

BERNARDS HEATH INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL



Autumn Term Newsletter

Friday 7th September 2018

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Happy Birthday

Edward L, Mrs Davies

Welcome Back!

We are feeling so proud of our school. Staff have been very busy over the holidays thinking about every inch of our learning environment and planning how we are going to motivate, engage and excite children in their learning over the coming academic year. As a result, school is looking amazing! The print rich environment and organisation of furniture and resources provides endless opportunities for children to develop independence and the skills needed for life long learning.

Congratulations!

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Parfitt (who used to be known as Miss Kearns) following her wedding at the beginning of the summer holiday.

We wish the new Mr and Mrs Parfitt lots of love and happiness.

We can't wait to see the photos!

Lunchtimes

Mrs Freestone and Mrs Aide have been to school in the holidays and have given our lunchtime storage shed an overhaul! They have ordered lots of new toys for the children to use at lunchtimes and **are leading a playground project which includes 'zones' led by specific adults each lunchtime. In each zone there will be activities for the children to use independently or with an adult; we'll update you on our progress.**

We are also pleased to welcome three new members of staff to our lunchtime team; Mrs Begum, Mrs Dwojacka and Mrs Siddiq.

You might have noticed our new exercise equipment too—please remember this is not for use before or after school—the same rule as for the rest of the equipment.

PTA AGM

Wednesday 19th September,
8pm
Bernards Heath Infant
School



Interested in finding out more about the PTA and how you can help raise money and meet new people?

Pupil Premium/Free School Meals

In addition to funding we receive from Hertfordshire County Council, we can also claim a £1,300 grant called Pupil Premium for children whose parents or carers receive certain benefits.

In order for us to identify any children eligible for FSM/Pupil Premium in advance of our Autumn School Census you are encouraged to register online (link below). It is quick and easy and will update our records.

[Register here](#)

After School Club - If you wish to make a booking please contact Lindees 01727 848355

School Handbook

After a busy summer you may need a refresher about life at school...

Please follow the links below to take a look at our school handbooks.

[A practical guide to day-to-day life at Bernards Heath](#)

[Our philosophy for learning](#)

Uniform

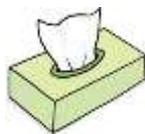
Foundation Stage uniform includes school style grey shorts or culottes and grey jogging bottoms with elasticated ankles. Skirts and summer dresses are not part of the Foundation Stage uniform.

Key Stage 1 uniform includes red gingham summer dresses, school style grey shorts, trousers, culottes or skirts.

Pinafores are not part of our school uniform in any year group.

Children should also be wearing school style dark coloured shoes to school.

Please can you provide us with a box of tissues to catch the germs in your child's class. Thank you.



Our School Car Park

Our car park is really small and we are a big staff team. As such we are unable to accommodate parents parking when dropping off or collecting children from school. This includes breakfast and after school clubs.

Thank you for your cooperation



After School Clubs—Y1 and Y2

After School Clubs start on Monday 17th September for Year 1 and Year 2.

Please make sure you have paid via the school gateway or by cheque or cash.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER.....

The dates for the whole year will be published on Friday 14th September.

Class Assemblies

Last year we introduced whole class proud assemblies on a Friday morning. These were incredibly successful and children, staff, parents and carers enjoyed hearing about the exciting learning opportunities we share at Bernards Heath. Children had the chance to talk about how they had been growing their brains and our creative staff supported them excellently. Talking to an audience builds skills in self-confidence and self-esteem and sharing learning fosters a sense of pride and belonging. Our aim is that these assemblies are led by the children and are quite relaxed and informal; starting at 9.05am and finishing by 9.30am.

We are a large school and on a Friday morning when all staff and children are present for assembly our hall is quite full. For this reason and to ensure the number of people within the hall remains safe, we invite one grown-up for each child to watch their class present their learning (younger siblings are welcome to sit on knees). Over the year each class will lead at least two assemblies meaning two adults from each family will have the opportunity to come and watch. To avoid the disappointment of being turned away please respect this; we check adults in at the door and only one will be admitted.

Ryder Class will be first on the 12th October and we will publish the rest of the dates on Monday.

Date for your Diary

The PTA and MacMillan
Coffee Afternoon



Friday 28th September—2.30pm in the school hall.

Donations of cakes gratefully received. Please leave these on the table outside the office on the morning of the 28th.