

## Headteacher message

As you may be aware from the media, schools across the country are struggling with staffing levels. It is important to make you aware that this has also affected us at Bond Primary. We continue to work tirelessly to ensure that classes are covered adequately to cause as minimal disruption to learning as possible which has meant making quick decisions regarding our deployment of staff to respond to need. Thus far, we have managed to maintain face to face learning and we want this to continue. However if we find ourselves unable to staff classrooms, we may need to contact you to keep your children at home to receive learning remotely. This really would be a very last resort and so far we have managed to avoid this. If this affects your child's class, we will do our utmost to contact you as soon as possible to make you aware

## Attendance

A number of children have missed hours of education due to attending medical appointments.. Often the medical appointments take place during the morning or afternoon session however parents are choosing to keep children off for the whole day. Wherever possible please avoid doing this. If your child's appointment is during the afternoon, ensure your child attends their morning session. If your appointment is in the morning please bring your child to school to attend their afternoon sessions.

Ensure that you are calling the school on a daily basis to let inform us about absences and keep us updated.

School starts at 8:50am. Children should be in their lines before this time ready to be greeted and taken to their classrooms for a prompt start to learning. You may be asked to provide reasons for your child's lateness to be recorded in registers.



### Dates for diary



### Class Assemblies:

Week com:	class
24/1/22	Lotus
7/2/22	Jasmine
28/2/22	Poppy
14/3/22	Dahlia

**Safer Internet day—Tuesday 8th February 2022**

**End of half term:**

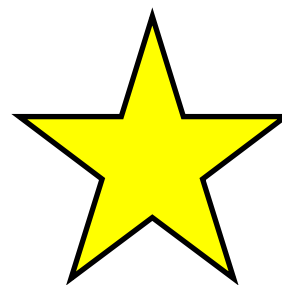
**Friday 11th February 2022**

**Inset day: Monday 21st February 2022**

**Children return to school:**

**Tuesday 22nd February 2022**

## Attendance Stars!



Well done to the following classes for their attendance last week.

**KS2 - Lotus 97.6%**

**KS1 - Dahlia 92.6%**

**EYFS— Orange Butterflies 98%**

**Whole school— 92.6%**

**Our whole school target is 96%**

## Health and well being

**Find healthier swaps with Food Scanner**

Download the free **NHS Food Scanner App** and scan, swipe, swap healthier choices for your family.

**Find healthier swaps for the whole family**

Lower sugar yummy yogurt

**Just scan, swipe, swap**

Now it's your turn to try!

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The Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID)'s new childhood nutrition campaign has been launched - you may have seen advertisements. The campaign focuses on using the Food Scanner app to help families make healthier food swaps.

It can be very hard to change eating choices however this app may help. For further information visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/nhs-food-scanner-app/>

## Safer Parenting Handbook

We have seen a rise in parents expressing concerns about the challenges of being a parent and trying to do the best for their child/children. No one is issued with a how to guide; we are not always equipped with a wealth of knowledge to know what to do when difficulties arise or important decisions need to be made. Merton has put together a 'Safer Parenting Handbook' which contains information about various aspects of parenting providing

you with useful advice and contacts. Many of you may have received this previously.



<https://www.mertonscp.org.uk/parents/safer-parenting-handbook/>

## Keeping children visible

Keeping children visible in the dark is incredibly important. During these darker evenings, it is not always easy for drivers to see pedestrians. Please ensure that you are doing your utmost to secure the visibility of your child. Consider the use of reflective armbands or sashes to be worn on outer garments. Some retailers also sell jackets and coats with reflective material. These items make it easier for your child to be seen. Remind children about road safety and finding sensible places to cross busy roads. The following websites offer good practical advice.

<https://firstaidforlife.org.uk/keeping-children-safe-in-dark>

<https://www.think.gov.uk/>

<https://www.rosopa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for->

# Key Stage Two

Recently, we spoke to parents about Year 6 taking part in the Rehearsal for Life arts project, which sees children use the arts to support their English lessons and enhance their creativity. This week children have been applying these techniques to our class book 'The Wolves in the Walls,' re-enacting a nightmare, before planning and attempting to write their own. The children got really creative and as a result, produced some fantastic writing. Great work year 6!

