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5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### **Autumn Term 2024 Newsletter 1**

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to welcome you and your families at the start of this new academic school year and hope you enjoyed the long summer holiday. Everyone here is really looking forward to starting a new school year with your lovely children and having an exciting and fulfilling time with them! On behalf of us all, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the new families who are joining our school this term. I am confident that your child's time at Buriton Primary School will be a very happy and successful one.

#### **Save the date! Smart Phone Free Childhood – talk for parents**

I have organised for a speaker to talk to parents of children in all the local schools about the potential dangers of children having access to a smartphone at a young age on **30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00-8.30pm at The Petersfield School**. More information about this together with details of how to obtain a free ticket will be sent out shortly. Priority will be given to Buriton School parents first!

#### **Online Safety Newsletter for September**

Please find attached this month's online safety newsletter which includes information for parents about social media algorithms and Snapchat.

#### **Reminder that we are a nut free school and snacks at break time**

Please ensure that you do not send your child into school with any nut products as we have a child with a severe allergy to nuts. As a break time snack, fresh fruit is available for children in Years R-2 and children in other year groups may bring in their own fruit or vegetables as a snack.

#### **A reminder of the start and end of day procedures**

##### **Start of the day:**

To ease congestion all **children can go straight into their classroom from 8.35am - 8.45am.**

- Children in Diamonds Class are asked to enter from the rec at the gate at the top of the steps (as they currently do).
- All other year groups may enter from either of the gates on the playground.
- Siblings can enter by whichever entrance is most convenient for parents.
- The gates will be locked after 8.45am. If your child is late, they must come in via the office after this time.

## **End of the school day**

- Parents of children in Diamonds Class are asked to wait **in the outside area by Diamonds Class**. Diamonds Class will leave at 3.10pm.
- All other parents are asked to **wait on the playground** to collect their children at 3.15pm. Teachers will bring their classes out onto the playground.
- Parents and children may leave by any gate.

## **PE lessons:**

PE will continue to be taught by external sports coaches from JC Sports and on PE days **children will continue to come to school in their school PE kit**. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit ready for the autumn term. Details are on the school website under the tab 'parents,' then, 'useful information'

<https://www.buriton.hants.sch.uk/uniform/>

Timetable for PE lessons is as follows:

- Diamonds – Tuesdays and Fridays
- Sapphires – Tuesdays and Fridays
- Pearls – Thursdays and Fridays
- Emeralds – Thursdays and Fridays

## **Information about what your child will be learning this half term**

In the coming weeks all class teachers will be inviting all parents to a meeting with your child's class teacher and myself detailing the learning that your child will be doing and discussing class routines and expectations. Dates for each class meeting will be sent out shortly. Learning Overviews will also be sent out shortly.

## **Supporting your child at home**

Please help your child by encouraging him or her to complete their homework to the best of their ability or providing support if necessary. All children will be expected to continue some learning at home and spending some time every day with your child, to support them in this way, will be invaluable and will increase the progress they make in school. Also please continue to hear your child read every day if possible.

## **Contacting members of staff**

If you need to talk to your child's class teacher, then please see her either at the start of the day or at the end of the school day if it is not urgent. Alternatively you can leave a message with me or Miss Eades or Miss Carpenter in the office who will ensure that it is passed on to your child's class teacher. If you need to talk at length, please make an appointment to discuss the matter at a mutually convenient time.

## **Contact details**

Please ensure that we have the most up to date emergency contact details for your child (mobile numbers and addresses).

### **Before and After school Care (Wraparound) - everyday**

We are happy to be able to offer Wraparound Care everyday starting immediately. Please book this directly through the JC Sports website. A flier and further information will be sent home shortly. This is not a sports club as Wraparound care will run separately and more details will be sent out shortly.

### **Attendance**

As you will be aware, there are laws in place regarding attendance and the issuing of penalty notices for non-attendance. Please find attached a joint statement which has been produced collaboratively with the local schools in our area regarding attendance. Our attendance policy is on our website with advice to parents about penalty notices from Hampshire County Council.

### **Subsidised Music Tuition within school time**

If your child is in Year 3 upwards and you would like them to have the opportunity to learn to play the clarinet or keyboard (or both), please let us know and we can give you more information. Tuition takes place during a lunchtime and charges will apply.

### **All important dates on our calendar!**

Please note that all important dates for the academic year will be on our website under 'news and events' then 'calendar'. You can subscribe to this calendar which will automatically pull through events to your personal calendar.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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