



Dear Parents,

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Year 6's Triumphant Return from Borwick Hall

Thanks to Year 6 for engaging so well in the individual and team challenges they faced this week. They showed excellent team work and spirit and that is great news for the year ahead. Future challenges may feel smaller now they have endured the many exciting moments they faced this week. I have loved it and I add my thanks to Mrs. Gardiner for leading the visit and to Miss Quinn and Mrs. Tyrer for supporting it so well too... with Mrs. Barber back at the ranch sorting everything out for us! Well done Year 6 and thanks for a great week!

Meet the teacher

Our 'Meet the teacher' session is planned for Monday 26th September 2022. Please come along and meet your child's teacher. There will be two brief presentations led by our teachers stating very simply who they are and what's going on in class at 3.45pm and 4.15pm. If you need to see another teacher for a third child, we will have to arrange that separately but please come along.

Attendance and Absence

In the coming weeks we will be sending out a copy of our attendance expectations including attendance changes that came in to force from September. As always we please ask for your support in maintaining great attendance at school and in fact ask that children maintain a minimum of 98%! Whilst we appreciate that sometimes being off due to illness is unavoidable we do ask that children are only off when absolutely necessary. Although 'illness' is classed as an authorised absence, it does affect your child's attendance percentage a process set by the Government not school.

Term Time Leave Reminder

Please may we remind all parents that we are unable to authorise term-time leave for anything other than an exceptional circumstance. We follow the Local Authority Term-Time Leave guidance and a family holiday does not meet the exceptional leave criteria. We would ask that all holidays are taken outside of term-time please. Any parent/carer still wishing to take their child out of school during term time, must complete a Local Authority Term-Time Leave form which can be requested from the school office.

Medical Appointments

We would ask that where possible medical appointments for your child are made outside of school hours, but when this is unavoidable please may we ask that they are out of school for as shorter a time as possible and we must see proof of appointment please or their absence will be have to be marked as unauthorised.

Sports Coach

The children are loving the PE and sports sessions with Mr. O'Brien so thanks to him and all our teachers for engaging in Sport and PE so well at PG. Thanks to Mr. Tranmer too for taking the girls' footie this week as Mr. O'Brien was with the cross country group.

Queen Elizabeth II

It seems strange to not see coverage of the Queen's funeral celebrations on the TV news every night as the pomp and circumstance comes to an end. I don't think anyone does it quite as well as us Brits! I queued to see the Queen's coffin in Westminster Hall at the weekend and it was quite an experience. The Queen is dead, long live The King!

And finally...

God Bless, Mark Dixon, Headteacher, 马克·迪克森 校长 (王大龙)