

Thursday 6th September 2018

Dear Parents,

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Safety at home time

Please can I remind all parents of children up to and including Year 5, that it is our expectation that children will be collected from school by you or a designated adult. This is to ensure that they are safe going home. In Year 6 I know that many of you begin to prepare your children for greater independence in the last year before secondary school by letting them go home by themselves. If you do this in Year 6, please can you make sure that the teacher is aware by either telling them in person, or putting it in a note.

If your child is younger than this, we do NOT recommend that they go home by themselves. If, as the parent, you intend to do this with younger children then you must put this in writing so that it is clear.

I have been made aware that there have been a high number of muggings and attacks on children and young people in recent weeks in this locality. I am sure that many of you are aware of this. I am told that this is often to steal mobile phones, but whatever the reason please think very carefully about your child's safety. We continue to tell children that they should never leave the school grounds without their collecting adult, unless we have been told that they have permission to go home by themselves directly by their parent/carer. We hope that you will also re-inforce this message.

It is very busy in the large junior playground at the end of the day, and we ask for your patience and co-operation in managing this so that no-one gets 'lost'. Please try to give the teachers a bit of space to come out. Hazel and Beech classes will come out directly onto the playground from their class doors to help the congestion.

Mobile Phones

A reminder that children are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school at all. This is to ensure the safeguarding of all pupils. If your child is Year 6 and bringing themselves to and from school, they must do this without bringing a phone. If you do not think your child is safe to come without a mobile phone, then you will need to still be bringing them to school. Currently, carrying a mobile probably puts them at increased risk of danger.

Little Bridges Breakfast Club

The new breakfast club has started, following lots of requests for this from parents. There are still spaces, so if interested please contact the school office for further details and contact numbers to book this.

DATES

Please note the following non-pupil days which have been set for this year so far:

Monday 4th September 2018 (already taken)

Friday 19th October and Monday 29th October 2018 – this is the Friday and Monday either side of half term.

Monday 3rd June 2019

There is one more non-pupil day to be set and we will confirm this as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Witteridge

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