



BEMBRIDGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning to love God, one another and ourselves.



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NEWSLETTER.....ISSUE 01

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Dear Parents

Welcome to our new academic year at Bembridge Primary School. It is lovely to see all the children again and to welcome our new pupils and parents who have joined us.

At the start of a new year children will be feeling a whole range of emotions. Some children will be new to the school; children will be in new classes with new teachers. Some children will be excited; others will be worried or even sad. The way we treat people at the start of the year is very important and this has been the message we have given this week. We have talked about how even a smile or a simple 'hello' can make the difference.

There are usually a couple of weeks at the start of a new school year when some of the younger children may be a little tearful due to being tired and making adjustments to new routines. This is perfectly natural and we assure parents that once their child is in the classroom in the morning they very quickly settle. Please speak to your child's teacher or myself if you have any concerns.

We are very pleased to also welcome new members of staff to our school.

Staffing this year

	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>
EYFS	Mrs Ainsworth/Mrs Shadbolt	Mrs Day/Mrs Tamcken
YEAR 1	Mrs Miller	Mrs Rogers
YEAR 2	Mrs Yardley	Mrs Wilson
YEAR 3	Miss Neill	Mrs Lewis-Marlton
YEAR 4	Mr Dignan	Mrs Howells
YEAR 5	Mrs Swallow/Mrs Hay	Mrs Pedley
YEAR 6	Mrs Stapeley	Mrs Law

We have been busy during the holidays to ensure that our school remains a bright and stimulating environment for all our children. The teachers have worked hard in preparing their classrooms for the new academic year, ensuring that all our classrooms reflect the high expectations for teaching and learning that we have, that they are safe, nurturing and inspiring environments.

As this is the start of the year I am also taking this opportunity to remind parents (and inform new parents) of some of our arrangements for absence etc. Please read all sections of this letter as there is important information parents need to know in every section.

All the governors and staff of Bembridge Primary School are committed to keeping the children in our care safe. Therefore, consistent and effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support the children of our school.

Arrival in School

School starts at 8:55am and we open doors from 8:45am when the schools responsibility starts. We expect pupils to arrive for school any time between 8:40-8:55am, please do not send them any earlier than this.

At 8:55am a bell will sound and the doors will be closed. Any child arriving after the doors close will need to come through the front entrance and be signed in by a parent in our late book.

As you can see the glazed corridor is very busy in the mornings and this is why we ask that only the children come into school in the mornings. If you have any information you want the class teacher to know at the start of the day please either write him/her a short note, give a message to the member of staff on duty at the door or leave a message with the office staff.

Leaving School at the end of the day

Class teachers are always present on the classroom exit door to see their class out at the end of the school day. Children in Key stage 2 (Years 3-6) will be brought to the school gate at the end of the day at 3p.m. to be collected by parent/carers. If you are unable to collect your child then we would ask that you notify the school office of whom will be collecting your child (another adult/parent). Any uncollected children will be taken to the school office as they cannot be left unsupervised. It is our policy that a child should not be permitted to leave school unaccompanied at the end of the school day with the exception of children in Year 5 and Year 6. If parents of pupils in Years 5 & 6 wish their child to walk home from school unaccompanied they must advise the head teacher in writing. A form may be collected from the school office. We hope that you will support us in implementing these safeguarding procedures.

Attendance

Good attendance is a focus, not only for our school, but schools across the Island and the country. Attending school on a regular basis is the key to your child doing well and will set them up with good routines for later life and the working world.

Illness

If your child is unwell and will not be at school it is essential you phone the school by 9:30am to inform us of their absence and the reason why, to record in our registers. Absences from school will only be authorised when supported by an acceptable written explanation from a parent within 3 days of the child's return to school. To make this easier we have attached a pro forma to the end of this newsletter which you may choose to use. More copies are available in the school office.

Dental/medical appointments

As far as possible please make medical/dental appointments after school or during the holidays. If you have to make a school day appointment it is really beneficial to make the appointment towards the end of the school day not in the morning. If you make a morning appointment and bring your child in late this will be classed as an absence from school, also mornings are the time every class concentrates on English and Maths skills, so your child may miss vital teacher input sessions.

Holiday in Term time

The school does not support applications to remove pupils during term time for family holidays. Parents will be fined for taking their child out of school during term time without consent from the school.

School Dinners

All children in Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals. This is a government initiative and parents do not need to register anywhere for their child to receive this.

We understand some parents may wish to continue giving their child a packed lunch or may choose some days for school dinner and some day for packed lunch. This is fine, a lunch register will continue to be called daily and your child can say on a daily basis if a school dinner is needed or not.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will still be required to pay for their meal which at the moment is £1.85 a day (£9.25 a week). Payment is now done online through www.schoolmoney.co.uk. The price of meal is determined by current market forces and can be subject to change.

PE Kit

Although we have timetabled days for PE these are subject to change so please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day. As many of our PE sessions will be taught outside pupils need full PE kit of black shorts, burgundy T-shirt with logo, and both plimsolls and trainers. As the weather gets colder we suggest pupils wear plain tracksuits for outside PE.

Guidelines state that children should not wear earrings for PE, even if covered with tape. We are unable to remove earrings and cannot accept responsibility for earrings children remove themselves therefore we request that pupils do not wear earrings to school on the days they have PE.

A Message from Mrs Thomas

Thank you for my wonderful send off at the end of the summer term!
I was overwhelmed by all the cards, presents, flowers and good wishes that I received. I really appreciated all of them. I had a lovely restful summer and am eagerly anticipating my holiday in Canada, next month.

My very best wishes to all of you for a happy and successful year ahead.

Secondary School Open Days and Evenings

Medina College

10 October – Open Evening

10 and 11 October Open Mornings

.Yours sincerely

Sandra Grocock

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We are regularly asked to distribute information or fliers to parents with information on a range of activities for children and parents and give these out in good faith for information purposes. Please note they are not personally recommended by the school and it is the responsibility of parents to decide which activities to take up.

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Absence slip

Name of Pupil:

Dates of Absence:.....

Reason for Absence:.....

Was medical advice sought for this absence? Yes / No

If yes GP appointment / phone contact / Beacon centre / A & E

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