

25th November 2020

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

I would firstly like to thank you once more for your ongoing support over the last few weeks. The response to our request for all those who are able to wear face coverings to do so has been really positively adhered to and I really appreciate how everyone has been so flexible to the need to close earlier on Fridays. This will be reviewed regularly, but is likely to remain in place until the end of this term. We must also say very well done to all of the children currently unable to come to school for completing their learning at home so well and submitting their work on Purple Mash.

The positive reaction throughout the latest phase of the ongoing pandemic reflects what I knew already about our community: that when things get tough, people come closer together and look out for each other that little bit more. This caring attitude was also abundantly clear from the children during last week's anti-bullying week, through their comments and contributions towards lessons and their commitment to ensure that everyone is supported at school.

With best wishes to all as always,



Mr Vernon, Principal



Walk to School Week

In order to continue to promote healthy lifestyles, next week will be 'Walk to School' week. This will be introduced to the children on Friday during the whole school assembly. The children will receive a prize if they walk to school every day from Monday to Thursday. Anyone who normally comes to school by car can also be recognised as a walker if the car is parked a little further away and they walk a little further to school each day.

INSET day

Please note that, in line with our Academy Trust calendar, Friday 4th December is an INSET day and the school will be closed on this day.

Bayside Christmas

On Thursday 17th December we will have a Christmas celebration at Bayside. This will involve:

- Christmas jumpers being worn (£1 donation will be split between Save the Children Charity and the school PTA).
- Christmas activities being completed in the morning.
- Christmas lunch being offered - Should you wish for your child to have a Christmas lunch on this day, orders must be placed by 6th December. We will not be able to offer Christmas lunch to anyone who has not ordered. Please contact Chartwell's directly on (01202) 691038 if you have difficulties in ordering. Families who placed orders previously (before the date was changed) should have received notification about how to alter their order, please contact the office if unsure.
- Watching a pantomime online.



Christmas Cards

Writing Christmas cards is a really good way for your children to practise their writing. Pupils can still bring their cards into school to be distributed, but there will be a delay this year in delivering them.

Cards should be brought by your child into their class where they will be placed into a box. The box will be emptied on Monday morning and distributed as this provides the requisite 72 hours quarantine period between the last point of contact on Friday.



Learning for Friday afternoon

Please do be aware of the collection times currently in place for Fridays:

	Drop off time	Pick up time Monday - Thursday	Pick up time Friday
1SW 2MA 4KH 5TE	8:30	3:15	1:00
2LW 3NT 5JW	8:35	3:20	1:05
RRL 3HC 6RM	8:40	3:25	1:10
RAD 6BC	8:45	3:30	1:15

Your child will come home on Friday with a new exercise book and a sheet stating different activities that they should complete. Children should select and complete 2 activities each Friday afternoon from the list sent home and then return their home learning books on Monday to school.

Using ICT Safely

In the next few weeks, we will be updating our ICT Acceptable Use agreements with the children. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss issues of staying safe online with the children and how they can both act responsibly and stay safe when using technology. The agreements have been included in this message for your reference.

Play Moor Skate Moor Calendar

We have also included with this email a flyer for the Play Moor Skate Moor 2021 calendar, which costs just £6. This has been put together by this local group in order to raise money for their next wheelpark project. Calendars can be purchased from:

- Play Moor Skate Moor members: Stacey Witcher or Mel Meadowcroft
- Moor Community Food: every Tuesday 12.30-4.30pm
- Via Play Moor Skate Moor Facebook Group
- Email: info@playmoorskatemoor.com

Free School Meals Christmas Offer

Support for food over the Christmas period will be provided to all families with children who access free school meals. Please note that this is only for families who have applied to the borough to access free school meal provision. If you consider that you are eligible and do not currently receive free school meals, please contact the school office and we can support.

Support for meals will come from BCP directly (previously this was organised by the school), although Bayside will be involved in administration.

Magic Breakfast Amazon Award

We are absolutely thrilled to have been nominated by Magic Breakfast for a Christmas reward from their partners, Amazon. This is a substantial voucher to be used for technology for the school as well as a cash donation. We've also been informed that we may have a special online event in December for the children. More details to follow!

High Expectations lead to High Achievers

Bayside Academy

Sian Thomas, BEd (Hons), CEO - AAT

Alexandra Prout, BA (Hons), Director of Primary Education

Matthew Vernon, BA (Hons) PGCE, Principal

www.bayside-academy.co.uk

E office@bayside-academy.co.uk

T 01202 685459

Turlin Road, Poole, Dorset. BH16 5AH



Part of Ambitions Academies Trust