

Autumn Newsletter 1

A warm welcome back after the summer break to all our parents and carers. We have had a brilliant first two weeks in school with lots going on. All of the children have settled in brilliantly and we are particularly proud of the reception children who have made such a wonderful start to school life. Thank you to all the parents/carers of our new children for doing such a great job of preparing them for starting school!

What's been happening in school?

In Reception: Classes 1, 2 & 3

Our new starters have been settling into new school routines and rules. They have learnt how to use all areas of learning in their new classrooms and outdoors. The children have enjoyed playing getting to know each other circle games. Phonics has been introduced the last 2 weeks. They have been increasing their independent skills by putting on their own coats and following instructions.

In Year 1: Classes 4, 5 & 6

In Science, the children have learnt about different body parts, labelling different areas. In Maths the children have been sorting and counting.

In Year 2: Classes 7, 8 & 9

In English the children have been writing questions about farms and learning how to use a question mark. In Maths they have been ordering numbers up to 100. In Art the children have enjoyed drawing self-portraits, looking closely at details and blending colours.

Key dates for the next two weeks

- PTA Christmas card orders to be back at school by Friday 20th Sept
- Individual school photographs taken Wednesday 25th September
- Reception Parents Information Evening 6pm
- Harvest Festival Assembly dry/canned food collection deadline by Wednesday 25th September
- Thursday 26th September 10:30 – 12:30pm Year 2's Visit Trent Bridge Cricket Notts V Warwickshire
- PTA Cake sale in the hall Friday 27th September 3:45pm

Please see the school website for our uniform requirements. Items do get mislaid around school so please ensure all your child's belongings and clothes items are labelled with their full name, so they can be returned if lost.

It's been a mixed bag of weather since starting back to school, rain, wind and warm sunshine all during one day! Please ensure your child has an appropriate waterproof coat, wears suitable shoes with socks, and has a sun hat and sun cream if necessary.

Parking around school is very limited. To ensure the children's safety and consideration to our neighbours, we ask parents not to drive into, or park on Avon Gardens. Thank you

Reminders

Please activate your child's account with Evolve to order your child's lunch:

<https://www.myevolvehub.com/login>

Contact details – new parents please ensure we have details of at least 2 people we can contact about your child. Existing parents if any of your details have changed, please let the office know a.s.a.p. by email to admin@westbridgford-inf.notts.sch.uk

If you would like your child to have milk in school this can be ordered through Cool Milk, <https://www.coolmilk.com/>. Free for children under 5 but orders still need to be placed with Cool Milk.

If your child has medication to be administered at school, please ensure a medicine form is completed and both are passed to an adult at drop off and pick up time.

We are a NUT FREE SCHOOL as we have several children with severe allergies. If your child brings a packed lunch to school please ensure this does not contain nuts or food with traces of nuts.

All children receive a universal free school meal provided by the City Catering team, which school is charged for. If your child has a packed lunch, please inform the school office so the meal can be cancelled and school will not be charged if the meal is not taken.

Earrings – if your child has pierced ears, earrings must be removed on PE days or your child will not be able to take part. We recommend earrings are not worn in school.

School photos

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 25th September to take individual and sibling portraits (siblings in school) for our school records. These will be available to purchase, details to follow.

Healthy Family Team

We have sent out a letter today to parents/carers of children in Reception about the services provided by the Health Family Team. They offer support around common childhood issues such as toileting, sleep and eating. All community news and events are found on our website on our Community Events page.

PTA

Please see the welcome letter from the PTA, also emailed to you. We have an active band of PTA volunteers who fundraise for school and support the community. They welcome new parents to get involved. You're cordially invited to their first informal meeting on Thursday 19th September, 7:30pm at Portello Lounge on Central Avenue.

Christmas Card designs are busy being made at school. See the PTA newsletter for more information and about other fundraising dates and events.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits listed below, we encourage you to register for free school meals as this will enable school to claim pupil premium allocation. The extra funding could support your child with extra tuition in school, and help with extra-curricular activities. Free school meals eligibility criteria:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earning from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

- Income Support

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)

- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

- The guarantee element of Pension Credit

- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Parents can telephone 0300 5008080 to apply, or online at the [NCC Synergy Hub](#)

Any queries, please ask at the school office.

Key dates for Autumn term

Wednesday 25 th September	Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 25 th September - 6pm	Reception Parents Information evening
Thursday 26 th September AM	Year 2's Visit Trent Bridge Cricket Notts V Warwickshire
Friday 27 th September - 3:30pm	PTA cake sale in the hall
Friday 4 th October 4:30 – 5:30pm	Year 1 PTA Pyjama Party in the hall
5:45 – 6:45pm	Year 2 PTA Pyjama Party in the hall
Tuesday 8 th October 3:45 – 6:15pm	Parents' Evening (Online)
Wednesday 16 th October 3:45 – 5:15pm	Parents' Evening (Online)
Thursday 17 th October 3:45pm - 6:15pm	Parents' Evening (Online)
Friday 18 th October	PTA Break the Rules Day
Monday 21 st Oct – Friday 1 st Nov	October Half Term
Monday 4 th November	INSET day
Friday 8 th November	PTA Christmas Chocolate collection
Friday 22 November	PTA Christmas Bottle collection
Saturday 30 th November 12 – 2pm	School Christmas Fair
Friday 6 th December 3:45pm	Family Christmas Photographer (hall)