



Platt Bridge Community School and Start Well Centre

Rivington Ave, Platt Bridge, Wigan, WN2 5NG

Telephone No. 01942 487999

[Pupil Absence Text Number: 07937986269](tel:07937986269)

15th October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

School closes at 3.30pm on Friday 19th October for the half term break and will re-open to pupils on Tuesday 30th October at 8.55am. If you would like details about our holiday club please contact us for further information.

Reminder – Parents of Y6 pupils, please remember to submit your secondary school application form by 31st October 2018 – if you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Reception Intake 2019 - If your child will turn four between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, he or she will start reception class at the start of the new school year in September 2019. The online application process will open in November 2018. You can find information regarding admission to primary schools on the Wigan Council website under 'admissions'. If you need any further information, please ask at our reception desk.

Nursery Intake 2019 – There are also places available in our nursery. If your child turns three before 31st December 2018 please contact us if you would like to put your child's name down.

Staying Safe - For more information about staying safe on Halloween and Bonfire night please follow this link - [Safe4Autumn](#)



School Jotter This is available to download for free, just go to www.ourschoolsapp.com and find our school. This will give you access to a calendar of information of activities taking place in school.

As there may be occasions when the school needs to contact parents or carers during the school day, it is vital that you inform school immediately if there are any changes to emergency contact details or home telephone/mobile numbers.

Sickness

We ask that you notify school first thing in the morning, before 9.30am if possible, if your child is unwell or unable to attend school for any reason. **The main school number is 01942 487999 option 1.** However, you may also report your child's absence by **text on 07937986269.**

School Meals

Although all children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to a free school meal under the Universal Free School Meal Grant, if you are entitled to benefits, you must still register at the Life Centre in order for the school to receive Pupil Premium Funding. We would be grateful if you could do this immediately and if you need any help, we are happy to support you with this process. The school uses this pupil premium funding to fund various activities and resources for your child throughout the year.

Please note we can now accept card payments via debit card. If you wish to take advantage of this facility, please ask at reception desk for more information.

Parking

Once again it has been brought to our attention about the inconsiderate parking of parents whilst dropping off and picking up children during the day. We appreciate that whilst work is being carried out on reception playground there is a lot of congestion on Cumbrian Close, but can you all please be mindful of health and safety and make sure that your child is supervised at all times during these busy periods.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 18 th October	Dr Doolittle theme day
Wednesday 31 st October	Whole School Halloween Enrichment (3.30pm)
Monday 12 th November	Year 2 Trip to Staircase House
Monday 19 th November	Class Photographs
Wednesday 28 th November	The Book Bus
Tuesday 4 th December	Y4 Wider Opportunities Music Concert (10.30am to 11.00am)
Wednesday 5 th December	Peter Pan Pantomime for children
Monday 10 th December	KS1 Nativity (2.30pm)
Tuesday 11 th December	KS1 Nativity (2.30pm)
Wednesday 12 th December	Whole School Christmas Enrichment (3.30pm)
Thursday 13 th December	Reception Concert (2.30pm)
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 14 th December	School Christmas Dinner
Friday 14 th December	Reception Concert (2.30pm)
Week commencing 17 th December	No after school clubs this week
Monday 17 th December	Reception Christmas Party
Tuesday 18 th December	KS1 Christmas Party
Wednesday 19 th December	LKS2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 19 th December	Y6 to the Lowry to watch Dr Doolittle
Thursday 20 th December	UKS2 Christmas Party
Friday 21 st December	School closes at 3.30pm for Christmas break
Monday 7 th January 2019	School opens at 8.55am

Kind regards

Mrs S E Darbyshire
CEO/Executive Headteacher

Mrs A Howard
Acting Head of School

Mr M Haskayne
Deputy Head