



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 CE Primary School, after the summer holiday. It is lovely to see all the children again and to welcome our new pupils and parents who have joined us this term. We are looking forward to Reception class children starting with us next week. Reception class teachers are busy this week making home visits to all our new children.

This week in assemblies we have been talking about a fresh start and exploring feelings of apprehension and excitement at the start of the new school year. Children will naturally be feeling a whole range of emotions, but I am glad to say that all the children seem happy today which is great! Children do settle quickly to new routines but please do speak to your child's teacher or myself if you have any concerns. We are really pleased to welcome **Mr Silk** our new Year 5 teacher. You will see him at the end of the school day at the gate so please do say hello. This term we once again have a trainee teacher **Ms Anna Welsh** who will be training alongside Mrs Miller in Year 1.

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.

Arrival in School

The school day begins at 8:55am and we open doors from 8:45am when the school's 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 must be signed in by a parent in our late book.

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

or give a message to the member of staff on duty at the door which will usually be myself.

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 and 6 wish their child to walk home from school unaccompanied they must advise us in writing. A form may be collected from the school office.

We hope that you will support us in implementing these safeguarding procedures.

Attendance

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. Holidays within school time are not authorised and parents/carers should not expect the school to agree to a family holiday during term time

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. If we do not hear by 9.30am we will try and contact you or another person on your list of contacts. If we cannot get contact we will then inform the Police and the Education Welfare Officer to report a Child Missing in Education. We have a duty of care to make sure all of our children are safe and follow current safeguarding procedures.

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.

Mid- Morning Snacks

In the past we have said that children may bring in a healthy snack choice of fruit, vegetables or cereal bars. Unfortunately many children are bringing in to school a whole range of different snack items. Therefore a decision has been made that **only fresh fruit or vegetables** may be brought in to school for a snack at the mid-morning break. We have children in school who can become seriously ill if they come into contact with certain foods and therefore in order to keep as safe as possible we are asking that you support us in this matter. Fresh fruit is provided for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 free of charge through a government funded programme. If you wish your child to have something other than fruit or vegetables then they may buy hot toast, crumpets or teacakes from the school kitchen. Children are **not** permitted to eat food from their lunchboxes before lunch. Please ensure the snack is separate from their lunch.

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 days 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. Please can I remind all parents that we **do not allow nuts** to be brought into school or in packed lunches. This includes **Nutella/hazelnut chocolate spread and Peanut butter** in sandwiches. As I have said we have pupils with a severe allergic reaction who could become seriously ill and it is vitally important that we do not have nuts in any form in school. Thank you for your support in this.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will still be required to pay for their meal which Caterlink have increased this term to £2.05 a day (£10.25 a week). Payment is now done online through www.schoolmoney.co.uk. The price of a school 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. All pupils undertake a daily mile run so need to have PE kit in school.

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.

School Uniform

It is lovely to see the children back in school with their smart school uniforms and shoes. Please ensure that your child always wears the correct items to school. A list can be obtained from the school office. A reminder too that girls' headbands and ribbons should be of school colours only. Headbands with adornments are not permitted. As the weather becomes cooler children must be provided with a suitable waterproof coat to wear outside. I have noticed many children this week wearing **wrist bands, bracelets and braids**. These are not permitted in school and must be removed for PE. I understand that they may be holiday or festival reminders but they are not part of our uniform and must be removed for school.

Procedure for Parental Concerns

At Bembridge Primary School we aim to resolve any parental concerns as quickly and as effectively as possible. To help us do this, please follow these guidelines:

The first point of contact should always be your child's class teacher. They can be contacted at the end of the day when they dismiss the children or through the school office. If after this meeting you feel the issue has not been resolved then the next step would be to contact Mrs Yardley, Assistant Headteacher. If after that you still feel the issue has not been resolved then you should contact Mrs Grocock.

Clubs

Clubs start on Monday 16th September and a letter offering club choices will be out by the end of this week.

Breakfast Club at Windmills

Breakfast Club on site is fully operational. Ad hoc bookings can be taken subject to availability at £4 per child per session. Call 01983 873575 or email windmillspreschooltd@btconnect.com for more details. (Please note a Registration and Booking Form plus signed Terms and Conditions MUST be completed for each child prior to them attending the Club thank you).

After School Care Club

Our After School Care Club runs from Monday to Fridays 3pm – 5pm in the school. The club is currently being run by Mrs Pedley and Miss Wedlock-Ward (Mrs Day). As with the Breakfast Club run by Windmills, registration, booking form and a signed Terms and condition form must be completed prior to attendance at the club. For more details contact the school office.

Drum and Guitar Lessons in School for Y3-Y6 pupils

There are spaces for drum lessons Monday lunchtimes in school, and guitar lessons on Thursday lunchtimes. The charge is around £75 per term. Contact the office if your child is interested.

Secondary School Open Days and Evenings

Medina College - Thursday 26 September 6-8.30pm

There will be a Theatre presentation at 6pm and 7pm and they will also be holding two Open Mornings on Wednesday 25 September and Thursday 26 September October. To book a place call 526523.

Carisbrooke College – Thursday 19 September 5-8pm

Presentations take place in the hall at 6pm and 7 pm. Open morning on Friday 20 September. Call 524651 for a tour for either 9.15 or 10.35am.

Yours sincerely

Sandra Grocock

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DARK NIGHTS AT THE VILLA

STORYMAKING WORKSHOP

At Brading Roman Villa, Morton Old Road, Brading PO36 0PH

Saturday 14 September, 2pm to 4pm

Be involved in creating a new story to be performed at Dark Nights at the Villa on 16 November.

Led by island storyteller Sue Bailey, the story will be based around the history, heritage and mosaics of the local area.

Unleash your imagination! **FREE**

All welcome but no unaccompanied children under 12

For more information contact The New Carnival Company on (01983) 716095 email: alison@thenewcarnivalcompany.com

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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 / A & E

Signed: Parent / Carer

DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM 2019

SEPTEMBER

Mon 2 nd Sept	START OF TERM - INSET
Tues 3 rd Sept	Pupils return to school/ Rec class home visits begin
Weds 4 th Sept	Trainee teacher starts Year 1
Mon 9 th Sept	Rec class in school until 12pm
Weds 11 th Sept	Y2 Tapnell Farm
Mon 16 th Sept	After School Clubs start Reception in until 1pm
Mon 23 rd Sept	Reception class in full time

OCTOBER

Tues 1 st Oct	YR1 trip to IOW Zoo
Fri 11 th Oct	10 am Harvest and Welcome Service for Reception Class pupils in Holy Trinity Church

21st Oct – 1st Nov HALF TERM 2 weeks

NOVEMBER

Mon 4 th Nov	Parent/teacher meetings this week Later appointments Thursday 7 th Nov with SENCO No staff meeting
Mon 11 th Nov	Anti Bullying Week – Change starts with us
Tues 12 th Nov	YR6 trip to D Day Museum
Fri 15 th Nov	Year 6 Sharing Assembly to parents
Mon 18 th Nov	Maths Week
Fri 22 nd Nov	Year 5 Sharing Assembly to parents

DECEMBER

Wed 11 th Dec	1:30pm Years R - 4 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal to parents
Thurs 12 th Dec	TA Meeting - CY 1:30pm Years R - 4 Christmas Production to parents
Fri 13 th Dec	6:00pm Years R - 4 Christmas Production to parents
W/B Mon 16 th Dec	Christmas Activities Reception parents invited in to classroom for songs and activities
Wed 18 th Dec	Christmas Lunch Class based parties
Thurs 19 th Dec	Christmas Fair/Market – all classes 2:30
Fri 20 th Dec	10:00 am Nativity service at Holy Trinity Church 3:00pm END OF TERM

