
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.

[attendance_policy_2022-1.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

Applying for Secondary School

If your child is in Year 6 you need to make an application for a secondary school place. You can apply online using the link below:

[Online admissions | Bedford Borough Council](#)

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

School Governor

Are you interested in becoming a school governor?

We have a very supportive team on the governing body and are looking for people to join our team who can further support us moving forward to continue to make a difference in the lives of the young people in our community. We are looking for someone who is committed, enthusiastic and willing to challenge and question.

If you would like more information about what the role involves, please contact the school office using the email below.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu Vaccinations for children in Reception to Year 6 will take place in school on 16th October. A consent letter will be sent home on Monday with the children. If you wish your child to have the vaccine, please return this before Thursday 12th October. Without this consent your child will not have the vaccine.



School Photos

The children will have their individual school photos on Tuesday 17th October.

Smoking and Vaping outside the school gates

We have had some concerns raised by parents about smoking and vaping in the area outside the school gate and on the immediate grass area opposite where the children enter the school.

Whilst we recognise that it is not the school site and is a public area, we would appreciate it if you could move a good distance away from the school gate so that the vape and smoke is not affecting the children as they enter the school site.

School places September 2024

We are currently doing individual tours for children and parents looking for a Starting School place in September 2024. If you would like a tour or know someone who would, please contact the school office to arrange this.

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.