



EBRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

May 2021 Newsletter

May and June have arrived. Hopefully the weather begins to improve and we may see a little summer sunshine, instead of the wind and rain that came on our May Bank Holiday. A busy time is ahead in the coming weeks in school and we look forward to communicating a few events with you.

Nursery & Primary 1 Admissions

Having now sent out our letters to our incoming P1 and Nursery families, we are delighted to welcome all to #TeamEbrington. We only wish we had more spaces, as the popularity of the school continues to grow. Both the Nursery and P1 staff will be in further contact with the relevant information on meetings, induction, etc.

Car Park

Due to staffing pressures, we are making efforts to 'scale down' the 'man-management' of the shale pitch parking. We have been trialling it over the past couple of days and, in the main, it seems to be working effectively, which we are very grateful for.

The car park has been operating a one-way system since return in August. ALL parents are well aware of this.

I reviewed the CCTV coverage this morning and was saddened to see a small number of cars (12, with the car make and registration clear) have started to go against the one-way traffic flow system in operation.

I'm sure you appreciate this could result in a serious accident. 6 cars exited the shale pitch this morning and drove straight towards the incoming traffic.

I ask everyone to please have patience and follow the routines, no matter how close you may be parked to an exit. All these systems are in operation to make things more safe for our pupils and parents

Thank you to all who have been following the guidelines.

Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Mrs D Armstrong, P5A teacher, who has been blessed with the safe arrival of a healthy baby girl.

Baby Kaiyana Valerie Armstrong was born on 21 April. Everyone in school was very excited to hear this news



Parent Interviews

As previously stated, it **was** our intention to manage parent interviews this week for all pupils P1-P7, based on every pupil being back to remote learning, as previously stated by Education Minister.



We are still not able to hold face to face interviews in the large numbers as previously, and parents have previously been informed of how we would need early school closures to accommodate online meetings.

With pupils already missing out on face to face teaching, we have come to the decision not to close school early for a week to manage these interviews. Teachers had been in regular contact through SeeSaw and Google Classroom, giving lots of feedback during school closures. Reports will be going out mid-June and there will be an opportunity for parents to make contact with their child's class teacher to discuss any matters, if they wish.

School end of term-change of dates

Due to staff and pupil early start dates in mid-August, we need to adjust the end of term finish day. We held off on informing parents of this as we were concerned in case further changes would have to be made before then end of June.

As a result, school will now finish for pupils on Friday 25 June, midday.

Primary 6 Parent meeting re: Post-Primary Transfer

A Primary 6 parent meeting, via Zoom, has been organised for Monday 11 May @ 7:30pm. The Zoom link will be sent to parents on this day. Please do not share this link with anyone. A letter and booklet have been sent home with all P6 pupils. Please read the information within the booklet carefully.

Next School Academic Calendar, 2021-2022

The Department of education have now approved our calendar for the next academic year, September 2021-June 2022. A copy is being uploaded to the school website and will also be shared via your child's online classroom.