

BURTON BRADSTOCK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Autumn Term - Newsletter 1

Friday 8th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back! - I hope that you had a relaxing Summer holiday with your children! It was lovely to welcome so many happy, smiling children into school on Wednesday and an especially warm welcome extends to our new Reception children, Aaron, Amber, Archie, Brooklyn, Frankie, Fynley, Harry, Joshua, Leo, Millie-Rose, Poppy, Sonny and Ziva. We have had a very positive start to this new school year and we are looking forward to another successful year.

School Choir - Thank you to the children who gave up their time during the Summer holidays to sing at the Burton Bradstock Music Festival. I am sure that those who saw them perform would agree that they sang beautifully. Thanks also to Mrs Wardle for supporting the choir on the day and all her hard work towards leading our choir.

Parent/Carer Meetings - Each teacher will be holding a Parent/Carer meeting after school to explain routines and expectations in each class. If possible we would appreciate your attendance at these meetings, with your child, so that you are fully aware of the learning your child will be experiencing this year. If you are unable to attend the meeting you may want to find out the information from another parent.

The dates are:

Monday 18th September - Sails and Boats classes

Tuesday 19th September - Class 4

Wednesday 20th September - Class 3

Friends AGM - This meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th September at 7pm in the school hall. We welcome new members and/or ideas. As you are aware the Friends do a tremendous job fundraising for the school so that they can subsidise trips, reducing or removing the cost from parents. Last year they subsidised the whole school trips, such as the Pantomime at Poole and the Magdalen Project, as well as paying for the transport to the residential trips - all of which are not only fun for the children but wonderful learning experiences. We hope that you will support them at the AGM and throughout the year.

Key Stage 2 Leisure Centre - Your child has brought home a letter with the arrangements for weekly visits to the Leisure centre. These start next Friday.



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School Uniform - The children look very smart in their school uniform. Please ensure that all uniform is clearly named. If you still need to purchase items Mrs Barrett has a small supply in school or we can order it for you.

PE Kits - We would be grateful if you could support your child with being organised for school by ensuring that their PE kits are in school every day (including Monday!) Although each teacher tries to deliver PE on the same days each week, it is not always possible due to the weather. The kit can be left in school in a named bag on your child's peg so that it is always available.

Attendance - We have been asked by the attendance team at the Local Authority to pass on the following information to our parents:

Since April, the number of penalty notices issued for unauthorised leave of absence (holiday) is 559 and we have also issued 71 penalty notices for poor attendance (unauthorised absence).

In recent months we have been contacted by a number of parents who have asked to pay the penalty notices by instalments and, depending on their circumstances, we have agreed in some cases.

I am now writing to ask if you could inform parents that, from September 2017, we will no longer be able to agree to payment by instalments. Therefore, any penalty notices issued by us from the start of this school year must be paid in full by parents.

It is important that parents are aware of this fact and I would be grateful if you could inform parents of this whenever they request a holiday during term time.

Please also see the attached information regarding the Bridport approach to school attendance.

Dates for your diary -

Attached you will find a list of key dates so far for this term. Please make sure that they are kept safe for future reference. The dates will also be posted on our school website. Dates may be changed so you are encouraged to read the weekly newsletters (sent out every Friday by Parent Mail or paper copy depending on your preference) so that you have accurate, up-to-date information.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Claire Staple, Headteacher

