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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to hear and see the children back around the school albeit a little hotter than we expected!

A special welcome to our new families; it has been a real pleasure to meet everyone. This term we also extend a warm welcome to some new staff, Mrs Cozens, teaching Cherry class and Mrs Bean, our new Year 1 and 2 PPA cover teacher. I am sure you will join me in making them both feel welcome. We also welcome Mrs Cacace to the role of School Business Manager at the school.

Finally, I have listed below, some key dates for you. Please make a note in your diary. One I'd like to draw to your attention though is **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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!

I wish you a relaxing weekend in the sunshine.

Miss K Aldred - Headteacher  
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#### **Meet the Teacher**

We will be holding our 'Meet the teacher' sessions, in person again 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 plans 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 detailed on the right of this newsletter.

#### **Peek at the Week**

Please look out for your weekly class newsletter, via Parentmail, from **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**. Teachers send a weekly update, to help keep you informed of what your children are learning and doing each week. Key information, like PE days, library days etc are all shared on this newsletter.

#### **Parent/Teacher consultation evenings**

You will have an opportunity to discuss your child's progress this term, dates are listed to the right of this newsletter. These will also be held in person again this year. Closer to the time, we will send you further information on how to book an appointment.

#### **Open door**

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, once all the children have been sent home.

#### **Forest School**

We are pleased to inform you that all year groups will now be having *Forest school* sessions, though-out the year. Previously, Year 2 had not had that opportunity. Not only do the children thoroughly enjoy these sessions, the impact on their learning, both academically and socially, is clear. With that in mind, we ask that every child now brings a forest school change of clothes to school, to stay in school, on their peg, much like a pe bag. The clothes should not be new, an old pair of jogging bottoms, a pair of socks, a long sleeve top and an old rain mac are ideal, as the children will get dirty and muddy! All children will also need a pair of welly boots, to be left in school. Please send the clothes and welly boots into school in a named bag, ensuring all items are also named! We would appreciate these coming in from next week please. We are also on the hunt for some new logs and sticks...if you have a tree surgeon in your family, please get in touch!

#### **Key Dates**

15/09 Individual Photographs  
18/09 Meet the Teacher Yr 2 (2.45pm)  
19/09 Meet the Teacher Yr 1 (2.45pm)  
20/09 Meet the Teacher Yr R (2.45pm)  
25/10 FOBSA AGM (details to follow)  
w/c 16/10 Harvest Festival (details to follow)  
09/10 Parents' Evening **5.30pm-7.30pm**  
10/10 Parents' Evening **3.30pm-5.30pm**  
20/10 Last day of school- 3.10pm finish

**23-27 Oct Half term**

**Full term dates can be found on our school website [here](#)**

#### **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](mailto: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](#)

#### **Pick up arrangements**

If you as parents and carers are not going to be picking up your child at the end of the school day, we ask that you email the school office on [info@bagshot.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@bagshot.surrey.sch.uk) informing us who will be, by 12.00pm that day. If your child is regularly picked up by someone other than yourselves, for example grandparents/childminder etc please email the school office with full details of the weekly arrangements. We ask that all parents and carers do this, even if the arrangements are the same as last year.