



PLATT BRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL | APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

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Executive Headteachers May Half Term Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Easter newsletter! We are all extremely happy that school is becoming more and more like it was before the pandemic even though we are very aware that Covid has not disappeared. During my time with the children (usually serving them dinner in the dinner hall!) it has been great to hear how happy they are to be in school with their friends and their teachers. They are always polite and use good manners which is wonderful to see! This was also commented on by several Ofsted inspectors who were based in the school whilst inspecting Kingsbridge, our Initial teacher training provider. Your children are a credit to you and make us proud to have them in our school.

I was delighted to see so many children taking part in World Book Day (3rd March 2022). World Book Day was filled with fun and enjoyable activities that the children took part in during the day at school. All the activities had a focus on reading for pleasure and we all shared our favourite books. This is a key focus for Platt Bridge and you will become more aware of some of the exciting things we have planned for our children connected with reading in the summer term.

To celebrate Comic Relief (18th March) we held a whole school Superheroes Day! It was amazing to see so many pupils (and staff!) dressed in their favourite superhero costumes. During the day pupils learned about everyday superheroes and how to be more like an everyday superhero themselves. We all believe it is still very important to recognise the importance of all the people who played key roles during the pandemic and continue to make sure we are all safe and able to return to more normal everyday lives.

As we approach the Easter weekend, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support with ensuring your children attend school every day and arrive on time. This is so important to ensure they don't miss any learning.

Key Date reminder – School reopens at 8:55am on Tuesday 19th April 2022.

I would like to wish you all a happy Easter!

Sue Darbyshire

Chief Executive Officer | National Leader of Education | Executive Headteacher



Comic Relief Superhero Day



All pupils and staff came to school dressed up as a superhero and donated a shiny coin for this amazing charity. We wish to thank parents for their continued support.

Nursery Places | FREE Nursery Places

The closing date for Nursery places for September 2022 is approaching

Please [click here](#) for more information or contact the school office on (01942 487999). For further information regarding **FREE** eligibility nursery places for 2-year-olds please [click here](#).

September 2022 | New Intake Information

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, they will start reception class at the start of the new school year in September 2022.

Applying late means you have less chance of getting your preferred school. If you still need to apply for a place, [click here](#)

We will be in touch with families joining our Sept 2022 reception class when we return to share new intake information etc.



Community First Academy Trust and Platt Bridge Community School held a non-uniform day to help raise urgent funds for Ukrainian children. The special event went ahead at Platt Bridge Community School on Friday 11th March 2022. Pupils were invited to wear Yellow and Blue and bring a shiny coin to school to help generate money for the United Nations' UNICEF children's charity.



We are delighted to inform you that our school featured in the 'class act' area in Wigan's Observer (15th March). We are thrilled that we were able to showcase our amazing school that we are extremely proud of.



Platt Bridge Community School hosted an open evening for prospective parents of Reception children starting in September 2022 and any existing or future prospective parents in Nursery, Reception or Years 1 to 6 who wished to see our school in action. The event was well attended, and we received some amazing feedback from current and prospective parents. The evening was a great success.



Our Reading Superheroes had an amazing morning visiting Waterstones, in Wigan, to purchase some books for our Reading Garden within school! Keep an eye open for our monthly visits to stock up this amazing resource! Who will be our next Reading Superheroes????

SCHOOL MEAL MENU UPDATE

We have updated our 3-week lunch menu for the next half term after the Easter break. A copy of the menu is available on Class Dojo. We hope the pupils enjoy the changes and new additions to the menu. If you wish to order a meal for your child, please use your ParentPay account to select their preferred daily meal.

If your financial circumstances have changed, your child may be entitled to a free school meal. Please contact the school office if you would like us to check if your child is eligible.

Thank you.

SUPERHEROES WRAP AROUND CARE

Please note Breakfast Club and After School Club are not a drop-in service and must be pre-booked and paid for via Parentpay before your child attends. If you wish your child to attend our Superheroes Breakfast or After School Club you will need to pre-book and pay via Parentpay (otherwise the system will cancel your place) by midnight the day before you wish your child to attend. Block bookings can be made in advance, but they must be paid for on booking.

If you have any queries, please email I.butler@cfat.org.uk. Thank you

Platt Bridge Community School Foodbank

As you are aware we operate a foodbank for any member of our community who needs help. If you need help with a food parcel please speak to one of our pastoral staff who will be more than pleased to help you.

Up to date Contact Information

As there may be occasions when the school needs to contact parents or carers during the school day, it is vital that you inform school immediately if there are any changes to emergency contact details or home telephone/mobile numbers please kindly keep school updated of any change via email.

What is Easter?

The week leading up to Easter Sunday is known as Holy Week. It consists of:

Palm Sunday - this day marks Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, where he was greeted by crowds who shouted praise and waved palm branches.

Holy Monday - some observe the anointing of Jesus at Bethany on this day.

Holy Tuesday - some observe Jesus' predictions of his own death on this day.

Holy Wednesday - also known as Spy Wednesday, this day marks Judas' betrayal of Jesus.

Maundy Thursday - when Jesus and his disciples shared the Last Supper.

Good Friday - the day Jesus was crucified.

Easter Sunday - the day of Jesus' resurrection.

Easter Activities for Children

You needn't be stuck for ideas to keep the children entertained....

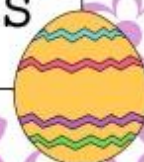
- ✓ Chick Paper Plate Sewing Project – this is a great fine motor Easter activity too!
- ✓ Paper Roll Chicks
- ✓ Peek-a-Boo Chicks – children would love making these and playing with them after!
- ✓ Handprint Chick puppets – we love these handprint chicks! You could also easily paint and make handprints on a card too.
- ✓ Handprint and Footprint Chick – these are so cute!
- ✓ Cotton ball bunny cards are fun to make and children will love giving these as Easter cards!
- ✓ Toilet paper roll bunny craft. A fun way to re-use paper rolls!



Easter Word Search



E	N	B	M	E	C	H	I	C	K	B
D	E	U	A	T	E	O	E	O	A	J
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F	B	Y	H	O	W	E	S	G	N	L
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EASTER	BUNNY	BASKET	EGGS	SPRING
MARCH	JELLYBEANS	TULIPS	CHOCOLATE	HUNT
MARSHMALLOW	CHICK	PARADE	BONNET	DAFFODILS

Easter Holiday Mindfulness Colouring

Mindfulness means slowing down and taking a breath to pause and really notice what you are doing and collecting your thoughts together. It will take your full concentration to really be mindful, you have to relax and take your time with a certain task, whether that's just taking a few seconds to control your breath. Being mindful means doing the opposite of multi-tasking or rushing, it's all about focusing on one thing at a time and feeling calm and collected whilst doing it.

To become mindful, it's important to remember that it will take a lot of practice to become better each time. This is because mindfulness involves training the mind, which can't be done overnight. The more your practice, the better you get.

A great way to practise mindfulness is to complete a number of exercises, which can help when you're stressed, have something difficult to do or when you have to focus your attention. Eventually, after practising mindfulness regularly, it will become natural in your everyday life.





Useful contacts and online resources

Here's a list of signposted providers that can offer counselling, coaching and other support that may help improve your overall wellbeing. For more details <https://www.plattbridge.wigan.sch.uk/parents/support-services-for-pupils-and-families>

Stress & Anxiety

Mind www.mind.org.uk

Childline www.childline.org.uk

The Stress Management Society www.stress.org.uk

The Big White Wall Support
Network www.bigwhitewall.com

NHS www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression

Mental Health Matters www.mentalhealthmatters.com

24 hour helpline 0800 1070160

Work / Life Balance

NHS Live Well – Work Place
Health www.nhs.uk/livewell/workplacehealth

Mental Health Foundation www.mentalhealth.org.uk/a-to-z/w/work-life-balance

Cycle Scheme www.cyclescheme.co.uk

Your Body

NHS One Your Campaign www.nhs.uk/oneyou

British Heart Foundation www.bhf.org.uk

Exercise

NHS Live Well – Get Started www.nhs.uk/livewell/getting-started-guides

The Girl Can – Sport England www.thegirlcan.co.uk

Living Streets www.livingstreets.org.uk

Swimming ASA www.swimming.org/asa

Chartered Society of Physiotherapy www.csp.org.uk/your-health/exercise-advice-all-ages-fitness

Home Life

Relate www.relate.org.uk

Samaritans www.samaritians.org

Notational Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

Barnardo's www.barnardos.org.uk

Childline www.childline.org.uk 08001111

Smoking

NHS Live Well www.nhs.uk/livewell/smoking

NHS Smokefree www.smokefree.nhs.uk

Worried about a child? <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Health-Social-Care/Children-and-young-people/Child-protection/Child-protection.aspx>

