



PLATT BRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL | SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

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Head of School – Welcome Back Message

Dear Children, Parents and Carers at Platt Bridge Community School,

Welcome back to the 2022-2023 academic year – we are delighted to welcome your children back to Platt Bridge Community School for another year of learning in line with our motto – Promote Belief, Create Success.

Platt Bridge Community School is a happy place with a great team of committed and dedicated staff, and we have the highest expectations for the achievements of the pupils who attend here. The team here at Platt Bridge have an open-door policy and are happy to help with anything you may need. School staffing information and details of the teachers in each class can be found on our website by [clicking here](#).

Senior leaders of school will be available daily upon drop off and pick up for you to get to know and communicate with. In addition, our school's pastoral team are always available for you to speak with regards to your child's wellbeing and needs in school – please see below for the details of your child's pastoral phase leader.

Lower Phase (Nursery, Reception, Y1)	Middle Phase (Year 2 and Year 3)	Upper Phase (Year 4, Year 5, Year 6)
Tracey Smith 	Donna Stenson 	Jane Sargent 

As always at Platt Bridge Community School, our pursuit of excellence in teaching and enjoyment of learning will be at the heart of all that we do. We do our utmost to ensure that every child is treated as a unique individual, cherishing their talents and ensuring we nurture them both academically and personally – our provision for extra-curricular activities including educational visits, after-school clubs and visiting speakers will help our children develop skills for life, enjoy learning and achieve to the very best of their ability; please monitor Dojo carefully for more information about what will be available for your child's class.

In order to maintain our high expectations, I want to take this opportunity to remind parents that our school uniform is an important part of our identity as a school, and we expect children to be in full school uniform every day – including full school PE kit. Within this newsletter are examples of what this should look like. Uniform will form part of our High 5 Award along with Reading Daily, completing homework, attendance and punctuality.

A final reminder that school begins at 8:55am and we are going back to lining up on the playground for Reception – Year 6 to welcome your child into school. The gates will be open from 8:45am for you to start to bring your children in and the whistle will be blown when children need to line up. It is important that teachers remain free to support the classes morning routine and as such, if you have any communications or things to discuss with them, we ask that you continue to do this via Class Dojo rather than overcrowding the teacher at the classroom door.

We are excited to welcome your children back to school and look forward to seeing what the new academic year has in store.

Regards

Mrs Bozdoğan

Head of School

School Uniform

School uniform is obligatory. All items of uniform are available from a range of suppliers in the area, please contact school for more information.

- Grey long or short trousers/skirt
- Blue tartan skirt/pinafore
- White polo shirt with/without logo
- Blue sweatshirt or cardigan with/without logo
- Black shoes
- Grey/white socks or tights

Every child is expected to be correctly dressed for PE lessons.

- Black pumps (indoor)
- Trainers (outdoor)
- White T-shirt
- Navy blue/black shorts or unbranded tracksuit bottoms

No jewellery (apart from watches and small stud earrings) is to be worn in school as it constitutes a danger to the wearer and other children.

Hair should be of a natural colour and extreme hairstyles are not permitted.



SCHOOL SNACK & SWIMMING

Please check your ParentPay account and pay any remaining snack charges and swimming charges.

If you would like to change your child's snack order or make a new order please contact Adele Simm in the school office on 01942 487999 or email finance@cfat.org.uk

Snack and refreshments will continue to be provided throughout the day for ALL children in Nursery and Reception.

DINNER MONEY/WRAP AROUND CARE

Please make sure that you pay any outstanding dinner and wrap around care balances. It is important that these balances are cleared.

You can view current account balances by accessing your Parentpay account. You can pay any arrears by logging into your Parentpay account. If you are having any problems please call into school to speak to the admin team who will be able to help you.



Superheroes Breakfast and After School Club

If you wish to book CFAT Superheroes wraparound care please make sure you book a place via Parentpay. This booking needs to be done before midnight of the night before you need a place. If you do not pay for your child's place on booking it will automatically be cancelled by the system. Breakfast Club Arrival from 7:30am to 8:55am - £4 per child per day. After School Club Attendance from 3:30pm to 6:00pm - £8 per child per day. Fees include supervised activities, breakfast or a tea time snack. If you have any queries please email me on l.butler@cfat.org.uk.



'Shine Time' was launched in Sept 2021 and takes place on Friday afternoon for all children, who are allowed an opportunity to trade-in points that have been earned in exchange for prizes, activities and experiences.



High Five is a reward scheme that we use across school, this reward is earned weekly for successful completion of the following:-

1. **Attendance:**
100% attendance (if a medical appointment is unavoidable, written evidence must be provided to school for inclusion in the award).
2. **Punctuality:**
Being in class at the start of each lesson of the day and ready to learn
3. **Uniform / P.E. Kit:**
Correct uniform and PE kit for the duration of the week
4. **Homework:**
Completed and returned to school
5. **Reading Book:**
Reading completed at home and parental signature obtained.

Children who are supported to achieve all these important and positive areas of school life earn a weekly fun activity, selected by class, as a reward. Children who do not achieve the reward continue to do their work whilst the reward takes place. The feedback from children is very positive and we hope to keep it that way. Many thanks for your support and please make every effort to support your child to earn their "High Five" every week!

We have been informed of an update to the Government website which supports children to learn about online safety. Please follow this link for access to resources for children and parents to explore online learning safety.
https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/4-5/



Platt Bridge Community School Foodbank

As you are aware we operate a discrete 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.

Platt Bridge Community School's meals are provided by our in-house catering service. Our school provides an environment that promotes healthy eating and drinking and enables pupils to make informed choices about the food and drink they eat. Further information is available by [clicking here](#)

Although all children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to a free school meal under the Universal Free School Meal Grant, if you are entitled to benefits, you must still register for the school to receive Pupil Premium Funding. We would be grateful if you could do this immediately and if you need any help, we are happy to support you with this process. The school uses pupil premium funding to fund various activities and resources for your child throughout the year. If you need any assistance regarding this or have any questions, please call in at the Main Reception Desk to speak to us.

Children who are moving from Year 2 to Year 3 are no longer eligible to receive Universal Free School Meals. If you are entitled to benefits, you must make sure that you register for your child to continue to receive free school meals.

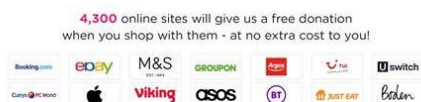
For pupils who are in Year 3 to Year 6, the cost of a school meal will remain at £2.15 per day, i.e. £10.75 per week.

Just a reminder that Platt Bridge Community School is registered with easy fundraising, which means you can raise **FREE** donations for school every time you shop online. Just sign up and remember to use easy fundraising whenever you shop online. All you have to do is find the retailer you want to shop with on the easy fundraising website or App, shop as usual and the retailer will donate to us when you make a purchase – at no extra cost to you!

These donations really mount up and make a **BIG** difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could support us by using easy fundraising. It's completely **FREE** and only takes a moment.

You can find our easy fundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/plattbridgecs>

Thank you so much!



Download the easyfundraising App



Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16,190
- Universal Credit
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- In the Armed Forces

If you can answer yes to any of the above you may qualify for free school meals/Pupil Premium

The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.





Platt Bridge Community Library is located at Platt Bridge Community School.

Opening hours

- Monday - Wednesday:
10am - 2pm
- Thursday - Friday:
1pm - 5pm
- Saturday - Sunday:
Closed

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- 7 public computers
- Free parking
- Separate children's section available outside of school hours
- Dedicated health section in library



Shelia would love to see you in our community library. Please come along and say hello, make yourselves a member and borrow some books.



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 to enquiries@plattbridge.cfat.org.uk.

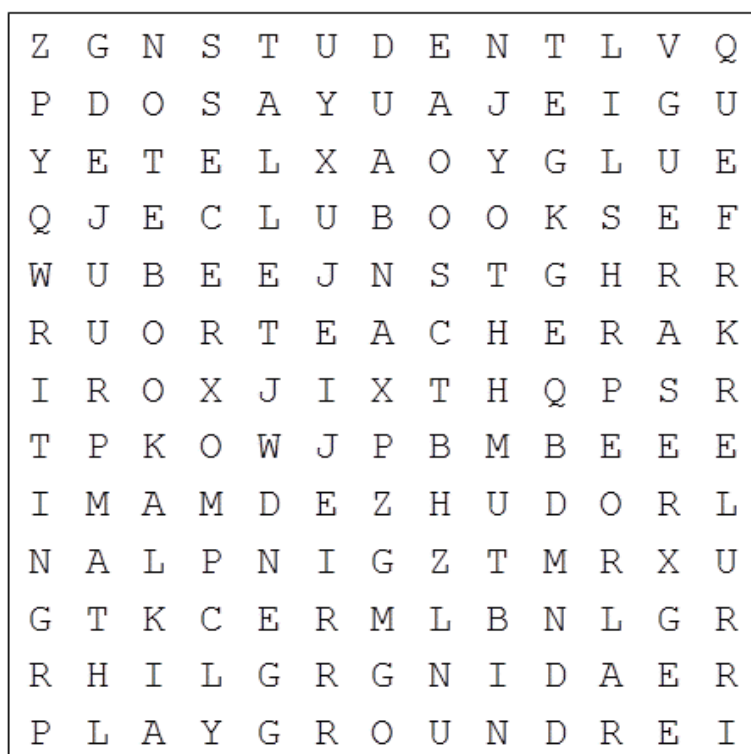
Back to School Activities for Children

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

Try our Back-to-School Word search and spot the Difference....



Back to School



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DESK
ERASER
GLUE
LUNCHBOX
MATH

NOTEBOOK
PAPER
PENCIL
PLAYGROUND
READING
RECESS

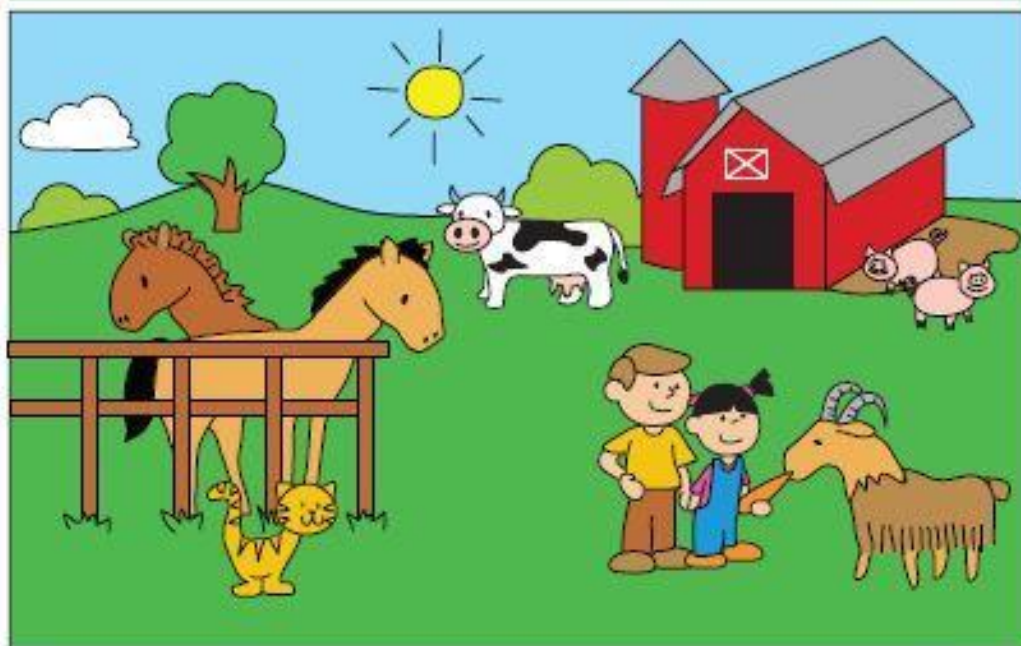
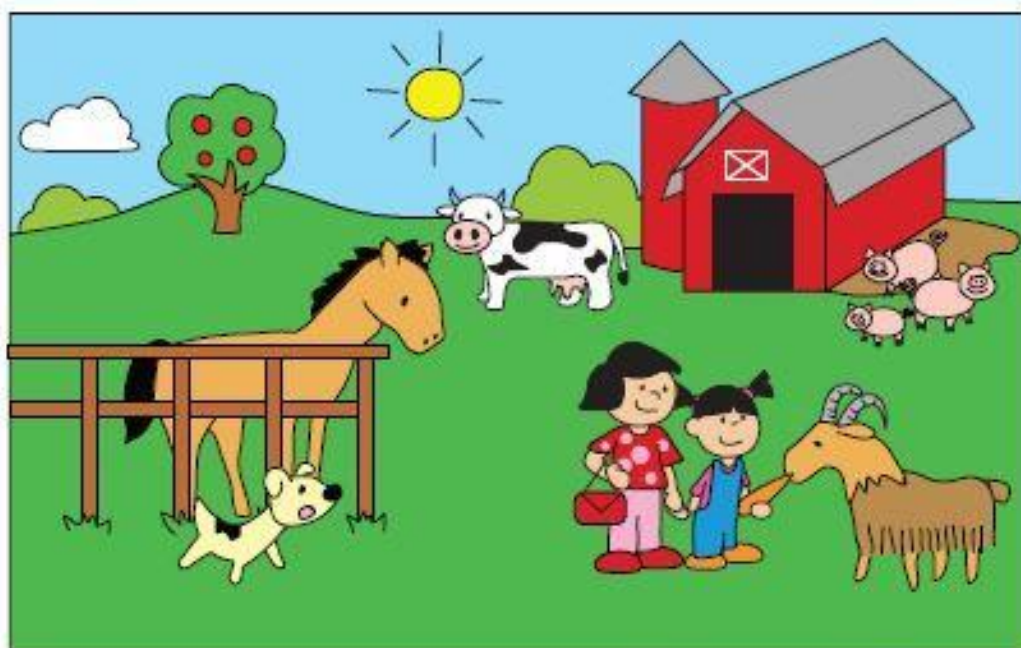
RULER
STUDENT
TEACHER
WRITING



Name _____

becca visits the farm

Can you spot the 5 differences between these two pictures?



Back to School Mindful 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

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

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

Reiate 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