

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well what a busy first week it has been. It has been absolutely fantastic to see all of the children back in school. It was a wonderful atmosphere on Tuesday morning despite many children (including parents and staff!) feeling nervous about the first day back. I hope your child enjoyed receiving their Bilton badge and that the balloons were a nice surprise. The following link will give you an idea of what we have been up to this week! <https://youtu.be/LaGgI-zj3tQ>

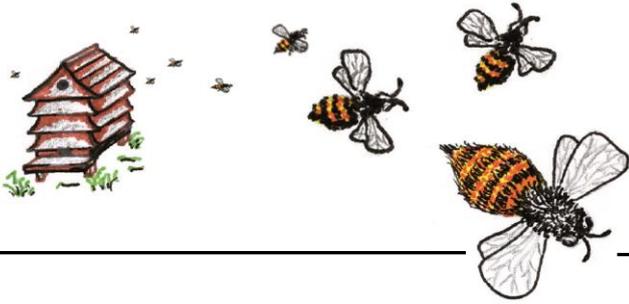
After such a long period of time out of school for so many children, they have had to cope with a huge change. Not only have they had to return to school in a new class, they have had to get used to the new routines we have in place in school. This week, they have coped so well with these changes and whilst more time needs to be given to bed the new routines in, the children have had a great start to the year. Thank you to all parents/carers in supporting your child this week. The relationship with have with you is so important in getting the best out of your child.

I am sure you are aware that a huge amount of planning and preparation has gone in by all of the staff at Bilton Grange in ensuring the first week has gone smoothly. In these unprecedented times we are constantly trying to find the 'new normal'. With all new untested procedures, things will take time to get used to. Thank you for your patience and understanding with this. As we continue through into next week, we will continue to evaluate our procedures and make any necessary changes if appropriate and possible.

Following our staff and senior leadership meetings this week, there are a few things to bring to your attention for next week:

- **Early Years and Key Stage 1 packed lunches:** to avoid parents in Key Stage 1 having to walk round into the Key Stage 2 playground, you can now place your child's packed lunch in a designated class box. You will find them in the Early Years area and on the benches in the Key Stage 1 playground.
- **Additional healthy snacks:** as a result of the staggered lunchtimes, many children are finding it a long time before they eat their lunch. If you would like to provide an additional healthy snack for your child you are very welcome to. As a 'Healthy School' please ensure the snack does not contain large amounts of processed sugar. Fruit, veg sticks or a healthy snack bar are all ideal.
- **Water bottle:** your child needs a water bottle in school, please ensure it has their name clearly labelled.
- **At the start of the day:** your child will now be used to lining up at 8.50am. Please do your best to social distance in the playground for the relatively short period of time you are required to wait.
- **At the end of the day:** please wait at your child's designated cone and the class teacher will bring the children, who are being collected by a responsible adult, to the cone. For children who normally walk home on their own, please ensure you complete a consent form which has been sent out this week.





- **PE kit:** we have decided to ask that children come to school in their outdoor PE kit when they have PE that day. This is to help reduce the congestion in cloakrooms between bubbles when children are collecting their PE kit and to prevent bubbles mixing when getting changed. Your child's PE days are as follows:
  - EYFS: the team will contact you once children have settled into class routines.
  - Years 1 and 2: Poppy- Monday. Forget-Me-Not/Bluebell- Tuesday.
  - Years 3 and 4: Wednesday.
  - Years 5 and 6: Thursday and Friday.

Finally, as you know we are part of the Yorkshire Collaborative Academy Trust. Our new CEO, Jo Robinson would like parents/carers to complete a very short survey of just 6 questions to provide the trustees with information regarding their learning experience at home during lockdown. If could spend a few minutes completing the survey, it would be greatly appreciated. The survey window closes next Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup> September. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SKRMTHL>

A reminder that the deadline for the surveys for new starters and for parents with children currently at the school is on Monday. If you do get the opportunity to complete the survey, it would be much appreciated.

I will continue to be out in the playground in the morning before 8.50am- as I have been this week- if you need to discuss anything with me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. J. Street".

Richard Street

Headteacher

