

Thursday 7th September 2023

Welcome Back!

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to all children, parents and families to Bilton Grange. I would also like to give a warm welcome to our new starters in EYFS and in other year groups too! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and the children are rested and ready for the new school year.

All the staff worked hard over the summer to get school ready for the start of term and it has been lovely having all the children back in school this week.

I'd just like to take this opportunity to remind/inform you of a few arrangements for the start of term:-

Timings for the School Day

Early Years: 8.50am-3.10pm (Doors open at 8.45am)

Years 1-6: 8.45am-3.15pm (Doors open at 8.40am)

Once the doors are open, children can make their way quietly to their classrooms.

School Uniform

Please send your child to school in the Bilton Grange school uniform as follows:-

Girls • Red cardigan/sweatshirt • Black/grey skirt or trousers • White blouse or red/white polo top • Black shoes or boots in winter • Summer - red and white gingham dress

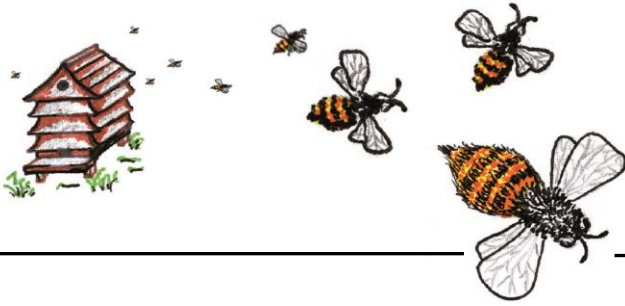
Boys • Red sweatshirt/jumper • Black or grey trousers • Red/white polo top • Black shoes

This year we will be holding our Uniform Recycling events regularly throughout the school year where you can take pre-loved uniform which has been donated to school.

Attendance and Taking Holidays During Term Time

At Bilton Grange, we are committed to promoting good attendance which is essential for pupils to achieve their potential. Evidence shows that pupils with no absence are 3.1 times more





likely to achieve highly by Year 6 than pupils that had an attendance rate of 90% or less. We know that as parents and carers you want the best for your child, and this is why it is imperative all pupils at Bilton Grange School attend school whenever possible.

We do understand there are times when children will need to be absent from school for a number of reasons, for example for sickness or ill health. If your child is absent, you are required to contact the school as soon as possible on the first day of absence. Any parent or carer who has not reported their child as absent will be contacted by the school by phone, email or text message.

Reading Books

All children in years 1-6 will read to an adult during the first week and will be given a reading record and book to bring home. Children in EYFS will begin phonics in week 2 and reading books will be sent home in due course. At the end of the first week your child's key stage leader will send home further information regarding routines, homework and dates for your diary.

Newsletters

These will continue to be sent out weekly, starting from Friday 15th September and will focus on recent news and important dates and events in the near future for your diary. As before these will be sent out electronically on a Friday. Please contact Mrs Miller in the school office if you would prefer to receive these as paper copies. At the end of each term there will also be a curriculum newsletter showcasing and celebrating all the fantastic achievements of the children during that term.

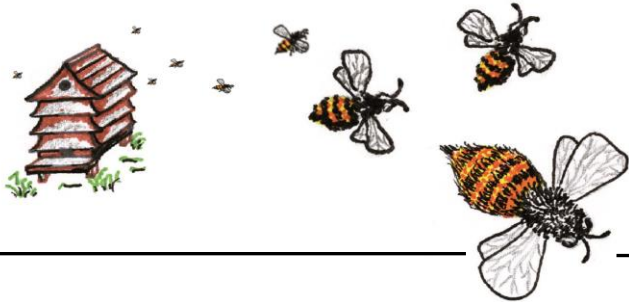
New Starter's PTA Coffee Morning

The PTA will be holding a new starter's coffee morning after school drop off on **Friday 15th September** for our new families as well as all our other families throughout school. Please come along if you are free as it's a great opportunity to meet other parents as well as our fantastic PTA! The coffee morning will be held in the school hall, please just make your way there after dropping your child off at the start of the school day.

Harrogate Hive

A reminder that we have excellent wrap around school provision provided by Harrogate Hive. Please contact the school office or visit our website for more information.





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Acorns Nursery

We also have an outstanding nursery in our school building, Acorns Nursery, offering places to children from 2 years old. Please visit their website, www.acornsplaygroup.co.uk for more information.

Myself, Mrs Ashby-Smith or Mr Guyan will be in the school playground at the start and end of each school day; please come and speak to us if there is anything you need or want to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

Sian James

Headteacher



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