

Dropping off and picking up...

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have a few things that urgently need to improve. Parents CANNOT park on the yellow zig zags in front of school – it is dangerous and illegal. I have been informed that parking wardens will be monitoring and issuing tickets and fines. Please leave earlier, park on nearby streets and walk into school – this is not about making parents' lives more difficult, it is about keeping our children safe!

We also have a problem with some parents being on time to drop off or pick up. Being late in the morning disrupts other children and staff and means your child misses important learning time. Senior leaders have been meeting teachers this week to set targets for the year. We are finding that there are too many children who will struggle to learn what they should be learning because they are regularly late.

Some children are not being picked up on time at the end of the day – this can be extremely upsetting for children. After half term we will start charging parents who pick children up late – there are lots of other schools that do this. Our new policy will be available on the website but the main details are as follows:

- Children need to be picked up at 3.15 by a known adult
- The office need to be informed if an adult not listed as a contact has to pick up
- When children are picked up more than 15 minutes late we will charge parents £5.00 in line with child care providers.
- The same will apply if children are picked up 15 minutes late after clubs.
- If children are not picked up by 5.00pm we will phone social services who will then take over.

We are looking into the possibility of providing after school care (as opposed to clubs) which may be useful for some parents and will be asking more about this after half term.

We hope our families enjoy the half term break – we will be returning to school on October 29th. Please re-inforce road safety and 'stranger danger' messages with your child to help them stay safe over half term.

Best Wishes
Richard Stone
Headteacher

Waterside

I met with the Deputy Mayor this week to discuss progress on the new school building. It has clearly been delayed but the council do not know yet by how long. As soon as I have more news I will share it with you – hopefully by the end of the second week back after half term.

Healthy Food....

As previously informed, children cannot bring sweets, chocolate, crisps or 'breakfast bars' into school as snacks – they should also not be included in lunch boxes. Children are very welcome to bring fruit / dried fruit as a snack and should always have a water bottle in

Parents' Evening

We expect ALL parents to meet with their child's teacher. If you are unable to meet during parents' evening on November 8th you will need to book another time to meet your child's teacher. All children need to know that home and school want them to do well at school.

Autumn Fair Raises £667

Thank-you to everyone who came to the Autumn Fair two weeks ago – we raised £667. We will be asking the School Council to decide how this money should be spent. You are very welcome to talk to your child about how best to spend the money and they can then tell their class councillor. Thank-you to everyone who helped - it was a lovely afternoon.