



September  
Responsibility



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## October 2023 Newsletter & Reminders

### KS2 Drop in Sessions

Thank you to parents and carers who were able to pop into KS2 classes last week, it was nice to see so many adults in school. The children enjoyed having visitors and being able to share some of their work with you.

We will add dates to the calendar for another visit next term.

### Coffee Morning with Sarah

The school hall will be open and set up with coffee and juice on Wednesday morning after drop off 8:40 – 9:15am. This is an informal time to pop in and have a drink and chat with other MPET parents/carers. There will also be forms available to give us some feedback about what you feel is working well, or what we could improve as a school.



### Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 8:40 – 9:15am	Coffee & Chat – school hall
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 8:40am – 8:50am	Activity Mornings – Reception, Year 1, Year 2
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day – children are invited to wear yellow
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	School photographer at MPET - individual photos
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent/ Teacher meetings
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Term 2 starts

### Autumn illnesses



It's that time of year when we are seeing an increase in colds, sore throats and coughs, there have also been some cases of covid among our school community. Please remember it is no longer a requirement to test for covid, the illness is treated like flu would be – if your child is too unwell to be in school, they should be at home resting, otherwise they can come to school if well enough.

Please note cover work is not set/sent home if children are too poorly to be in school.



## Activity Mornings

Activity mornings for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will start **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**. They will run every Friday for the term.

If you wish to visit your child's class for these sessions, please arrive promptly at 8:40am. The teacher will stop the class when the session ends, so parents/carers can say goodbye to children and leave just before 8:50am this will allow the class to start the register on time.

Older MPET siblings in KS2 should go straight to class and should not attend activity mornings, younger siblings who do not attend MPET are welcome into class (please leave any pushchairs outside). If you have more than one child in EYFS/KS1 you could split your time between the two or alternate the room you visit, we just ask that all children are in their correct class at 8:50am ready for registration.

Safeguarding points:

- Phones are not to be used inside the building.
- Parents/ carers must not enter bathroom spaces or corridors.

## Punctuality & Attendance

Article 28: Every child has a right to an education.



Regular attendance is vital for your child's academic progress and social development. Attending school every day ensures that they have access to the full range of learning experiences and opportunities, enabling them to thrive and reach their full potential. Poor school attendance will have an impact on your child's learning.

Pupils can only be absent from school if they are ill or in exceptional circumstances and the absence has been agreed in advance. Any absence not agreed will be recorded as "unauthorised".

Our school gates are open from 8:40am – 8:50am, please ensure children arrive at school **before 8:50am**.

Children need to be in class ready for registration at 8:50am. A late arrival can mean an unsettled start for your child and disrupted learning for the rest of the class.

From the start of October parents/carers dropping children off at the office after 8:50am will be required to complete a late slip with reasons for lateness. Frequent lateness may lead to an attendance meeting.

## Term time holidays

Term time holidays are not authorised and are likely to incur a fixed penalty. Our registers are monitored by BANES and penalty notices are sent from Bath & North East Somerset Attendance & Welfare Support Service (A&WSS).

You can find more information in the BANES website.

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/how-we-deal-school-absence-and-education-welfare>



## Safety Concerns – Bikes & Scooters

It is great to see so many of our pupils choosing to travel to school on bikes or scooters. Kindly remind your children to:

- Wear appropriate safety gear, including helmets, to protect their heads in case of accidents.
- Stay vigilant on the roads, keeping an eye out for other vehicles and potential hazards.
- Be considerate and respectful of pedestrians, always giving them the right of way.
- Dismount bikes and scooters, walking them into/out of the playground.

Several parents/carers have expressed concerns about children racing around on bikes and scooters in the area in front of The Hub and MPET, making it unsafe for pedestrians - please remind children to ride in a safe way and pay attention to others.

By instilling these safety practices in our pupils, we can create a safer environment for everyone and foster a sense of responsibility in our young learners.

## Volunteer Opportunities at the School

We greatly value the support and involvement of our parents and carers in our school community. If any of you are interested in volunteering at the school, whether it's helping with reading sessions, assisting in the library, or getting involved in school events, please pop in and speak to Becky in the office.

