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BALLIOL PRIMARY SCHOOL

# *Friday Update*

We are four weeks into this half term and the children are doing really well. Their stamina for learning after such a long break is growing and they have settled well in to the new routines.

**Absence**

A reminder to parents that you **must** call school and let us know a reason for absence if your child is unable to attend school.

We have had several requests recently for term time absence. The school will not authorise any term time absence unless there are deemed to be exceptional circumstances. Our attendance policy can be found on the school website.

**Free School Meals**

Do you think your child is eligible for Free School Meals? Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and has a free meal at the moment, it is important that you complete this form so that they can continue to do so –please follow this link and apply:

Apply for free school meals - Contact Information - Section 1 - Bedford Borough Council (achieveservice.com)

**Secondary School Transition**

Just a reminder that the application process for secondary school places is now open. All of the information that you need can be found on the Year 6 class page of the school website - https://balliolschool.ovw10.juniperwebsites.co.uk/page/?title=Year+6+%2D+Eagle+and+Hawk&pid=61

If you need any help or information please speak to the Year 6 teachers or the school office staff.

**School Photos**

The children will have their individual school photos on Tuesday 13th October.

**Parent Consultations**

These will take place in the week beginning 19th October, please look out for more information.

**School places September 2026**

We are currently doing individual tours for children and parents looking for a Starting School place in September 2027. If you would like a tour or know someone who would, please contact the school office to arrange this.

Alternatively, if you would like to attend one of our open afternoons on Friday 16th October or Friday 13th November –look out for the poster around school or accompanying this update.

**Flu Vaccinations**

Next week the NHS will be holding the flu vaccinations at school. This is for the children that have already been signed up by you as parents through the NHS Parent Portal.

If you have signed up, please let us know if your child has been unwell or is currently taking antibiotics.

If you have not signed up, your child will not receive the vaccination. There will be future opportunities for this vaccination. We will let you know when these are taking place.

If you have any questions or queries, please email the school office office@balliolschool.co.uk or call on 01234 300601

Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning.