

Monday 12th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

We hope you and your children had a lovely first week back at school. It was a pleasure to meet and speak with so many of you on the gate in the mornings and after school. Please do always feel free to check in with any member of SLT at the gate if you have any questions or queries. We're more than happy to talk.

Please find below some information and updates about school life.

After school clubs and activities

We have organised for Bristol Sport to run four afternoon clubs across the week. These clubs will run between 3.30 – 4.30pm on Wednesdays and Fridays. The booking system and payment system are online and are managed directly by Bristol Sport and not the academy. (Please see attached flyers for further information regarding booking processes). These clubs will run for term 1 and we will then have different clubs provided by Bristol Sport for each term this year. This will ensure variety for children and ensure that we manage to find something that everyone would like (hopefully!).

We have also attached a flyer from the Outdoors Project for your information.

Lunchtime activities

We have also secured Bristol Sport to run lunchtime clubs for the children in KS1 and KS2. These will be run on rotation across the year groups so that over a 3-week cycle, every year group from Y1 – Y6 will have had the opportunity to take part in a fun lunchtime activity if they choose to do so. Lunchtime activities start this week, but some classes may be waiting until week 3 of the cycle to get their turn. Please be patient with us on this. We are currently working on a timetable for the lunchtime use of the field, MUGA and trim trail. We are hoping to finalise these for next week.

Parent Forum 1 – Monday 26th September 9 – 9.30am

A date for your diary! We will be in touch closer to the time with the topic of the forum, but we wanted to let you know the date in case you want to be involved in sharing parent thoughts with us. This will not be an open forum in the sense that we will discuss anything that is brought up. This will have a focus which will be decided on by the academy. If there are any areas/topics that you feel would be relevant to future forums, please do email the main inbox on info@bpa.clf.uk box and we will add it to the list for consideration as we move through the year.

Increase in school meals prices

We previously sent a text to let you know that lunches will cost £2.40 from 1st November. We just wanted to remind you of this in case you didn't see the text. The prices are rising as Aspens, our catering provider, is raising them.

Attendance

We will be working really hard as a community to make sure that our collective (and individual) attendance is strong this year. We will be setting a whole school target of 97%+. We will be updating you on our success (and when we may need to work a bit harder to reach the target) as we go through the course of the year. We will also be sending out a termly attendance newsletter for parents/carers to read.

Last week's attendance

There was a clear dip in attendance on Monday and Friday and this has meant we haven't met our first week target of a minimum of 96%. We landed at 95.9% which is really close but not quite there. Please support your children to attend school well every day of the week this week.

Monday 94.7%
Tuesday 96.5%
Wednesday 96.2%
Thursday 96.7%
Friday 94.8%

Gate times

We wanted to clarify the times that the gates will be open this year.

Open (morning session) – 8.45 – 9.00am

We will be closing the morning gate at 9.00am sharp and anyone arriving after that time will need to sign in late at the main office.

Open (afternoon session) – 3.25pm – 3.45pm

Please can we remind you that children need to stay with their adults once they have been collected from class and we politely ask all families to make their way to the exit gates as soon as possible in order to allow teachers and leaders to carry on with their work once children have been collected.

Permissions Form '22-'23

Please can we remind all families to complete this if they have not yet done so. The average time taken to complete these forms is only 4 minutes so PLEASE can you make sure you get these back asap if you have not done so already. The link is below for your convenience.

<https://forms.office.com/r/57EjHEaJvj>

We hope you and your families have a great second week of school and enjoy the sunshine we are expecting to enjoy throughout the week.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Counsell
Principal