



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Starting 21st June 2021

Message from Miss Morris

I am sure you are aware of the increase in numbers of Covid infections both locally and nationally. This week we have seen a number of Covid-19 cases in Years 7 and 8. I know that this will be a source of frustration both to you and also to myself, but where this occurs, we are following local Health Protection advice and isolating students who are close contacts. It is essential that we remain vigilant to the spread of the virus - I would ask you continue to test your children using lateral flow devices and report the results to the Academy.

Calling all students interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths

- The Bright Sparks STEAM Club is the University of Sunderland's award-winning Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Club offering activities for pupils aged 11-16 who have an interest in STEAM subjects.
- Each session is closely linked with the national curriculum and is free to attend.
- We would like to invite our pupils to join the award-winning Bright Sparks STEAM Club and to book a place, along with their family members, on the virtual Bright Sparks STEAM Club Family Event: *Understanding Different Minds*.
- **This online event is due to take place on Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 30 June, 17:00 – 18:00.**
- **How to book**
If you feel your child would benefit from being part of the Bright Sparks STEAM Club and they would like to attend the online event on Wednesday 30 June 2021, a parent, carer or guardian must contact brightsparks2@sunderland.ac.uk or call on 0191 515 3000 to book the place.
- **Please be aware that a parent/carers or responsible adult must accompany members during this online session.**
- Bright Sparks STEAM Club is free to join and offers a range of activities and events. For further information about the Club please visit our website: www.sunderland.ac.uk/more/schools-colleges/years-7-11/bright-sparks/.

Citizens Advice Sunderland – Scam Awareness Fortnight

- We have been asked to provide you with some information from Citizens Advice in relation to Scam Awareness as they have seen a rise in scammers targeting people with finance-related schemes.
- Please click the following link to the Citizens Advice website to help you recognise scams, check if you can get your money back after a scam, what to do if you have been scammed, and how to report a scam.
<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/our-work/our-campaigns/all-our-current-campaigns/scams-awareness-campaign-2021/advice-on-scams/>

School Meals

- Due to COVID-19 restrictions, school meals must be pre-ordered. Students can bring a packed lunch and snacks.
 1. Click on the following link to order a school lunch online.
[Click here - School Lunch Order Form for week starting 28th June 2021](#)
DEADLINE Wednesday 23rd June 2021 at 9.00am.
 2. Access the following link to log onto your ParentPay account to ensure there are sufficient funds for us to take payment once your child has had the school lunch.
<https://www.parentpay.com/parents>
 3. We automatically add daily Free School Meal allowances (£2.30 a day) to ParentPay using the information we receive from the Local Authority. If your child receives Free School Meals you will still need to place an order for a meal.
 4. If you are unable to access a device to place an online order, please contact us.