

STAFF NEWS

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Grimshaw from her teaching role in the school on Friday 12th November.

Mrs Grimshaw currently shares the teaching of one of our Y4 Classes with Mrs Toddington, and is one of our longest-serving members of staff having joined the school as A Newly Qualified Teacher in September 1998.

She has taken the decision to leave the teaching profession after 23 years of service, and we wish her every success in her new career as a librarian.

Mrs Toddington will be taking over the teaching of the class on a full-time basis when Mrs Grimshaw leaves, so there will be no significant disruption for the children.

On behalf of everyone at the school, I would like to thank Mrs Grimshaw for the hard work, commitment and dedication that she has shown to the children of the school in her time at Holy Trinity.

J. ASPIN HEADTEACHER

School closes for the half-term holiday at 3.15 p.m. on Friday 22nd October 2021. It opens again at 9.00 a.m. on Monday 1st November 2021.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD HAS A MEDICAL APPOINTMENT DURING SCHOOL TIME

We understand that it is not always possible to arrange medical or dental appointments during school holidays or after the end of the school day, especially if they are hospital appointments or urgent dental treatment is needed.

However, it is important that evidence is provided by a parent to confirm the reason for absence, so that the child's absence is not recorded as unauthorised.

In the case of hospital appointments, usually a letter is sent from the hospital with the appointment details on it. This can be shown to the school office staff.

For things like dental appointments or G.P. appointments, please ask the receptionist at the practice to give you an appointment card, if you have not received one. Again, this can be shown to the school office staff, and we are then able to authorise the absence.

Without the above, absences have to remain recorded as unauthorised.

COVID-19 UPDATE:

To date the school has fared very well in having very few cases of Covid-19. The precautions and mitigations that have been in place in the school since September will therefore continue for the second half of this term.

If your child has any of the listed symptoms for Covid-19 (cough, fever or change to smell or taste), or has symptoms that are similar to having a cold such as sore throat, headache, tiredness, please keep your child away from school until they have had a P.C.R. Test and have had a negative result.

If any member of the household exhibits symptoms, please keep your child away from school, arrange a P.C.R. Test for your child and keep them at home until a negative result is received. If you let the school know, your child's teacher will arrange for your child to join class lessons remotely.

Thank you to those parents, who have found themselves in this situation during this term, and have considered the health and safety of children and adults in the school, in taking the sort of actions described above. The actions taken have been very important in helping us to reduce the spread of Covid-19 in the school.

SCHOOL POLICY FOR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL REMINDER

Children up to and including those in Y4 must be brought to school and collected from school by a responsible person aged 16 years or older. Children must remain in the care of the responsible adult until they are handed over to school staff at the entry door.

They must not be allowed to walk from the gate to their entry door by themselves, or be left alone if the entry door is not open – which will happen at 8.50 a.m.

Children in Y5 and Y6 may arrive at, and leave school, by themselves. However, they should arrive between 8.50 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. not a long time before.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:

If one or more of your children were absent yesterday, and as a result they missed the opportunity to have an individual or family photograph taken, please let the school office know and we will arrange for it to be taken when Braiswick's Photography return to school in the Summer term to take class photographs.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO AVOID USING THE LANE LEADING TO THE SCHOOL CAR PARK AT THE START AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY.