR test is negative they can return to school.
- ◇ If the child's test is positive they must stay at home and isolate for 10 days.
- ◇ Schools will no longer identify close contacts, this will be carried out by Test and Trace.
- ◇ From 18th August, close contacts of a positive case who are double vaccinated + 14 days or those under 18 do not need to isolate, unless they also show symptoms.
- ◇ Schools will continue to follow government guidance and system of controls to prevent Covid outbreaks.
- ◇ Hand and respiratory hygiene is still very important—please encourage your child to develop good hygiene habits.
- ◇ Parents should follow Government guidance , and will be required to wear a face covering if they come into the school building. They may also choose to wear one on the school site when collecting children.
  - ◇ Further guidance can be found at:



### School Travel Policy: Cars, Bikes and Scooters.

We would hope that the vast majority of parents and pupils will walk or use active travel to get to school.

**Please use our parent carpark safely and considerately— do NOT park on yellow lines and always adhere to 10mph speed limits for the safety of all children.**

Cars are parked at owners risk, as school cannot accept any liability for loss or damage while using the carparks.

Bikes and scooters can be brought to school by children but should be **PUSHED, NOT RIDDEN** on all paths and yards. Bikes should be locked in the bike stands as the gates are open during the day and no liability can be taken for bikes or scooters which are stolen or damaged. Children should bring a bike lock ( and know how to use it ) and consider wearing a helmet for safety.

Bikes (and pushchairs) should not be carried up or down the steps by KS2 entrance , they should be wheeled round.

Please don't stop to talk and block the paths, gates and entrances at busy times. This will also help prevent spreading Covid !

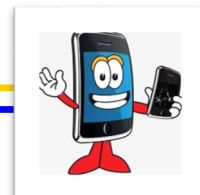
Further details can be found in our School Travel Policy on the school website.

### DOGS ON SITE

We do not allow dogs on any part of the school site (including access paths) for safety and hygiene reasons. School is a busy place especially at the start and end of the school day and even the mostly friendly dogs can react differently in crowds. Please leave your dog at home (even those which can be carried) and please don't tie them up to fences while you collect your children.

Thank you !

### Emails, Texts, Class Dojo



We send out a lot of information by email so we do need an up to date email address for all parents and carers . If you have changed email address please inform us so you do not miss out on receiving important information. Similarly, we need correct mobile phone numbers in order to send you text messages.

Class Dojo is the app. we use to link you your child's class teacher and can be a good way to send messages to parents and to celebrate the work that children have been doing in class.

Our Class Dojo policy is on the website in the policies section.

**Please do NOT use Dojo to inform us about illness or absence, this should always be shared with the school office .**

### Stars of the Week

Well done to all our winners !



### ATTENDANCE !

This week's winners of the Attendance Bear :

3rd: 97.6% Kites  
2nd: 99.5% Swifts  
1st: 100% Swallows  
100% Starfish

Last week we had three classes with 100% attendance- Brilliant !

Our attendance shop / 'Seabay' will run again this half term .