

Friday, 13th September, 2019

Welcome Back!

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

First, I would like to welcome you all back to school after the Summer holiday and a warm welcome to all our new pupils and staff, especially our new Reception pupils, who are now all in school. I hope you all had a great time with your families over the Summer break.

This academic year we have made a change to how we run our school. We have split the school into two sections:

Organisation:

EYFS (Nursery, Reception) and KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2), Mrs Hutchinson is now Head of School.

KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Mrs Varley is now Head of School.

Any enquiries regarding your child should first be directed to your child's class teacher. All staff emails can be found on our website via the 'About Us', 'Meet the Staff' section but we prefer to talk face to face so do feel free to come in and talk with us; we may be teaching but we will do our very best to see you.

Curriculum (what we teach and what your child(ren) learn)

Another change this year is how we teach the National Curriculum. Our curriculum will be delivered through the curriculum subject of Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship and Economic or PSHCE as we call it: the children will be focussing on how to be a good citizen, how to keep themselves safe, how to shape themselves for the future, be accepting and tolerant, being kind to each other and keeping fit and healthy etc. These topics will link to all subjects across the curriculum and will be largely based around a class book (story) or text.

Why have we made this change to how we teach the curriculum?

This is all based on feedback from you, the children and our knowledge of the community. For example, BD3 has one of the highest instances of heart disease in the country, it also has one of the highest rates of violent crimes and crimes towards women (domestic violence) in the country too. We want to work with you to help children to notice and lead a healthy lifestyle, not just physically but mentally too. We want our children to make the right choices and lead 'good' lives - they deserve nothing less!

Attendance:

I would also like to give an **important reminder** regarding attendance. For your child to achieve the best possible outcomes in school it is extremely important that they attend school **every day**. We encourage appointments to be made outside of school hours or as late as possible in the afternoon to avoid your child's education being disrupted. If your child is poorly we can administer medication if you bring this into school and complete the relevant permission form. It is also important that your child arrives to school on time. With this in mind, I have included our school times below:

- Doors open: 8.40am
- Doors close: 8.55am
- Lunchtime: 11.30am – 1pm (depending on your child's year group)
- Finish: 3pm

Yours sincerely,

L. Mason-Edwards

Mr L. Mason-Edwards
Headteacher