

Update

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Friday 9th October 2020

“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” *Genesis 8:22*

Welcome back to the Willow bubble after their week learning at home. Willow class team enjoyed learning online with the children, who adapted well to the temporary change in learning style. A big thank you to all of the staff and children (parents too) for their enthusiasm using Google Classroom and for the behind the scenes help from the administration team. I cannot impress enough how important it is to get your feedback regarding how well Pulford do, or where you may feel we can do more. By completing the 'Parentview' questionnaire you will be helping to shape Pulford in the future. Please take the 5 minutes to help us by clicking on the link noted in this Update. Have a great weekend, stay safe - Dave

- 1. Starting School:** If your child was born between 01/09/2016 and 31/08/17 it is now time to start considering main school. Please remember there is no automatic transfer from pre-school to lower school or lower/middle school. Applications must be received by Central Bedfordshire Admissions by 15th January 2021 for Lower and Middle School Applications. Applications can be made online via www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. If you know anyone who is new to Pulford and would like to have a look around the school, please ask them to call the office to book an evening slot with one of the Senior Leadership team. Dates and times will be available for after the half term break
- 2. PARENTVIEW:** Please take the time to have your say. Your feedback is invaluable to us! Here is the link to take you to the short survey – your thoughts count! <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>
- 3. Keeping Healthy:** We kindly request that packed lunches from home do not contain sweets or confectionary.
- 4. Smile Please!** On Tuesday 13th October 2020 the school photographer will be in school to take individual photographs – due to current restrictions, there will be no family photographs this year.
- 5. Parents Evening:** Please see your email that came out yesterday to book your slot!
- 6. Flu Immunisation YR – Y4 Friday 16th October 2020:** We sent parents of children in Yr-Y4 an email on 2nd October 2020 with the full details of the flu immunisation. If you have any queries or cannot complete the form for any reason, please call 01234 310418. The cut off date is 14th October 2020.
- 7. New Lunch Menu After October Half Term:** Please see the new menu attached to the email with this Update. The menu will come into effect after the October half term. *If you would like to change your child's meal option (Pre-school – Y4), please click on the following link, completing one for each child.* If you would like to keep the arrangements as they are, no further action is required. Please send any changes by 9.00am 14th October 2020. <https://forms.gle/63HrrTMuZsTouhFRA>
- 8. PTA Uniform Orders:** Until we are able to welcome PTA members back in to school, the office will continue to fulfil the uniform orders. We aim to process these weekly on a Monday. If you need anything for photos next week, please get them to us by 9am Monday 12th October 2020. We are still awaiting the arrival of the size 5-6 cardigans. Many thanks.
- 9. Late to School:** If for any reason you are late bringing your child in to school, you may be asked to wait to drop your child into the school building. Please be patient and staff will get your child in to the school building as soon as the corridors are clear.
- 10. Parking Permits:** The permit allocation has now been completed and we are no longer able to accept any more applications. For those who have applied, the permits will be coming out with your child next week.
- 11. Parent Space:** The Parent Space group are running some focussed virtual sessions – more details below!

Parent Space

*A free, virtual drop in for
parents*



Every Thursday
11am-12pm

This is a new drop in for parents, organised by the Early Help team at Central Bedfordshire Council, alongside support from Leighton Buzzard Children's Centre and Groundworks.

Why not grab yourself a tea or coffee and join us to hear about what support is available to you, chat with other parents and ask us any questions.

Our upcoming drop ins will cover the following topics;

15th October - Supporting children with angry feelings
22nd October - Homestart support in Central Beds
29th October - Trouble with your teenager? – Ask a youth worker

5th November - CBC Special Educational Needs and Disability Service (SENDIASS)
12th November - Local parenting support offer
19th November - Managing children's anxiety

We'd love to hear your ideas and feedback on how we can make future drop ins relevant to you!

This drop in will take place virtually, via Microsoft Teams. You will need to download the free Microsoft Teams app and join the drop in using the link which will be emailed to you.

Please email Amanda.McDonald@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk if you would like to join.