



# Co-Head Teachers Monthly Newsletter

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October 2023

Dear Families,

## Be Kind, Be Brave, Be your Best!

We have been talking to the children lots this term about our new motto. It really sums up what we want for every child in this school. We want our pupils to always be kind to each other and all members of our school community. We want our pupils to be brave including taking risks with their learning; mistakes are good if they lead to learning. We constantly reinforce that getting things wrong is where the real learning begins! We expect our pupils to always do their best and appreciate that this might look different for each child; we praise the effort and achievement for that individual. We think our new motto is a great summary of our aspiration for the fantastic children at our school.

## Coats, wellies and a biro!

Now that the weather is turning wet and windy, please ensure that on wet days your child has a coat in school as we will try to get the children outside if at all possible. If you want your child to be able to access the field and the Nature Zone in wet weather please send in some wellies too. Last request, please, please label your child's jumpers and coats with a biro – we have so many unnamed jumpers that we can't reunite with their owners. Your help is much appreciated.



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# Family Support @ Sea Mills

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At Sea Mills Primary School, we have a dedicated team who can support you as a family.

Our family and pastoral support worker is: **Leanne McCallum**

She has worked at Sea Mills for over 9 years in a family support and pastoral role. Leanne is fully trained in Thrive, is undertaking her ELSA training and has worked closely with our children and families over 9 years. She knows our children and community well. **She will be on the main gate every Monday morning from T2! Why not say hello!**

## She runs and coordinates:

- Daily thrive and ELSA sessions with pupils (1:1 and in groups)
- Contacts families who require support (welfare calls)
- Conducts supportive home visits
- Signposts and refers children and families for support e.g. mental health, domestic violence, food bank etc
- Runs 1x monthly chill and chat family drop in sessions (see posters for dates)
- Monitors our family support phone line weekly

To get in touch to access support via:

Family Support email: [Leanne.McCallum@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:Leanne.McCallum@bristol-schools.uk)

Call: 07770 536 228

Food Bank Vouchers: If require a food bank voucher please email Leanne who will be able to support you.

Welfare Calls: During any school closure you may receive a phone call from our family support worker. We have arranged this to ensure that we are checking in on you as a family and offering/signposting you to any help or advice that you may need. We care about you.

Other support you can access is:

School Nurse Service for parents and children: 0300 1245 816

First Response: 0117 9036444 (urgent child protection concerns)

Families in Focus: 0117 3521499 (non-urgent concerns)

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# DIARY DATES NOVEMBER 2023

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## October

30<sup>th</sup> Term Begins

31<sup>st</sup> Phonics Evening for parents 9am

## November

1<sup>st</sup> Individual School Photographs

1<sup>st</sup> Phonics Evening for parents 5pm (Y1&2)

7<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 3.15-6.00pm (appointments to be booked on Arbor)

8<sup>th</sup> Reception 2024 Open Evening 5pm

10<sup>th</sup> EYFS Diwali Event

13<sup>th</sup> Anti-Bullying Week Begins

13<sup>th</sup> Wear odd socks with uniform (for anti-bullying week)

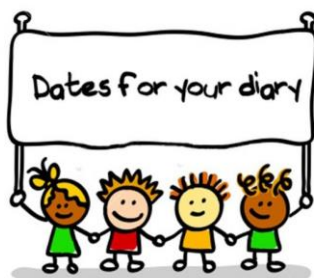
14<sup>th</sup> Nursery Stay and Plays

15<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 3.15 – 6pm (appointments to be booked on Arbor)

16<sup>th</sup> PTFA Taskmaster Evening 7.30-9.30pm

17<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need (Non-uniform day £1.00 donation)

21<sup>st</sup> Y6 Height and Weight check by school nurse





**Hurray! We've been going for 6 years.  
Sea Mills Holiday Breakfast Club**

We are open to families from the Sea Mills area who would benefit from a free, healthy breakfast, craft activities and a place to relax and play during the October school holiday.



We will be open on Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup>  
10-12 noon  
Sea Mills Primary School, Riverleaze, Sea Mills



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# Attendance

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Our school target is 96%  
Our current attendance figure is 95%  
**We are so close! Every day counts!**

## Attendance over one school year

If your child had:-

98% attendance = less than 4 days absent from school

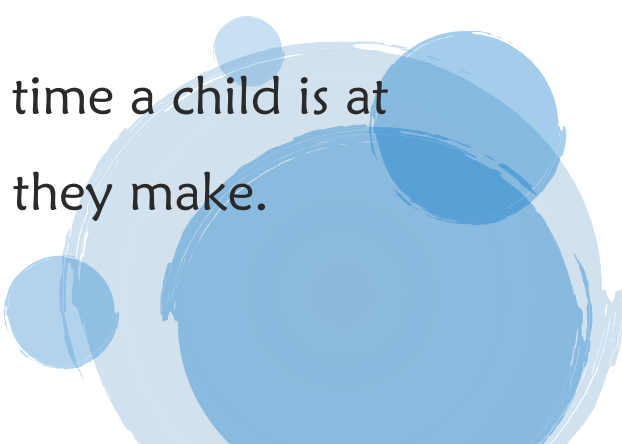
95% attendance = less than 10 days absent from school

90% attendance = less than 4 weeks absent from school

85% attendance = 5 ½ weeks absent from school

80% attendance = 7 ½ weeks absent from school

There is a direct link between the time a child is at school and the progress that they make.

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