

Autumn Newsletter No. 1

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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, Miss Stillman and Miss Rogers, Beech and Cedar class teachers and Mrs Burton and Mrs Carter, 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. Please make a note in your diary. Two I'd like to draw to your attention to are **Friday 12th 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 our *Meet the teacher dates*. If you are able to come along and meet the teacher you will learn about the routines of the class and their plans for the year ahead.

I wish you all a lovely week.

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 you 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 today. 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

Individual Photographs 12/09 15/09 Meet the Teacher Yr R (2.45pm) 16/09 Meet the Teacher Yr 1 (2.45pm) 17/09 Meet the Teacher Yr 2 (2.45pm) 24/09 FOBSA AGM (details to follow) 06/10 Parents' Evening 5.30pm-7.30pm 09/10 Parents' Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm w/c 20/10 Harvest Festival (details to follow) 24/10 Last day of school- 3.10pm finish

27th – 31st 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 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 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.