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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to hear and see the children back around the school, settling so quickly into their new routines and learning opportunities...the rainy weather has not been quite so welcome though!

A special welcome to our new families; it has been a real pleasure to meet everyone and watch how confidently the children have joined their new classmates. Thank you also to everyone for helping us get to grips with new drop off and pick up arrangements this term. New routines always take a little time to bed in and I appreciate your patience. I would also appreciate your support in following the one-way route to exit the main school building and not attempting to leave via the ramp entrance. This is in place to ensure the safety of your children as well as to ease congestion.

I have listed below, some key dates for you, over the next term. Please make a note in your diary. One I'd like to draw to your attention though is **Friday 16th September**; the children will be having their individual school photograph taken. We will be practicing our best smiles, please ensure your child is wearing their smartest uniform on the day!

Finally, it is with sadness that we mark the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Our Year one and Two children marked this sad occasion with a quiet time for reflection in our assembly this morning. School will remain 'as normal', as far as is possible, during this time for our very young children, with staff supporting any child that would like to talk about this news.

Miss K Aldred - Headteacher

Meet the Teacher

We will be holding our 'Meet the teacher' meetings, in person this year. Parents and Carers are invited to come into school, at 2.45pm for a short talk from your child's class teacher. At the meeting, teachers will share with you, general information about the plan for the year ahead, class routines, expectations around home learning etc. For those of you unable to attend, a handout will be sent home, detailing all the information shared. Please take note of the date for your child's year group.

Parent/Teacher consultation evenings, when you will have an opportunity to discuss your child's progress individually this term, are also listed. These will also be held in person this year. Closer to the time, we will send you further information on how to book an appointment.

Finally, we operate an *open-door* policy here at Bagshot Infant School, meaning, if you have a question please come and ask us! You will usually find me on one the gates in the morning, and at the bottom ramp gate, at the end of the day. The mornings are always a little busy for teachers so if you have a question for teachers, please do speak to them at pick up time.

Key Dates

16/09	Individual Photographs
20/09	Meet the Teacher Yr 2 (2.45pm)
21/09	Meet the Teacher Yr 1 (2.45pm)
22/09	Meet the Teacher Yr R (2.45pm)
22/09	FOBSA Happy Bags Collection
W/C 4/10	Harvest Festival Details to follow
10/10	Parents' Evening 5.30pm-7.30pm
13/10	Parents' Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
21/10	Last day of school 3.10pm finish
24-28 Oct	Halfterm

School Lunch

Just a reminder that every Infant school child is entitled to a free school lunch. Our caterers, *Twelve 15* are able to cater to most dietary needs and I would encourage everyone, to encourage their children to try school lunch, if they haven't already. If your child has not previously eaten school lunch, or would like to try again, please email the school office to let us know they would like to change. We ask that you do not switch between school lunch and packed lunch once that decision has been made. This enables our cook to order enough food and supplies.

School lunch menus can be found on our school website [here](http://www.bagshot.surrey.sch.uk). We are currently on week 3 and will move to week 1, next week, on the spring/summer menu.

Attendance/absence

If your child is ill, and unable to come to school please either call the school absence line, and leave a message, or email the school office at info@bagshot.surrey.sch.uk by 09.00 each day of absence.

I would also like to draw to your attention our school attendance policy, which can be read in full [here](#).

Requests for **exceptional leave** should be emailed to the school office, and further forms will be sent to you to complete. Please note, holidays are not usually authorised as they are not deemed as exceptional circumstances. Full term dates for this year and next can be found on our website [here](http://www.bagshot.surrey.sch.uk)

FOBSA

Friends of Bagshot School Association (FOBSA) are recruiting! Our wonderful Chairperson, Jo Frize will be stepping down at the next AGM, at the end of September. If you would be interested in taking on the role please get in touch. There is an experienced committee (and HT) ready to support a new chairperson, but without a chairperson, unfortunately, FOBSA will have to fold. As I am sure you are aware, school budgets are incredibly stretched and FOBSA fundraising efforts help us provide a lot of the 'extra' enrichment things for the children.

The committee has organised the first fundraising event of the year, a **Happy Bags collection on 22nd September**. If you have any old clothes, shoes, etc please collect them in a sack and bring them to drop off on 22nd September.