



Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to the start of the new academic year and a special welcome to our new Reception Children and their families. They are all settling in really well. I expect they will be very tired this weekend.

Thank you to parents for socially distancing at pick up, there was a marked improvement.

Next Week's Dates:

Monday 14th September: First week of clubs

Tuesday 15th September-'What to expect in Y2' meeting 9am. Only 1 parent per family, face coverings must be worn, entry and exit via the hall. Chairs will be sprayed and spaced apart.

Wednesday 16th September-Y5 Forest School Session

Friday 20th September: Jeans for Genes Day. £1 donation to charity in return for wearing jeans to school. **(Rest school uniform).**

Future dates

Wednesday 23rd September-Flu consent forms being collected from school.

Friday 9th October-PTA school disco £5 per child

Reception and KS1-3.15-4.pm

KS2 4.15-5pm

Monday 19th October-Friday 30th October 2 week Half Term Holiday.

School News

The First Spike Trophy of the Year (for attendance and punctuality) went to Y1. Well done!

My first Head Teacher's Award of the year was presented to Isla Y5 for her excellent letter to an MP about how to combat climate change based on the power of reading book "Here we are" by Oliver Jeffers which the whole school are currently basing their English work on. Well done!

Staff

We sadly said "goodbye" to Mrs Cormack and Mrs Newberry last term. We will miss them and wish them well in the future.

New Term Reminders!

Coronavirus

The children have adapted really well to our new rules and procedures, I have been so impressed with them all. A reminder that if your child has any of the following Coronavirus symptoms

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

They should stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if they have COVID-19.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Lunches

Lunches are free for Reception, Y1 and Y2. KS2 lunches are £2.35 per day. We ask for 1 weeks' notice to change between packed lunch and school dinners. Children are however able to have packed lunches Monday to Thursday and then join in with our traditional "Fishy Friday" – again, no other swapping please. Please pay via School Gateway and keep your account up to date. It wastes so much admin time chasing some parents for lunch money. **Children whose accounts are more than 2 weeks overdue will be asked to have packed lunches until the account is settled.**

Uniform

Summer uniform (red and white checked dresses/shirts) can be worn up to half term or until the weather gets colder, with the exception of our reception children who will wear their PE kit until after Easter.

Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform. Grey trousers, skirts, and pinafores, classic shirts (not "fashion" styles), red, blue or black shoes/completely black trainers **without a logo** (no slip- on "ballet pump" style shoes or open toed sandals, loafers, boots or ankle boots). Children will still require a pair of trainers in their outdoor PE Kit as they might get them wet/dirty. SCHOOL jumpers/cardigans, blue, red or grey tights/socks (girls can also wear white socks). Tracksuits should be school uniform ones.

Children are not to wear jewellery, except stud earrings which should be either removed or taped over by the child before PE lessons. Hair if long enough must be tied back by either a red, blue or brown scrunchie/fastener. Excessive/fashion-driven hairstyles are not allowed.

Nail varnish and make-up must not be worn.

Thank you for helping your child to have pride in their uniform by looking smart.

Uniform Shop

I would like to say a very big thank you to the ladies who run our uniform shop. They have worked tirelessly over the last 2 weeks to ensure you all receive your uniform orders.

A polite request that if you do owe money for school uniform you make payment at the office ASAP or at the shop next Wednesday which opens at 8.30am in the school hall.

Going forward if you wish to purchase school uniform you will have to pay for it at the time otherwise; your order will be kept in the office until payment has been received. Thank you.

School Meals

The Government Free School Meal Grant is unconnected to YR and KS1 Universal Free School Meals. The school receives significant funding for each child in receipt of FSM. This has a direct impact both on the child themselves and on the overall school budget which is directly related to how many pupils the school has on FSM. If you think you may be eligible, please apply via www.bromley.gov.uk or pop into the Office for further details. Children on FSM are entitled to one free club per term up to the value of £50 and are exempt from paying for school trips.

Absence Reminder

Please either phone or e-mail the school by 9am if your child will be absent from school for any reason. If we are not provided with a reason, absences are marked as unauthorised which then goes on their record.

Breakfast Club

A reminder that the gate will close at 8am at which time breakfast will be served.

Flu Vaccination for Reception, YR-Y6

Bromley and Bexley School Age Immunisation Team will be coming into school on Wednesday 18th November to deliver flu vaccinations to children in Reception to Y6. Letters and consent forms were sent home this week. Please can you sign and return these

forms to the class teacher **by the very latest Tuesday 22nd September**. (Please complete even if you do not consent to the vaccine).

Marvellous Me App is now working

Marvellous Me is free for parents. You will get exciting alerts if you use it on your smartphone or tablet.

Marvellous Me engages parents by telling them about their children's learning and success. It enriches family conversations about school and makes it easy for parents to help their children's education and say: 'Well done!'

Attached is a parent walkthrough guide. Reception class and new children have been provided with their parent join codes. If you need reminding of your parent join code please ask the office.

Traffic

If you are lucky enough to live within walking distance of the school, PLEASE WALK!! It's the healthiest option for children and reinforces the message that we don't always have to park as close to the end destination as possible and it helps our environment.

If you do have to drive, please park away from the school preferably in Commonsides Car Park or at Fishponds. If you have no option but to drive down Lakes Rd, please follow the unofficial one-way system in operation i.e. to drive down Lakes Road towards school and up Keston Avenue when leaving school. Please DO NOT stop in front of the school gates to drop off your child and NEVER park across a resident's drive or the bay to the front gates.

Please do not park and leave the engine running. This causes huge air pollution which affects all of us but especially little children who suffer from asthma.

Please be mindful of cars within the school car park and make sure children stick to the paths.

Clubs

After School Clubs start next week.

Story Time/Acting and Lego Club will finish at **3.10pm** all other clubs will finish at **4.20pm**. Please collect your child promptly from their club.

Have a lovely weekend

Julia Evison