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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families all safe and well. It has been a real pleasure to welcome the children back this week and to see how quickly they have settled to their learning. Whilst it has been reassuring to see COVID infection rates continue to decline and restrictions in our wider lives eased, I ask that you continue to follow the government guidelines to help us keep the school open and ultimately, each other safe. Please continue to wear face coverings when picking up and dropping off and maintain distance between each other.

Kind regards  
**Miss K Aldred**

#### **Parents' Consultation Meetings**

We will be holding parent consultation meetings via **School Cloud** this term. We hope this will provide you with an opportunity to 'meet' your child's teacher 'face to face', rather than just over the telephone, as was the case in the autumn term. Many local schools use *School Cloud* very successfully and we hope you will embrace this opportunity. Meetings will take place w/b **3<sup>rd</sup> May**, not bank holiday Monday 😊 and as before, appointments will be held during school hours (**09.00-3.30pm**) on different days that week, as outlined below:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Date</b>
Maple	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Cherry	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May
Oak	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Beech	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
Holly	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Cedar	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May

Appointments last 10 minutes, and the software automatically closes the meeting at 10 minutes. You are of course able to take less time, but please be aware; the teachers are unable to extend the meeting slot and it will shut down! We have allocated enough time slots to ensure each household can book one appointment slot. Please ensure, unless you are living separately that you only book one appointment. There is the facility to share that one booked, appointment should both parents wish to attend. If you wish to do that please click on the *Invite Parent/Guardian* link at the top of the list of your bookings and follow the steps outlined.

Appointments are now live and are able to be booked here: <https://bagshot.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

You can find a short video tutorial, on how to book an appointment and access the software here:  
<https://vimeo.com/473882995>

Please also note; the booking system will close the day before the consultation meeting and you will not be able to make changes or book an appointment on the day.

Finally, whilst we sincerely hope this new system will operate seamlessly, as we all know, technology sometimes misbehaves and I ask for your patience, should we have a few technical glitches on the day.

### **Summer Weather/Sun safety**

Let us hope the warmer weather is now here to stay! Please ensure you are sending your child to school with a full water bottle, a sunhat and that you have applied suitable sun cream, before school. **Please do not send sun cream into school with your child.** Water bottles will of course be refilled, throughout the day by staff.

Your children are also now welcome to wear their summer uniform. A gentle reminder that sensible, supportive school shoes are still required to be worn.

### **Summer Lunch Menu**

The children are now being served the summer term lunch menu. You can find a copy of the menu on our school website here: <https://www.bagshot.surrey.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Lunch-Menu-Summer-2021-FINAL.pdf>. We are currently on Week 1 and it will cycle round every three weeks. A polite reminder that children can not chop and change each day. If your child would prefer to bring their own packed lunch please ensure it is nut free and has healthy choices.

### **Google Classroom**

Google classroom remains in place and it is here you will find your child's homework. Please ensure you check it regularly and submit the weekly homework tasks. As I shared with you previously, the class email accounts remain active but are now being diverted to the school office. Messages are passed on to the teachers but they are unable to reply during the school day as their focus is on teaching in school.

### **Chapel Lane Development**

We have been informed by CALA Homes that the demolition stage has now begun on the Chapel Lane housing development. I strongly encourage you to ensure your children stay with you, when walking to and from school and not run off ahead of you.

### **Term Dates/Holidays**

I would like to remind all parents and carers that you can find our term dates, for this current academic year plus the next; 2021-2022 on our school website here: <https://www.bagshot.surrey.sch.uk/for-parents-carers/key-dates/> As restrictions ease you may be considering booking a family holiday, please take note of our term dates and make bookings within those holiday periods detailed.

### **Transition**

At this time of year, as a parent it is natural to begin thinking about what the next academic year will hold for your child. As a school, we look forward to welcoming new children to our reception classes, saying goodbye to our eldest children and watching our current children continue to develop.

I appreciate though that this time of change can cause anxiety not only for children, but also for you as parents. Whilst COVID restrictions mean our normal processes will have to be adapted there is much that will remain the same. We have already begun liaising with our Junior school and nursery colleagues, and my teaching staff are busy planning activities for the children, to support a smooth move to the next academic year. It is our intention, if at all possible, to ensure the children, within school, are able to meet their new teacher and support staff team, before the end of term. We are also hopeful that our youngest children will be able to visit the school, before they start in September 2021. This will all of course be subject to the COVID restrictions that are in place and our own risk assessment thereof.

Please be assured; I will keep you all updated on our plans and when I am able, I will share more detail with you.