



BERNARDS HEATH INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Autumn Term Newsletter

9th September 2016



Breakfast Club - If you wish to make a booking please contact Lindees on 01727 848355

Birthdays this week

Sonny, Duncan, Ahyan, Mrs Davies



Class	Feeling Proud
Churchill	Hafsa
Spencer	Casper
Mitchell	Jamie
Ryder	Libby
Alban	Emily
Morpurgo	Bruce

Welcome Back!

The first week of school has been fantastic. Children have arrived looking happy and excited to be starting a new academic year in their new classroom with their new teacher, teaching assistants and support staff. Thank you to everyone who has helped make the transition from one academic year to another such a smooth one.



Reading Meetings

Our expectation as a school is that children will read regularly with adults at home. To support you in getting the best out of this time we have planned the following meetings where we will share the school's policy for reading and how you can help your child when you share books together at home.

Y1 Tuesday 11th Oct after Harvest Festival (please allow 30mins)

Y2 Friday 14th Oct 2.30pm

FS2 Tuesday 18th Oct 2.30pm



Phonics Workshops for FS2 and Year 1

We are continuing with the success of last year and are running a 4 week course of Phonics Workshops for parents in FS2 (Reception). Our aim is to teach parents a range of skills ready to support reading and writing, for parents to learn the most up-to-date information and find out where to go for more advice and support as the year progresses. We are asking parents to sign up through the office and commit to these 4 sessions. Throughout the 4 weeks we will be asking for feedback and tailoring the sessions to suit your needs. You are welcome to bring along toys/snacks to entertain little ones!

Dates for your diary are:

Monday 10th Oct -9-10am Monday 7th Nov-9-10

Monday 17th Oct-9-10am Monday 14th Nov-9-10

We will also be writing a course for Y1 parents for after half-term—keep a look out for the dates to sign up.

Proud Assembly

On a Friday each week a child from every class stands up in front of the whole school and talks about why they are feeling proud. Over the next couple of weeks our youngest children will watch how this is done before beginning to take their turn on the 'proud bench'.

The variety of ways our children have made themselves proud is impressive. Whether they have: mastered riding a bike without stabilisers; swam a length of the pool; helped with a new baby at home; tried really hard when solving problems; worked in a team; improved their handwriting or written an amazing story all the children have a round of applause from the audience.

After assembly the 'proud children' meet with Mrs Rimmer in her office and have a cup of water or squash. They have a leaf with their name and class which they stick to the proud tree so everyone in school knows they have been proud in assembly.

Parking

We appreciate that parking can be tricky around school but ask that you always ensure you park safely and considerately at the beginning and end of the school day. It is not safe to turn at the end of Upper Culver Road and PCSO Russo is patrolling and will issue tickets for parking violations. Remember not to block our neighbours drives and to avoid parking over drop kerbs.

Thank you for your cooperation.

School Handbook

In the summer term all new parents were given a copy of the new parent handbooks.

Please follow the links below to take a look. As always we welcome your feedback.

[A practical guide to day-to-day life at Bernards Heath](#)—we are a big community and the information in this handbook is aimed at ensuring all stakeholders are clear about the expectations and rules that make our school a happy and safe place to learn.

[Our philosophy for learning](#)—in this handbook we outline why we teach the way we do and explain the key principles of the learning experiences children have at Bernards Heath.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs start next week for Year 1 & Year 2.

Please make sure you have paid via the school gateway or by cheque or cash. There are a couple of spaces on the following clubs:

Monday 3.15pm - Tennis

Tuesday 3.15pm - Athletics

Wednesday 3.15pm—Earth Friends

Thursday 8am - Games

Please call the office if you would like one of these places, they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Image Consent

It is really important that we have your instructions for how we can use images of your child/children. Ensure this form is returned as soon as possible.

PTA Newsletter

Please remember to read the PTA newsletter to find out about all of the exciting events that are taking place.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT
14th Sept	8pm	PTA Annual General Meeting at the Infant School—all welcome
Tue 20th Sept	PM	PTA Boden Fashion Show
Wed 21st Sept	All day	Year 2 Castle themed dressing up day
Thur 22nd Sept	7.30pm—9pm	Foundation Stage Teaching & Learning Meeting
Fri 23rd Sept		Jeans for Genes—Bring £1 and wear your jeans to school.
Wed 28th Sept	6pm—8.30pm	FS2 (Reception) Meet the Teacher evening
Fri 30th Sept	2.30pm	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon—please donate cakes or biscuits
Mon 3rd Oct	9am-9.30am	Parent Volunteer Meeting—All welcome
Tue 4th Oct	6pm—8.30pm	FS2 (Reception) Meet the Teacher evening
Wed 5th Oct		Individual School Photos
Tue 11th Oct	9am	KS1 Harvest Festival—Year 1 parents are invited to attend.
Tue 11th Oct	9.30am	Year 1 Reading Meeting
Wed 12th Oct	6pm—8.30pm	FS1 & KS1 Meet the Teacher evening
Thur 13th Oct	9am	Foundation Stage (Reception) Harvest Festival

Parent Volunteer Meeting

Monday 3rd October 9am in the hall

Want to support teaching and learning at school? You could come and help by listening to readers, tidying our library, cooking, washing fruit or helping with admin tasks in the office. Come and meet Miss Passey and find out more.