



## Welcome Back!

I hope this Newsletter finds you all safe and well! It has been really lovely to see all the children come back to school after the summer - most a little taller, some with a few less teeth but all with lovely smiley faces and looking like new pins in their fresh uniforms.

It's also lovely to see new children and parents in school and we look forward to getting to know you.

**Please read all the information we have put together in this edition of our Newsletter.**



Attendance is an area which we will continue to monitor. It is vital for children to be in school and on time so they have the greatest opportunity to learn and be with their friends.

**Doors are open between 8.45am and 8.55am.**

Please aim to ensure your child/ren is seated in their class ready for registration by 8.55am.

Fixed Penalty Notices will be reintroduced in September and the AWS service will continue to visit homes where children are absent and school has not received an explanation.



## Important information – Parents/Guardians you could be eligible for.....

Although the majority of year groups in Primary school are now eligible for Universal free school meals (Year 5 & 6 will be eligible after the Easter holidays in 2024) many parents/guardians are entitled to School Essentials Grants once a year to aide with the cost of school uniform and equipment. In order to guarantee your entitlement to the grant you **MUST** be eligible for Free School Meals. Please see below the criteria and the link to apply.

Free School meals application link - <https://forms.rctcbc.gov.uk/en/Web/Coronavirusfsmsignup/ContactDetails>

**You must apply for a Free School Meal even if you receive a Universal Free School Meal for your child as this will affect your possible entitlement to a School Essentials Grant**

Please view the eligibility criteria before making your application below:

- Free school meals are available to children whose parents or guardians are currently receiving one of the following benefits:
- Child Tax Credit – where total annual income is also less than £16,190
- Income Support (with responsibility for children)
- Income Based Job Seekers' Allowance (with responsibility for children)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of state Pension Credit
- Pupils who receive Income Support or income-based Job Seekers' Allowance in their own right are also eligible to receive free school meals
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related) (ESA(IR)).
- Universal Credit (if working, annualised net earnings must be £7,400 or lower)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit



## PARKING - SAFETY ISSUES

Please remember that Parc Lewis Primary is situated on an extremely busy road. Please don't put our children at risk by parking on any double yellow lines/zig zags on either side of the school.

Parents and local residents have voiced their serious concerns relating to the illegal parking which occurs on a daily basis around the school. Please be respectful if you have parked illegally and are challenged. Remember you are to blame and not them.

The PCSO's will continue with regular checks and issue on the spot fines for anyone caught parking illegally. RCT have also commissioned an enforcement parking team, who are targeting schools in particular for dangerous/illegal parking and are issuing fines of £70.00

It is not school's role to enforce safe parking outside of the school gates. School has a Traffic Management plan for the inside of the school gates. We can only continue to ask parents/guardians for your help when picking up and dropping off our children.

Please remember the school was built over a hundred years ago when there were very few cars on the Broadway.

I look forward to your continued support in this matter.



## Parent Questionnaires

Many thanks for returning your Parent Questionnaires at the end of last term. We had 63 returned, which is an excellent number!

We like to try and encourage all stakeholders to take an active part in school. Your comments help us to continue to improve our school. Some changes we can make easily.

Others have to be costed and in line with WG and LA initiatives. Others we have to consider the health and safety of the children which include budget and staffing implications.

Thank you again for the returns!



| Term Dates         | 2023 — 2024              |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Autumn 2023        | 04.09.23 – 27.10.2023    |
| Half Term          | Monday, October 30 2023  |
| Autumn 2023        | 06.11.2023 - 22.12.2023  |
| Christmas Holidays | Monday, December 25 2023 |
| Spring 2024        | 08.01.24 – 09.02.24      |
| Half Term          | Monday, February 12 2024 |
| Spring 2024        | 19.02.24 – 22.03.24      |
| Easter Holidays    | Monday, March 25 2024    |
| Summer 2024        | 08.04.24 – 24.05.24      |
| Half Term          | Monday, May 27 2024      |
| Summer 2024        | 03.06.24 – 22.07.24      |



## LETTERS & CLASS INFORMATION

Correspondence from Parc Lewis is paperless where possible. Parents/Guardians will receive a text message to notify you of new letters etc. on the school website:

**[www.parclewisprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.parclewisprimaryschool.co.uk)**

Details are also posted on class teams pages & twitter.

**Please ensure we always have an up to date mobile number**



**SCHOOL CLUBS** - Letters for school clubs will be sent out shortly. They fill up quickly so send your letters