



The Bluecoat School and Nursery Unit

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Dear Parents

I am delighted to welcome you all back to school as we start this new academic year. Our school continues to enjoy on-going change and success and we have many developments and plans to look forward to again this year. I am also proud to advise that we are celebrating some of the best academic results from last summer that our school has ever achieved. This is testament to our positive partnership with you all to ensure that every child receives the very best education possible and that they all reach their full potential.



Our KS1 Unit

I am pleased to advise you that we have completed some improvements to our KS1 unit during the summer closure including new doors between the classrooms and installing new lockers for all children in Y1 and Y2.

P.E. – Y1 to Y6

All children from Y1 to Y6 will have their P.E. lessons on Tuesday and/or Thursday each week. These lessons will commence this week and therefore all children should have a full **named** P.E. kit in school from tomorrow including outdoor trainers as P.E. will continue to take place outdoors when weather permits. We strongly recommend that P.E. kit is in school at all times as it may be needed for clubs or other creative curriculum activities on other days of the week.



Morning Arrangements

Please may I politely remind parents to leave the school through the double doors on the lower corridor when you have said goodbye to your children in the morning rather than coming through the main hall.

There are many occasions when the hall is being prepared for use between 8.30 and 9am for different purposes and it will not be possible to use this route. If you need to speak to Mrs Martin to arrange lunches etc, please re-enter through the main school doors. Thank you.



Welcome to our new teacher!

I am delighted to welcome our new Y3 teacher, Miss Jodie Stanworth as we start this school year.



Open Days

Once again, we will be holding open sessions at both KS1 and KS2 this term to enable you to spend time in school in your children's new classes. These are always popular events and provide you with a valuable opportunity to meet the staff working your children and to ask any questions you may have. **The open session for KS1 is this Wednesday 9th September.** Details were sent to parents of children in KS1 last week and we look forward to welcoming you to the session. We would like to invite any parents of children in **Y3 to Y6 to join us for an hour from 2pm on Monday 14th September 2015.** Please put the date in your diary and full details will follow by separate letter later this week.



After School Clubs

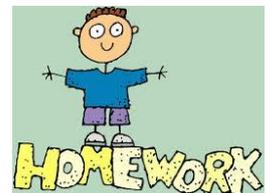


We are once again committed to providing a range of after school clubs for your children this academic year, most of which will be without any charge to parents.

We are currently planning the full range of clubs that we will be able to offer to children in Y1 to Y6 and full details will be sent by separate letter later this week.

Homework

Homework will commence again from the week beginning Monday 14th September. Homework is an important aspect of your child's education and all children from Y1 to Y6 will be expected to complete homework each week to support their reading, handwriting and spelling in addition to the creative curriculum homework which is linked to their exciting learning across all subjects. Full details for each class will be sent by separate letter when homework starts next week.



Pen Licences - Y3 to Y6

You may recall that we introduced a new handwriting scheme last term. This is to support one of our key aims of improving the standards of children's handwriting throughout the school. As part of this scheme, I am pleased to advise that Miss Kinchin, our English subject leader, will now be issuing pen licences to children whose handwriting has reached the required standard in school. The children are aware of the expectations they need to meet to receive their pen licence and they are all working hard to meet them. Miss Kinchin is excited about celebrating the children's handwriting success with them and issuing many pen licences during the coming weeks.



Improvements to our school

Unfortunately, our continued window replacement plans have been postponed until later this year and I will advise you of the details in due course when dates are confirmed.



Keeping children safe - collection at home time

I would like to remind you about our arrangements for the collection of children at home time. In order to keep all children safe, we are not able to let any child leave school with anyone without verbal or written permission directly from parents for security reasons.



We appreciate that there are occasions when parents need to make alternative arrangements for the collection of their child/children at short notice. To avoid any unnecessary inconvenience to anyone in these circumstances, please make sure that you advise either your child's teacher on the day or that you phone and speak to someone in the school office to confirm your permission.

Finally, there will always be occasions when the staff teaching your children may not be familiar with parents and other adults who collect children regularly from school. In order to make sure that our current records are fully up to date, I would be grateful if **all** parents would complete and return the attached form confirming the details of **any adult who is likely to collect your child on a regular basis. Please also include details of any older siblings who may be collecting brothers or sisters.** These details will then be added to our class registers to avoid any misunderstandings.

For children in **Y5 and Y6 only**, please also confirm your permission for them to walk home without an adult on a regular daily basis if this is your intention. Thank you for your co-operation with this important security matter which I am sure you appreciate, is intended to keep all children safe at all times.

Another success!

Finally, I am delighted to advise you that we have received confirmation that we were successful in our recent bid for Lottery funding to create a new and exciting outdoor play facility for our children. We will be advancing the plans for the new play area in partnership with the children in the next few weeks and I will keep you informed of any developments.



I am looking forward to working in partnership with you again this year and I am sure we will all enjoy another positive and successful year as a school community.

Kind regards

Carol Hines
Headteacher



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Please could all parents complete and return the attached form as soon as possible. If there are no additional authorised adults except for parents, please write NONE on the box below.



Child's name:	Class:	Teacher:
Names of adults (or older siblings) authorised to collect my child from school		
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
Name of parent:	Signed:	Date:

If you have a child/children in Y5 or Y6, please complete the box below to confirm if they have parental permission to walk home unaccompanied on a regular daily basis.

Name of child:	Class:	Teacher:
I/we confirm that my child has parental permission to walk home from school on a regular daily basis		
YES NO		
Name of parent:	Signed:	Date:

