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Don't forget you can find lots of important information on our website:

<http://st-james-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk/>

Our 'Calendar' is updated on a regular basis with important school dates.

SeeSaw

We have now launched our new digital learning platform SeeSaw, this will replace Edmodo. Children will be able to access their homework and school learning electronically. In the event of any further class closures, teachers will be setting daily class work and posting learning videos onto SeeSaw, therefore it is very important that you and your child get used to this way of working. Your child's unique code will be in the front of their homework book. Please watch the YouTube tutorial with your child which shows you how to log on and find the learning tasks. If you have any questions please feel free to contact your child's class teacher.

Parent Consultations

These will start to take place from next week. You should have received a letter detailing how this will work and how to make an appointment. If you have not had this information please ring the school office to make a phone appointment with your child's class teacher. Teachers will be making 5 minute appointments within half hour windows. We will give you an appointment time but please understand, that as this is new to us, we may not ring you on the allocated time you have been given so please be prepared for a little flexibility with the time—we may ring slightly earlier or slightly after the time given out. We are so grateful for all of the support you have shown us so far with all of our new routines, so we know you will all help us out with this event.

Attendance

Please contact the school office by telephone if your child is unable to attend school. The school office opens from 8:30am but there is always an answer machine on if you want to leave us a voicemail before this time.

Government guidance for the return to school from September clearly states that attendance at school is currently mandatory. This means that your child has to attend school and it is your legal duty to ensure that they do. Obviously, if your child is ill or they have to self-isolate due to themselves or a member of their household showing Covid symptoms then this is authorised absence and will be treated as such. Likewise, if school have to unfortunately send home a class or classes to self-isolate then pupils in these groups will have authorised absence also.

Mrs McKinnon and Mrs Belfield will continue to monitor school absences, and as per current government guidance, will return to following our usual attendance procedures when dealing with absences from school. This includes:

- Making parents aware via letter when their child's attendance drops below 90% - even if we know the reasons behind this. A child whose attendance drops below 90% is classed as a 'persistent absentee' on a school's records;
- Meeting with parents (face to face or over the phone) whose child's absences from school raise concern and finding ways to support and improve school attendance;
 - Issue penalty notices when a child has had 10 unauthorised absences.

Sometimes, parents will give a reason for why their child is not in school, and we are grateful of this. However, if school are not satisfied with the reason for absence then this will be classed as unauthorised. If you are ever concerned about your child's attendance in school, then please contact Mrs McKinnon who will be happy to help and offer support.

School Meals

We are hoping to move back to school meals on trays from Wednesday next week. Thank you for your support and understanding whilst we used the 'grab bags' to get used to a new way of operating lunch times, but we feel ready to give meals on trays a try. As we can only have limited numbers of pupils in the school hall when dining, classes will still be eating in classrooms and meals will either be taken to the classroom on trolleys, or older children will be able to come into the hall to choose their meal and take it back to the classroom themselves.

Initially Nursery, Classes 1, 2 and 6 will have their lunch in the hall, Classes 3, 4, 5, 7 & 8 will have lunch delivered to their classroom and Classes 9, 10 & 11 will choose their lunch and then take it back to the classroom to be eaten.

Each class will still have a period of outdoor and indoor play at lunch time.

Reminders

Money into school: Any money sent into school for dinners, snacks, trips, breakfast club, nursery fees etc. should be sent in an envelope clearly marked with your child's full name, class and what the money is for and handed in to your child's class teacher. Can we remind you that dinner money is £9.00 a week to be paid on a Monday. Snacks are £1.65 a week to be paid on a Friday for the following week and breakfast club is £5.00 a week to be paid on a Friday for the following week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Star of the Week

Class 1: Awen H	Class 7: Addison F
Class 2: Aizah C	Class 8: Lily Rose F
Class 3: Madison R	Class 9: Victor B
Class 4: Maria S	Class 10: Ruby E
Class 5: David M	Class 11: Louie W
Class 6: Dakota W	

Golden Scroll

These children were in the 'Gold Zone' this week in school:

Brian G Jai K Phoebe A
Ruby B Liam W
Lily Rose F



Our Christian value this half term is:

Respect



Bible quote of the week:

We are all made in God's image.
We treat everyone with dignity and respect.

Genesis 1:26-27

