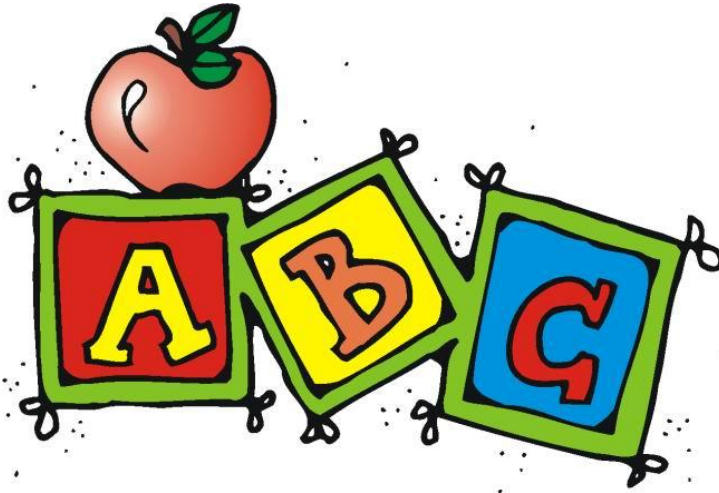


MYLOR BRIDGE CP SCHOOL

*This information is also included on the school
website but this booklet is primarily aimed at Reception children
It may be of use for children starting later in Primary School years*



STARTING
SCHOOL

Some information for Parents



Welcome

Welcome to Mylor Bridge School. We recognise that this is an important time for both you and your child, and we hope to make the transition from home/pre-school to school as smooth as possible. This booklet is designed to give you the information you require as your child starts in the Reception Class.

The Basics

The school telephone number is 01326 373724 and the office hours are 8.15 am — 4.15 pm.

The school e-mail address is:

secretary@mylor-bridge.cornwall.sch.uk.

The school website is – www.mylor-bridge.eschools.co.uk

THE SCHOOL DAY

Children to arrive at school at 8.45 am

Morning session 8.45 am—12.00 midday

Afternoon session 1.00 pm—3.15 pm

It is a statutory requirement that children are in school ready to commence at 8.45am.

EARLY ARRIVALS

If parents need to bring children to school before 8.45am we provide cover from 7.30am at a cost of £3 per child per day. Bookings can be made on ParentPay.

ARRIVING AND LEAVING SCHOOL

Parents can come into the playground and wait with their child until 8.45am when the gate to the main playground at the rear of the school will be opened. The Class 1 team will then meet the children and take them into school.

At the end of the school day children are collected from the rear playground at 3.15 pm.

If someone different is collecting your child from school, please inform the school/class teacher in advance.

ABSENCE

If your child is ill or absent, please call the school and leave a message explaining the reason for the absence or you can email secretary@mylor-bridge.cornwall.sch.uk.

Please note that we cannot authorise family holidays during term time except in exceptional circumstance. If you do require to take your child out of school for reasons other than illness, please complete a Request for Absence Form available by the front office.

We encourage parents to make medical and dental appointments outside the school day, if appointments outside of school are unavailable, please complete an absence form.

FRUIT AND VEG SCHEME

Break-time is at 10.00 am. The Government Fruit and Veg. Scheme provides Key Stage 1 children (i.e. all Infants) with a healthy snack at morning break-time. During the afternoon session there is a break from 2.00 pm to 2.15 pm when children may like to eat their own **healthy** (fruit or vegetables) snack.

WATER BOTTLES

Please send your child to school with a filled, named water bottle – WATER only please. Refills are available in school.

BUMPS AND BRUISES

Every care is taken to ensure your child is safe at school and we have a number of qualified paediatric first aiders on staff. When minor bumps and grazes occur we will send home a bump-form. For head bumps or any other accident which is more significant we will phone and speak to a parent/contact.



MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

Please keep us up to date with your child's health and medical requirements. Please do not send your child to school with medication in their bag. A form for in-school administering medicines needs to be completed by parents. Medicines are kept securely stored in the school office and are available at any time. If your child requires any medication, including medicines to be administered during the school day, please see Mrs McGannity in the office and she'll be happy to make arrangements with you.

COMMUNICATION

Home/school communication is very important. We ensure parents are aware of events in school through weekly newsletters, e-mails, website and Tapestry. Please keep us up to date with contact telephone numbers and emails. Login details for eSchools will be given to parents once your child has started with us.

SCHOOL LIFE

Toys in school – We do encourage children not to bring in toys from home, so that they do not get lost or broken and cause unnecessary upset.

Birthday invitations and birthday cakes – We do ask parents *not* to send into school birthday invitations and birthday cakes or sweets.

THE FOUNDATION STAGE

Your 4-year-old has almost completed the Early Years Foundation Stage which begins at birth and finishes at the end of Reception Year. During this year their learning is organised into 7 areas of learning and development, although each will overlap depending on the task set. These are;

Prime areas - Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Communication and Language.

Specific areas - Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding and the World, Expressive Arts and Design. Children will be encouraged to be effective learners through playing and exploring, by being active learners and by creating and thinking critically.

We aim to provide children with well-planned, purposeful activities which will engage them in the learning process with appropriate intervention from an adult.

SCHOOL MEALS

School meals are free for all KS1 children under the Government Universal Free School Meals Scheme. However, if you were eligible for Free School Meals under existing Benefits scheme, please continue to claim.

There is an on-line ordering service for school meals and parents will need to register their child on www.parentpay.com to order a school meal.

A menu from Chartwells is usually sent home at the beginning of the term, and a menu is also displayed on the school notice board. A copy of the school menu is also available on our school website and at the front entrance of our school. If you require further detail please contact the school office.

READING

For KS1 children, red book bags with the school logo are given to the children during the first few days of school and we ask for a contribution of £4.50 each. Each day the book bag will go home with a reading diary and our daily sound, leading onto reading books in due course.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts and PE shirts with the school logo are available from our online supplier Trophy Textiles www.trophytextiles.co.uk Children wear red logo polo shirts and grey trousers/shorts or grey pinafore dresses/skirts. Jumpers are grey v-neck with the school logo. The girls

may wear grey tights in the winter. Optional alternative summer uniform for the girls consists of red checked dresses and grey cardigans for the girls.

PE Kits

On PE days, children need to wear their PE kit to school; black or navy shorts/skorts, white logoed PE t-shirt, trainers or plimsolls. In the winter this can consist of black or navy jogging bottoms/ black or navy leggings, white PE t-shirt and a grey logoed PE hoodie. PE t-shirts and hoodies are available from Trophy Textiles. Days for PE TBC.

Please ensure that your child's name is marked clearly on all items of clothing. Thank you.

Payments

We are a cashless school and use the online platform ParentPay for booking school lunches, as well as paying for other items such as school trips, book bags and additional events such as swimming, forest school, sailing etc. Instructions and your login details will be given to you once your child has started with us.

It is important that your child is happy and secure at school and we will do our part to ensure that this is the case. Parents and teachers working together provide the best possible basis for a child's education.

From an early age we encourage high standards of behaviour. We promote positive responses in the caring environment of our school.

As parents you can help your child by encouraging the following independence skills - organising belongings e.g PE kit or book bag; using a knife, fork and spoon; tidying away toys; acting responsibly; listening and following simple instructions. It is particularly helpful if your child can start school being able to dress and undress and use the toilet independently, washing their hands afterwards.

