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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to hear and see the children back around the school again.

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 Newton, Miss McCleod, Mrs Cassy Hawkins and Mrs Stavrou, all joining our support staff team of Teaching Assistants. I am sure you will join me in making them feel welcome.

Finally, I have listed below, some key dates for you. Please make a note in your diary. Two I'd like to draw to your attention though are **Friday 13th 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 and **Sunday 22nd September**, our *Grounds Tidy up Day*! If you are able to come along and lend a hand, clearing our school allotment, weeding and generally tidying the school grounds, between 10.00-2.00pm, it would be very much appreciated.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend.

Miss K Aldred - Headteacher

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 9th 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 of 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 continue to have *Forest school* sessions, though-out the year led by Mrs Whelligan, on the days she is not teaching Holly Class. With that in mind, we ask that every child 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 asap 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

13/09 Individual Photographs
16/09 Meet the Teacher Yr R (2.45pm)
17/09 Meet the Teacher Yr 1 (2.45pm)
18/09 Meet the Teacher Yr 2 (2.45pm)
18/09 FOBSA AGM (details to follow)
22/09 Grounds Tidy up Day
07/10 Parents' Evening 5.30pm-7.30pm
09/10 Parents' Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
w/c 21/10 Harvest Festival (details to follow)
25/10 Last day of school- 3.10pm finish
28th Oct-1st November Half term
Full term dates can be found on our school website

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.

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 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.**