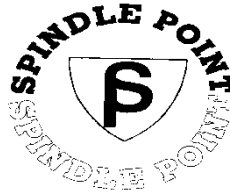


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SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

A warm welcome to new parents and children starting school this week and a welcome *back* to all others after the summer break. It has been lovely to see the children arriving in their uniforms looking ever so smart and eager to return! The Spindle Point team are excited about the following academic year where we hope to build on the successes from last year.

Uniform

The children look very smart in their uniforms and are very proud of them. It really does make a difference to learning and behaviour when the children take pride in their appearance. I thank all parents who ensure that their children are wearing full school uniform and school shoes and that they are labelled with your child's name to avoid things being lost. Preferably, girls with long hair should have it tied back and earrings should be studs only; this is for safety reasons and prevents accidents, particularly in PE and at break times.

Attendance

Sadly, all of our efforts to improve attendance did not see much of an overall improvement last year. We have decided to incorporate good attendance with our reward system to motivate the children and ensure they value the importance of good attendance and punctuality.

Bolton Authority have changed the penalty notice criteria and this will affect parents who take children out of school for holidays, have other regular absences or arrive late in school after the register has closed. Warnings may be issued to parents when a child has had 5 sessions off school (1 session = am or pm, so 1 day = 2 sessions). **Penalties will be issued to parents whose children have 10 sessions of unauthorised absence across 2 consecutive half terms.**

Welcome to Class Meetings

These will take place on Tuesday 11th September. Please do come along and meet your child's teacher. It will be useful to see the kind of techniques we use to teach reading and maths. Teachers will also be talking about homework and other expectations. Children from Year 2 upwards are expected to attend these with you.

Classes	Times
Reception	3.40-4pm
Year 1	3.40-4pm
Year 2 and Year 3	4-4.30pm
Year 4	4.30-5pm
Year 5 and Year 6 (together)	5-5.30pm

Dinner Money

Reception, Y1 & Y2 receive universal free meals until Christmas.

Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 dinner money is £7.00 per week.

Dinner money must be paid on Monday morning. The office at Bolton LEA responsible for the collection of dinner monies has given a stern reminder to school that a dinner *has to be paid for before it is eaten!*



Collecting children at the end of the school day

This is a very busy time both around the school site and outside the school entrance. To try to alleviate congestion and prevent accidents we have different 'pick up' points.

Nursery	-	Collect from Nursery
Reception	-	Collect from Reception Classroom door
Y1	-	Collect from Y1 Classroom door
Y2	-	Please wait on the junior playground (not at the classroom door) and the children will come out to you.
Y3	-	Please wait on the junior playground and the children will meet you there.
Y4, Y5, Y6	-	Please make sure your child knows your arrangements for the end of the school day. Please could parents not stand directly outside the junior cloakroom door as this causes congestion for the children who are coming out.

We monitor all our exits to ensure children leave the school premises. Anyone not collected is brought back into school. Children who are not collected by 3.45pm are put in the After School Club and a charge is made. Please remind your children (as we regularly do) that if there is no one at the usual collection point outside the school premises they must come back into school.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	
Tuesday 11 th September	Welcome to Class Meetings	All parents and children
	Fire Service	Year 6
Thursday 20 th September	Little Roots Project starts	Year 2
Friday 21 st September	Salford Museum Trip	Year 1
Weekend of the 21 st September	Kearsley Scarecrow Festival	Display outside school
	Competition Winners Holiday	The Anderton Centre
Tuesday 25 th September	Library visit	Year 5
Tuesday 2 nd October	Swimming starts	Year 4
Monday 8 th October	Bikeability Week	Year 6
Thursday 11 th October	Dental Nurse in school	Year 4
	Fort Alice in school	Year 6
Monday 15 th October	Book Fair in school	All welcome
Tuesday 16 th October	Library Visit	Year 4
	Parent's Evening	Details to follow
Friday 19 th October	Break up for half term	Return Monday 29 th October

Text Messaging Service

Please ensure you keep your mobile phone number details up to date. If we have incorrect details you will miss out on important information i.e. school closures, pupil of the week, places at after school clubs and cancelled clubs.

Many thanks for your ongoing support,
Miss J Bingham
Headteacher

